

STRETTON GRANDISON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held at Ashperton Village Hall
on Monday 13th March 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs: Helen Heathfield (Chairman), Andy Towers, Charles Pudge, Olivia Manning 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 Richard Crompton
- 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 9th January 2023**
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.

Cllr Ed Godsall joined the meeting

- 4. To receive a brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**
Not present
- 5. Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council**
None
- 6. Finance:**
 - a) To consider the March 2023 finance report and bank statements. – Appendix 1**
The clerk REPORTED that the budget remained underspent. Reserves are now at the level that the precept would need to be reduced in the coming year unless a new project was ear-marked. 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 February Salary
NOTED
 - c) To consider the following invoices for payment**
 - a) Clerks March expenses £24.93 – Previously circulated
 - b) Clerk's March salary
 - c) HMRC PAYE £XX
 - d) Eyelid Productions - £100
 - e) HALC 2023-24 subscription £520.69

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment. As the HMRC PAYE figure had yet to be received from the payroll provider, it was AGREED that this would be paid under the clerk's delegated authority.
- 7. Planning:**
 - a) To consider any planning applications referred for comment, for determination by Herefordshire Council**
 - 1: - 224192 - Harsnett Farm, Canon Frome, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2TF**
Proposed change of use from agricultural land to seasonal farm stay using existing treehouse, a bell tent and vintage caravan. Construction of associated facilities to include a shower/wc building and provision of treatment for the waste water.
It was RESOLVED to support the application
- 8. Highways/Footpaths:**
 - a) To consider any highway or footpaths issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty**
The following items were NOTED for reporting:
 - Overhanging trees on Fromes Hill need cutting back
 - Too many advertising signs on the A4103 at the bottom of Fromes Hill

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

The clerk REPORTED that the police do not operate CSW in the same location as a mobile enforcement van and therefore this group cannot be set up. It was REQUESTED that the clerk ask the Police if the van can be moved to a variety of sites as well as using the enforcement bike at times.

c) To consider an update on 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 heard from the Police Traffic Management Advisor. They have been carrying out ad hoc enforcement in this area and the majority of vehicles are complying with the limit. The clerk has requested costs for an assessment as to whether signage can be installed as requested. The clerk further REPORTED that she could submit a TRO for speed reduction on this stretch but given that the police data does not demonstrate an issue it is unlikely to ever reach high enough in the list to be done.

d) To consider further highway safety measures along the A417 and liaising with Ashperton Parish Council on the issue.

The clerk has contacted Herefordshire Council regarding the proposed suggestions to liaise with Ashperton PC. Unless PC's are going to fully fund any additional measures, it is highly unlikely that any additional speed reduction measures will be put in place as the areas concerned are deemed to be open countryside. It was AGREED that the Chair would liaise with Ashperton PC to see if there was an area they could work on together. It was AGREED to add the purchase of 30mph stickers to the next agenda.

9. To consider any correspondence received by the Clerk

- Response from PRoW Officer re disturbance by horses of the surface of the ESG20 footpath. – NOTED. He will be meeting Cllr Malcolm Davies to discuss the issue further.

- Closed footpath ESG28 – this has been closed for over three years – when will it be re-opened. - The clerk has emailed the PROW team. These works currently sit at number 25 on a list of 63. Approximately 4 jobs get completed each year. It was NOTED that there is another bridge nearby that can be used. It was AGREED this should be an agenda item at the May meeting.

- Litter-picking email from Yarkhill – NOTED – thanks were expressed for the efforts the Yarkhill team have put into litter-picking parts of Stretton Grandison.

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

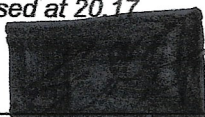
None

11. To note the date of the next meeting –15th May 2023 – Ashperton Village Hall – to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meetings

NOTED

The meeting closed at 20.17

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

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