

06/23

**STRETTON GRANDISON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
held at Ashperton Village Hall  
on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs: Helen Heathfield (Chairman), Charles Pudge, Richard Crompton and Olivia Manning

**In attendance:** Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk  
Ward Cllr Jonathan Lester  
Rebecca Tully – Co-optee

**Public:** 1

1. **To accept any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason**  
Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Cllr Andy Towers
2. **To record any Declarations of Interest and Consider any Requests for Dispensations**  
None

*Cllr Ed Godsall joined the meeting*

3. **To consider the co-option of Cllrs for the four parishes**  
Rebecca Tully was asked to say a few words about why she was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor for Canon Frome. Councillors voted and Rebecca was duly appointed as a Parish Councillor and joined the meeting. She signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and was reminded to submit her Register of Interest form to Herefordshire Council within 28 days.
4. **To consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.
5. **To receive a brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**  
Cllr Lester's report included the following items:
  - He is now the Leader of Herefordshire Council
  - HC is considering moving the library to the Shire Hall
  - Capital Investment is being put into highway repairs.
  - Hereford and Worcester Group Training Association wish to move to the Hereford Enterprise Zone
  - The planning data base will need upgrading as the software is now out of date
  - Further initiatives to solve the issue of phosphates in the rivers is being looked at.
6. **Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish**  
None
7. **Planning**
  - a) **To consider the following planning application for determination by Herefordshire Council**  
**232448 - The Hop Pocket, Bishops Frome, Herefordshire, WR6 5BT**  
Proposed installation of ground mounted solar panels, container for the storage of inverters and batteries, connection cable and associated development  
It was RESOLVED to support the installation of solar panels in principle but the flood risk and management needs further information before a decision is made on this application.
  - b) **- 222728 - Whitwick Manor, Lower Eggleton, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2UE**  
The erection of and the construction of an anaerobic digestion (AD) plant with associated facilities, including feedstock storage clamps; tanks; lagoons and wetland filtration system; and connection to the national gas grid, together with the installation of photovoltaic panels on buildings, a grain store and dryer and the construction of a new vehicular access to the A417.  
It was RESOLVED to continue to object to this application on the following grounds:
    - The removal of phosphate is very different from the first scheme but there are contradictions throughout the application about how this will actually work.
    - There is no detail given on the success of phosphate or nitrate removal using these methods.

- The impact of transport was a key issue in the original submission – the report attached to this one is even worse and underplays the effect the movement and size of vehicle will have on the surrounding areas.
- The application does not the issue of air pollution caused by the plant.
- There appears to be no intention to employ skilled workers to operate the plant
- The principle of the application is contrary to Herefordshire Councils Mineral and Waste Policy
- In the event that there is not enough chicken manure it is anticipated that maize will be used which will have a detrimental impact on farming in the region.

It was NOTED that there is a public meeting taking place at Yarkhill on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September to discuss this further.

#### 8. Finance:

##### a) To consider the September finance report and bank statements. – Appendix 1

The clerk REPORTED that there had been no change since the July meeting. The report was APPROVED and signed as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation.

##### b) To consider the following invoices for payment

- a) Clerks August and September Salary
  - b) Clerks September expenses £19.93 – previously circulated
  - c) HALC – Web Hosting and Domain name – June 2021-May 2023 £145.20
- The above invoices were APPROVED for payment by BACS

#### 9. Highways/Footpaths:

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

None – Cllr Godsall will chase up the stile by Stretton Grandison Church that has been re-installed incorrectly.

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

The clerk read the response received from Balfour Beatty. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should contact Ian Connolly at West Mercia Police to request that he pass on any speed data the police have in relation to this stretch of highway and to request that they undertake more spot checks.

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

The clerk REPORTED that she had been contacted by Ashperton PC. It was AGREED that a meeting should be arranged.

##### d) To consider joining the Lengthsman Scheme for 2023-24

It was RESOLVED not to join at present.

#### 10. To consider meeting venues

It was NOTED that St James Church at Canon Frome had AGREED to the PC meeting there for a donation. It was AGREED that The Canon Frome Society would be asked about the PC meeting there. It was AGREED to discuss this further in November.

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

- Planning details for application 231296 - NOTED
- Road Speed Reduction Process Query - NOTED

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

Clerk's Annual Appraisal and Salary Review; Budget and precept; Cycle Path along the A4103; newsletter

#### 13. To note the date of the next meeting –13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Venue TBC

NOTED

The meeting closed at 20.52

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

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

13-11-23