

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 14th March 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs: Malcolm Davies (Chairman), Andy Towers, Richard Crompton and Charles Pudge

In attendance: Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk,

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- 1. To accept any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason**
Apologies were RECEIVED and accepted from Cllr Helen Heathfield- illness
- 2. To record any Declarations of Interest and Consider any Requests for Dispensations**
None
- 3. To consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held Monday 10th January 2022**
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair
- 4. To receive a brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**
Ward Cllr Jonathan Lester emailed his apologies.
- 5. Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish**
None
- 6. Planning:**
 - a) To consider any planning applications referred for comment, for determination by Herefordshire Council**
None

Cllr Ed Godsall joined the meeting

- 7. Highways/Footpaths:**
 - a) To consider any highway or footpaths issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty**
The following items were NOTED for reporting:
 - The surface on the A417 through Stretton Grandison is awful and already coming off leaving loose gravel on the highway. The markings on the road are also barely visible at night.
 - Can The Stables turn their security lighting round slightly – it is hard to see past when driving at night.
 - The SID at the Ledbury end of Stretton Grandison is still coming on too late
 - The SID at the Newtown Crossroads end appears to have lost its solar panel
 - There is significant water crossing the highway by Lower House Farm
 - What is a Restricted Byway and why is it proposed to run from Castle Frome Church to the A4103 where there is no footpath?
 - b) To consider the Herefordshire Trail and any works that need doing.**
It was AGREED that more information about the trail was needed.
 - c) To receive an update on the Annual Maintenance Plan works due in 2022-23**
The updated Annual Plan was NOTED
 - d) To consider possible future drainage schemes that need funding through the lengthsman scheme**
None
 - e) To consider this years verge cutting programme**
It was AGREED to continue to have a single cut on the verges.
- 8. Finance:**
 - a) To consider the March finance report and bank statements. – Appendix 1**
The clerk REPORTED that spend against budget largely as expected – showing an overspend only because highways payments covered by grant funding last year had been made in this financial year. 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 Trust had still not had any requests for funds.

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

- a) Clerks February Salary
NOTED

d) To consider the following invoices for payment

- a) Clerks March Salary
b) Clerks March expenses £24.98 – previously circulated
c) HMRC – PAYE £TBC
d) HALC 2022-23 subscription £486.67
e) Stables – Meeting Room hire – July – January £163.20
f) Eyelid Productions Ltd – Annual Web Support - £100

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment. It was AGREED that the HMRC PAYE figure would be approved by email once the paperwork arrived. The clerks back dated pay rise as recommended by NALC was NOTED.

9. To consider next steps with The Great Collaboration and consider paying an annual subscription of £50
It was RESOLVED to defer this item until more information has been received from the Chair.

10. To consider the next litter pick

It was AGREED the next litter pick would be from Say it with Wood towards Castle Frome. It was AGREED this should be deferred to the next meeting to allow an annual schedule to be drawn up to encourage more parishioners to join in.

11. To consider holding a Platinum Celebration Party with Ashperton
It was AGREED to do this in principle.

12. To consider any correspondence received by the Clerk

- Consultation on the draft Environmental Building Standards Supplementary Planning Document - NOTED
- Booking room options at the Stables – It was AGREED to continue to use the large room at a rate of £17-£20 pounds an hour from April.
- Planning Appeal – planning application 213637 – NOTED
- Planning Application 220099 – Cllrs AGREED to let the clerk know if they wished to have an extra-ordinary meeting to discuss this once it is on HC's website

13. To consider any items for the next agenda (no discussion)
None

14. To note the date of the next meeting –9th May 2022 – The Stables, Canon Frome. This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meetings.
NOTED

The meeting closed at 20.02

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

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