

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 20th January 2025 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs: Helen Heathfield (Chair), Andy Towers, Richard Crompton and Olivia Manning

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 Rebecca Tully
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 18th November 2024**
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.
4. **To receive a brief report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**
It was RESOLVED to take this item when Ward Cllr Lester arrives.
5. **Public participation session for local residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council**
None
6. **To consider the following planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council**
None
7. **Finance:**
 - a) **To consider the January 2025 finance report and bank statements. – Appendix 1**
The clerk REPORTED that the budget remains underspent for the period. The report was APPROVED and signed as evidence of bank reconciliation and budget monitoring.
 - b) **To consider the following invoices for payment**
 - a) Clerks January Salary
 - b) Clerks January expenses £27.49 – previously circulated
 - c) HMRC PAYE - £130.60
 - d) St James Church Canon Frome – Meeting Hire - £15.00The above invoices were APPROVED for payment by BACS
 - c) **To note the following payments made between meetings under clerks delegated authority**
 - a) Clerks December salary
 - b) HMRC PAYE - £109.80
 - c) Autela Payroll Services - £75.05
 - d) Stocksigns Ltd – SID Batteries - £516.00The above payments were NOTED

Cllr Ed Godsall and Ward Cllr Jonathan Lester joined the meeting

8. **Highways/Footpaths:**
 - a) **To consider any highway or footpaths issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty**
The following items were RAISED for reporting:
 - The C1153 needs roadside markers installing showing the deep ditch.
 - The C1152 remains very muddy.
 - b) **To receive an update on the working and servicing of the SIDs**
It was REPORTED that the new batteries have been installed but one of the SID's has recently stopped working. The clerk has sent details to the company and is awaiting advice. If necessary, it was RESOLVED that the SID could be sent back to the company for a service and repair.

It was RESOLVED to take Ward Cllr Lesters report next.

4. To receive a brief report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester

Cllr Lester's report included the following items:

- Devolution in England is being pushed forward by Central Government – Herefordshire Council is in discussions with other authorities.
- It had been planned that Council Tax would increase by 3.99% this coming year, however, with the budget, increases in NI, inflation and demand for social care this is no longer possible and it will be increased by 4.99%. This will allow the budget to be balanced.

9. To consider an update on setting up a table tennis club and next steps.

It was REPORTED that this will start in February.

10. Newsletter

a) To consider the distribution of the Cider Press newsletter in the parishes.

It was REPORTED that this needs to be hand delivered. It was RESOLVED that the clerk would send the latest address lists to Cllr Crompton. Cllr Crompton will organise the distribution of the newsletters and address lists to the following Cllrs in order that they can be delivered to parishioners.

- Cllr Heathfield will deliver to Canon Frome
- Cllr Manning will deliver to Castle Frome
- Cllr Godsall will deliver to Eggleton
- Cllrs Towers and Crompton will deliver to Stretton Grandison.

b) To approve the Parish Council article for the March edition of the newsletter

It was RESOLVED to approve the Chairs newsletter report by email ready to submit the report by the 1st February for inclusion in the March edition of the newsletter.

11. To consider any correspondence received by the Clerk

- A4103 Road Closure – Between B4214 Castle Frome and B4219 Cowleigh Road – 13th - 24th January 2025 – NOTED
- Eggleton Parish Councillor Vacancy can now be co-opted - NOTED
- White Paper – Devolution – Herefordshire Council - NOTED
- Latest Planning advice – NPPF – NDP – Herefordshire Council - NOTED
- Response from Herefordshire Council highways officer on safety along the C1154 – NOTED
- Cashless parking in Hereford to use the JustPark App - NOTED
- WoW grant – Herefordshire Council - NOTED

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

None

13. To note the date of the next meeting – 17th March 2025 – St James Church – Canon Frome

NOTED

The meeting closed at: 8.05pm

Signed: _____



Dated: 17-3-25