

**STRETTON GRANDISON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
held at The Stables, Canon Frome  
on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs: Helen Heathfield (Chairman), Richard Crompton, Andy Towers and Charles Pudge

**In attendance:** Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk,

**Public:** 0

- 1. To accept any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason**  
Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Cllr Malcolm Davies
- 2. To record any Declarations of Interest and Consider any Requests for Dispensations**  
None
- 3. To consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meetings held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.
- 4. To receive a brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**  
It was AGREED to defer this item until Cllr Lester arrived.
- 5. Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council**  
None present

*Cllr Ed Godsall joined the meeting – he DECLARED an NPI against item 6a and signed the Register of Interest book.*

**6. Planning:**

- a) To consider any planning applications referred for comment, for determination by Herefordshire Council**

**- 213637 - Land adjacent Ivy Cottage, Lower Eggleton, Ledbury, HR8 2UQ**

Proposed erection of building to house ground source heat pump system and for use as general purpose storage in connection with green energy business. (Retrospective).

The clerk REPORTED that Planning Enforcement are already aware of the unauthorised building going up behind Ivy Cottage, Eggleton. A Temporary Stop Notice had been issued – which was ignored. This was followed up by an enforcement notice.

*Ward Cllr Jonathan Lester joined the meeting*

It was RESOLVED to submit the following comments:

- The Parish Council is supportive of the business in general
- Planning protocol has clearly not been adhered to.
- A commercial building should not be built on agricultural land
- The building of this site is not included in the Parish NDP

- b) To consider compiling an S106 wish list for submission to Herefordshire Council**

It was AGREED to defer this item until S106 money was offered as part of a planning application

- c) To consider an update on the issue caused by the discharge into the river from the houses in Monkhide.**

The clerk REPORTED that she had heard back from the Chair of Yarkhill Parish Council. The Environment Agency have given assurances that there is no pollution of the river being caused.

- d) To consider a response to the Herefordshire Local Plan Update – Pre-Consultation Engagement**

It was AGREED all Cllrs should forward any submissions to the clerk, by email, to collate and submit.

It was AGREED to take item 4 next

**4. To receive a brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**

Cllr Lester's report included the following items:

- Childrens Services still requires improvement
- Herefordshire Council are considering building an 80 bed care home
- Scrutiny will be talking to the Police and Crime Commissioner on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021

*Ward Cllr Jonathan Lester left the meeting*

**7. Highways/Footpaths:**

**a) To consider any highway or footpaths issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty**

None

**8. Finance:**

**a) To consider the November finance report and bank statements. – Appendix 1**

The clerk REPORTED that finances remain healthy for the period. The report was APPROVED and signed as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation

**b) To receive update on Poorlands Meadow Trust**

It was NOTED that the advert had yet to go out. It was AGREED that the flyer should be printed in colour. It will go out this week. The clerk will forward a list of addresses to the Chair to organise printing and posting.

**c) To note the following payments made between meetings under Clerks Delegated Authority (Finance Regulations item 5.5)**

**a) Clerks October Salary**

NOTED

**d) To consider the following invoices for payment**

**a) Clerks November Salary**

**b) Clerks November expenses £127.80 – previously circulated**

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment by BACS

**e) To consider the budget and precept figure for 2022-23 alongside the Reserves Policy – appendix 2**

The draft budget was considered. It was APPROVED and the Reserves Policy AGREED to be an accurate reflection.

**9. To consider registering the Parish for The Great Collaboration**

It was AGREED to register the Parish for The Great Collaboration. The Chair AGREED to action this.

**10. To consider a litter pick**

It was AGREED to undertake a litter pick between Blacklands and Stretton Grandison on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021. It was AGREED that people should meet at Blacklands at 10am. Cllrs Helen Heathfield and Richard Crompton have litter pickers and hi-viz jackets. The Chair will collate a list of names of volunteers – and their signatures – for insurance purposes at the start of the pick. Once undertaken the Chair will email the clerk to arrange pick up of the bags by Balfour Beatty.

**11. To consider any correspondence received by the Clerk**

- *Planning enforcement query*

Reported under item 6a

- *Lengthsman drainage grant funding*

The clerk REPORTED that it is likely that drainage funding will be given out in the form of grants over the next few years. Only those Councils that are part of the Lengthsman Scheme will be able to apply. It was AGREED to revisit this at the January meeting.

**12. To consider any items for the next agenda (no discussion)**

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**13. To note the date of the next meeting –10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Venue to be confirmed**

NOTED

*A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public from the following confidential item*

**14. To consider the clerk's annual appraisal and salary review.**

The Clerks Annual Appraisal was REPORTED as successful. She was awarded a salary increase to SCP 28 from today in recognition of this.

*The meeting closed at 8.45*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

10.1.22