

STRETTON GRANDISON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held at Ashperton Village Hall
on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm**

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

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 Ed Godsall.
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 14th November 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 Lester was not present
5. **Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council**
The following item was RAISED:
A PRoW has recently been registered with the land registry as belonging to a property. Subsequently access has been blocked. Can the clerk report this? Yes.
6. **Finance:**
 - a) **To consider the January 2023 finance report and bank statements. – Appendix 1**
The clerk REPORTED that the budget remained underspent. This will allow for the recommended level of reserves to be reached this year. The report was APPROVED and signed as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation.
 - b) **To note the following payments made between meetings under Clerks Delegated Authority (Finance Regulations item 5.5)**
 - a) Clerks December Salary
The above payment was NOTED
 - c) **To consider the following invoices for payment**
 - a) Clerks January expenses £27.91 – Previously circulated
 - b) Clerk's January salary
 - c) HMRC PAYE £347.40
 - d) Autela Payroll Services - £66.27The above invoices were APPROVED for payment by BACS
 - d) **To consider the draft budget and precept for 2023-24 – (including discussion of possible highway projects) Appendix 2**
It was RESOLVED to approve the budget and precept for 2023-24 – with the precept remaining at £14,500.
7. **Planning:**
 - a) **To consider any planning applications referred for comment, for determination by Herefordshire Council**
 - 1: - 223461 - **The Old Cider House, Lower Eggleton, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2UJ**
Proposed two storey side extension and internal alterations. Replacement free standing garage
It was RESOLVED to support the application, assuming the ecological report requested comes back with no issues.

8. Highways/Footpaths:

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

The following items were RAISED for reporting:

- A crash on the bridge by the entrance to Watery Lane has led to the capping on the bridge coming loose.
- Potholes have opened up again by Say it with Wood
- Horses are using the footpath ESG20 as a bridleway and churning up the path.

b) To consider an update on investigating setting up a Community Speed Watch Group for Stretton Grandison

The clerk REPORTED that she had received no response from the police team but would try again.

c) To consider requesting the installation of safety signs along the A4103 Lower Eggleton Road and investigating the possibility of submitting a speed reduction Traffic Regulation Order application.

The clerk REPORTED that she had been contacted by a parishioner with safety concerns. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should contact Balfour Beatty and discuss the possibility of installing safety signs. The clerk will also contact the Safer Neighbourhood Police Team and request that the speed camera van check speeds along this stretch of highway on a regular basis.

9. To consider any correspondence received by the Clerk

None

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

11. To note the date of the next meeting –13th March 2023 – Ashperton Village Hall

NOTED

The meeting closed at 8.03pm

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

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