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STRETTON GRANDISON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held at St James Church – Canon Frome
on Monday 16th September 2024 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs: Helen Heathfield (Chair), Andy Towers, Richard Crompton, Rebecca Tully 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 Cllrs Olivia Manning and Ed Godsall - work
- 2. To record any Declarations of Interest and Consider any Requests for Dispensations**
Cllr Richard Crompton DECLARED a NPI against item 9 and signed the Register of Interest book
- 3. To consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held Monday 15th July 2024**
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.
- 4. To receive a brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**
Cllr Lester had emailed to say he would be late. It was AGREED to take this item upon his arrival.
- 5. Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council**
The following items were RAISED:
 - When would the Catley Brook bridge be repaired? The clerk REPORTED that the bridge was in the process of being costed and the works put out to tender by Herefordshire Council. Her understanding was that it should be repaired by January 2025.
 - The Parish Council were thanked for putting on the coffee and cake session for parishioners on 15th September.
- 6. Finance:**
 - a) To consider the September 2024 finance report and bank statements. – Appendix 1**
The clerk REPORTED that the budget remained underspent and would need considering at the coming budget meeting in November. The report was APPROVED and signed as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation.
 - b) To consider the following invoices for payment**
 - a) Clerks September Salary
 - b) Clerks September expenses £24.94 – previously circulated
 - c) HMRC PAYE - £109.80
 - d) St James Church Canon Frome – Meeting Hire - £15.00
 - e) Helen Heathfield – Postcard to parishioners as agreed July 2024 - £211.97The above invoices were APPROVED for payment by BACS
 - c) To note the following payments made between meetings under clerks delegated authority**
 - a) Clerks August salary
 - b) HMRC PAYE - £109.80NOTED
 - d) To consider the insurance renewal documents and approve payment.**
The renewal quotes from Clear Insurance and Zurich were considered. It was RESOLVED to accept the Long Term Agreement quote from Zurich as it adequately covered the needs of the Parish Council and provided best value. The LTA cost £439.98 a year and is valid until October 2027.
- 7. Highways/Footpaths:**
 - a) To consider any highway or footpaths issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty**
None
 - b) To consider the cycle access and safety along the A4103**

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use rather than having to use the A4103 through Shucknall. It was further AGREED that Cllr Tully would contact the Weston Beggard Parish Council Clerk to ask if they could think of any suggestions.

- c) **To consider an update on the A417 highways project with Ashperton Parish Council and next steps**
The clerk REPORTED that she had passed the 40mph stickers to Ashperton Parish Council's clerk for distribution. The remaining stickers were given to Cllr Richard Crompton to give to the relevant households in Stretton Grandison.
- d) **To receive an update on the installation of the SID solar panel**
It was REPORTED that the solar panel has now been installed. The clerk gave the new battery panel key to Cllr Andy Towers. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Towers would endeavour to get both SID's working properly again but that should they need servicing this could be quoted for and agreed with Cllrs via emails between meetings in order that the devices are up and running as soon as possible.

Ward Cllr Jonathan Lester and one member of the public joined the meeting

8. **To consider and update on the project to help combat loneliness in the parishes and next step**
It was REPORTED that the coffee and cake session at Canon Frome Court had been well attended by approximately 21 people. At this session, the possibility of holding a regular parish table tennis club with coffee and cake was discussed as a good next step to the project. It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Rebecca Tully would liaise with Canon Frome Court about hosting the event once a month. Cllr Richard Crompton AGREED to assist with the setting up and organisation of the event. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would pay up to £30 a session to cover heating and lighting costs.

It was AGREED to take item 4 next as Cllr Lester had joined the meeting.

4. **To receive a brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**
Cllr Lester's report included the following items:
- Central Government are keen to push through a devolution programme for Local Government
 - The NPPF is under consultation at present
 - The next cabinet meeting will take place on 26th September 2024 at which budget and key objective performance will be discussed.
 - The B4214 is due to be resurfaced in October.
9. **To consider in principle joining the Cider Press newsletter at a cost of £300 per annum**
It was RESOLVED in principle to join the newsletter. It was AGREED that basic costs of the newsletter would need to be seen before a final decision is made in November. Cllr Richard Crompton AGREED to discuss the newsletter with Ashperton Parish Council and to start investigating means of volunteers delivering the newsletters in the Parishes.
10. **To consider any correspondence received by the Clerk**
- HALC AGM – 26th October 2024 - NOTED
 - NPPF Consultation – NOTED
 - Parish Council Summit – 8th October 2024 - NOTED
11. **To consider any items for the next agenda (no discussion)**
Budget and precept; Clerk's Annual Appraisal
12. **To note the date of the next meeting – 18th November 2024 – St James Church - Canon Frome**
NOTED

The meeting closed at 8.25

Signed: _____



Dated: 18-11-24