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 November 2026 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk

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1. **To accept any apologies for absence and note the reason**
   None

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 14th September 2026**
   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 his apologies

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**
   261752 - Fishpools, Bosbury, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 1QH
   Change of use of land for siting of one trailer-built Shepherds Hut, decking, and creation of a parking space for 2no cars.
   It was RESOLVED to support this application

7. **Highways/Footpaths**
   a) **To consider any highway or footpaths issues for reporting to Herefordshire Council**
   The following items were NOTED for reporting:
   - Overhanging trees were NOTED near the Eggleton turn and up Fromes Hill
     It was NOTED that there had been a significant accident at the bottom of Fromes Hill over the weekend.

Cllr Ed Godsall joined the meeting

   b) **To consider the TRO to be submitted to request the road through the Homend Park become a "quiet lane".**
   It was RESOLVED that the clerk should submit the TRO.

8. **To consider a project for the parishes**
   It was REPORTED that Herefordshire Council PRoW Team had given the go ahead for repairs to be undertaken to the bridge on the ESG28. Cllr Ed Godsall will prepare costs for approval at the January meeting

9. **To consider the table tennis club/ coffee morning**
   It was REPORTED that St James Church had begun organising a social get together for the community. It was NOTED that they requested £200 as a grant from the Parish Council to allow them to purchase tables and tablecloths to enable this event to continue. It was RESOLVED to support this endeavour with a grant of £200 in place of trying to organise a table tennis/coffee morning. It was AGREED that a note encouraging others to come forward for support if they wished to run a community club should be put in the next newsletter piece,

10. To consider putting the newsletter on the website

It was RESOLVED that the clerk should put a copy of the newsletter on the PC website.

11.Finance:

a) To consider the November 2026 finance report and bank statements. – Appendix 1

The clerk REPORTED that the budget remains underspent and unallocated reserves are at £12,000. The report was APPROVED and signed as evidence of accuracy, budget monitoring and bank reconciliation by Cllr Charles Pudge.

b) To note the following payments made between meetings under Clerks Delegated Authority (Finance Regulations item 5.5)

a) Clerks October Salary
b) HMRC October PAYE £228.97

NOTED

c) To consider the following invoices for payment

- Clerks November salary
- Clerk's expenses - £135.05 previously circulated
- BOSS – IT Antivirus software as agreed - £54.00

It was RESOLVED to pay the above outstanding invoices by BACS

d) To note the following receipts received:

a) Herefordshire Council – precept 2 - £7250.00

NOTED

e) To note the increase to £20 per meeting for meeting hire for 2027-28

NOTED

f) To consider the draft budget and precept figure for 2027-28 alongside the Reserve Policy – Appendix 2a,b and c

The draft budget was considered. It was NOTED that election costs had significantly increased but that there was an allocated fund to cover this. It was RESOLVED to approve this budget with the precept figure for 2027-28 remaining at £14,500. It was further RESOLVED to approve the updated Reserves Policy to reflect the new budget format.

12. To consider any correspondence received by the Clerk

- Herefordshire Council – Wildfire ready
- Herefordshire Council – update on 5-year housing land supply
- Herefordshire Council – Update on status of NDP
- Herefordshire Council - - Parish Summit presentation
- Safer Neighbourhood Team – Parish Priorities and Hare Coursing operation
- HALC – 10 things you need to know in September and October and 5 extra things.

The above correspondence was NOTED.

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

NDP and wildfire readiness.

14. To note the date of the next meeting – Monday 18th January 2027 – St James Church – Canon Frome

NOTED. The following dates for 2027 meetings were also NOTED:

Monday 18th January 2027
Monday 15th March 2027
Monday 17th May 2027
Monday 19th July 2027
Monday 20th September 2027
Monday 15th November 2027

A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public from the following confidential item

15. To consider the Clerks Annual Appraisal

The clerk's appraisal was undertaken. She was thanked for her work over the year.

The meeting closed at 20.09

Signed: _____ Dated: _____