

**STRETTON GRANDISON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
held at Ashperton Village Hall  
on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs: Helen Heathfield (Chairman), Charles Pudge, Andy Towers and Olivia Manning

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

**Public:** 1

- 1. To accept any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason**  
Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Richard Crompton
- 2. To record any Declarations of Interest and Consider any Requests for Dispensations**  
None
- 3. To consider the co-option of Cllrs for the four parishes**  
It was AGREED to take item 3 once Mr. Ed Godsall had arrived.
- 4. To consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held Monday 15th May 2023**  
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.
- 5. To consider the minutes of the Annual Parish Meetings held 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and any issues raised therein.**  
The minutes were CONSIDERED. There were no issues therein.
- 6. To receive a brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**  
Cllr Lester had sent his apologies. His written report included the following items:
  - He has been elected to Leader of Herefordshire Council
  - The decision to move the library to Maylords Orchards has been paused.
  - The next Council meeting is on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

*Mr Ed Godsall joined the meeting.*

- 7. Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council**  
A query was raised about the phosphate and planning situation within the county. The clerk advised that Cllr Swinglehurst was the best person to talk to and will forward details.

**It was AGREED to take item 3 next: To consider the co-option of Cllrs for the four parishes**  
It was RESOLVED to appoint Ed Godsall as a Cllr for Eggleton Parish. He joined the meeting and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form. The clerk reminded him to submit his Register of Interest form to Herefordshire Council within 28 days

- 8. Planning**
  - a) To consider the following planning application for determination by Herefordshire Council**  
**231296 - Barn at Monksbury Court Farm, Monkhide, Ledbury, Herefordshire**  
Proposed change of use of Dutch barn to single dwelling.  
It was RESOLVED to make the following comment:
    - There is no access onto this site from the A4103 – only from the A417
    - Drainage across the field was a cause for concern.
    - It would be preferable to know the proposed route of the diverted footpath before the application is approved.
  - b) To consider a response to the Herefordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Modifications Consultation**  
It was RESOLVED to make no comment.

*The member of the public left the meeting*

**9. Finance:**

- a) To consider the July finance report and bank statements. – Appendix 1**  
The clerk REPORTED that there had been few transactions since April but that the first precept and the VAT Claim had been received. 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 June Salary  
NOTED

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

- a) Clerks July Salary  
b) Clerks July expenses £57.23 – previously circulated  
c) Autela Payroll Services £54.58  
d) HMRC PAYE £311.20

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment by BACS

**d) To update the signatories held with Unity Bank**

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Olivia Manning should be added as a signatory on the accounts.

- e) To note the ICO Direct Debit payment £35**  
NOTED

**10. Highways/Footpaths:**

- a) To consider any highway or footpaths issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty**  
None

- b) To consider an update on requesting the installation of safety signs along the A4103 Lower Eggleton Road**

The clerk has yet to hear and will continue to chase. It was REQUESTED that the Chair chase this up too.

- c) To consider an update on liaising with Ashperton Parish Council on the issue of highway safety on the A417.**

This item was deferred.

- d) To consider an update on the closed footpath ESG28 and next steps**  
It was RESOLVED that Cllr Ed Godsall will speak to the Land Agent.

- e) To consider an update part-purchasing a new bridge at Catley(BZ6/CS8) with Bosbury and Coddington Group Parish Council at a cost of £2475 and next steps**

The clerk REPORTED that she had yet to hear back from anyone. Cllr Heathfield is chasing this up on behalf of Bosbury and Coddington Group Parish Council for which she is Ward Cllr.

- f) To consider joining the Lengthsman Scheme for 2023-24**

It was RESOLVED to defer this item until September to allow Cllr Pudge to think if there are any key works that need doing. It was NOTED that £1722 is available to the PC for these works.

**11. To consider the three priorities for the Police Charter.**

It was RESOLVED to approve the following priorities: Speeding; fly-tipping and hare-coursing

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

None

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

Co-option; meeting venues

**14. To note the date of the next meeting –11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Ashperton Village Hall**

NOTED

*The meeting closed at 20.14*

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



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

11.9.23