

**MINUTES OF
ALL STRETTON, SMETHCOTT AND WOOLSTASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
held at Picklescott Village
Wednesday 16th March
held following the Annual Meeting**

Present

C'llr Dale (Chairman) C'llr Burton; C'llr Phillips (Vice Chairman); C'llr Morris,
C'llr Morris; C'llr Hibbott-Morris

Shropshire C'llr D Morris

Clerk : Mrs J Griffiths

5 Members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies

C'llr Starnes and Shropshire Councillor Dan Morris

1. Chairman's Introduction The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded Councillors to declare interests if there was anything on the Agenda in which they considered they have an interest.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

3. Public Comments

Members of the public attending the meeting complained about the state of the highways around the parish.

C'llr Ecob told the meeting that he had arranged a site visit earlier in the year with members of the Shropshire Council Highways Team and continued to report problems in the parish. It is hoped that the new reporting system "MyShropshire" will see an improvement in response to highway matters reported.

A member of the public attending the meeting reported an ongoing problem with the tree which had blown over and had been reported. Although the main trunk had been removed the root ball is now in danger of slipping into the stream. The Clerk agreed to report this again to the Shropshire Council Tree Team, who had been out to visit the site.

Other members of the public attending the meeting expressed concern at lack of response times when contacting Shropshire Council. This particularly applied to planning applications responses. It was agreed that the Clerk would pass the concerns to Shropshire Councillor Dan Morris and someone from Shropshire Council Planning would be invited to attend a future Parish Council Meeting.

4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th January

It was proposed by C'llr Burton, seconded by C'llr Phillips and unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January provided a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising (not included on the Agenda)

The clerk told the meeting that the hedges in Church Road reported at the January meeting have now been cut back.

6. Correspondence

The Clerk circulated all correspondence as it was received. The following correspondence was reported at the meeting:-

- An e mail had been received from the Lord Lieutenant's office asking for a nomination from the Parish Council if they wished to nominate anyone for the Shropshire Garden Party on 8th June. It was agreed that the Parish Council did not wish to submit a nomination.
- Clerk and Councils Direct Magazine. This was handed to C'llr Dale
- The South Shropshire Area Committee Meeting will take place on 22nd March. The Chairman is unable to attend as he is on holiday.

7. Planning

(a) Clerk to report decisions on applications previously discussed:

21/03399/FUL – Land south of Batchcott Hall

Proposed Exception Site dwelling and detached garage. This application was discussed at the September meeting. It was proposed by C'llr Starnes, seconded by C'llr Ecob and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would support this application. The Clerk told the meeting that this application is shown as Approved on 19th January 2022..

21/04892/FUL – Holly Cottage, Lower Wood

Change of use of agricultural land to provide a shepherd's hut for holiday let use, excavation of a pond and siting of solar panels on existing building.. This application was forwarded to Councillors on 10th November. C'llr Dale had expressed an interest in this application. See Item 2. It was proposed by C'llr Starnes, seconded by C'llr Philips and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not comment on this application., The Clerk told the meeting that the application is shown on the web site as "Pending Consideration"

22/00034/FUL – Red House Farm, Smethcott

Conversion of traditional farm building into a single dwelling. This application was discussed at the January Meeting. The Parish Council did not object to the application. The Clerk told the meeting that this application had been withdrawn.

(b) Applications discussed at the meeting

No other planning applications had been received.

8. Highways

The road below the White House had been repaired. However the road surface had degraded again.

C'llr Ecob agreed to contact Graham White and discuss the highway issues once again.

9. Finance

(a) Accounts due for payment

- ICO Data Protection fee £40. Cheque No 000482
- Clerk Salary Feb/March plus postage, Totalling £452.71 Cheque No. 00483.

- HMRC Tax due on Clerk's salary £110 Cheque No. 00484

It was proposed by C'lr Ecob, seconded by C'lr Burton and unanimously agreed that the above accounts be paid.

(b) Balance held at Bank

The Clerk circulated a bank reconciliation. After payment of the above accounts the balance at is £3,381.37. This includes the following sums:- .

Matched Funding EMG	£1,500.00
EMG Received	£1,500.00
CIL	£ 379.09
Election Expenses	£ 300.00
Actual PC Balance	£ -297.72

The Clerk told the meeting that she had submitted a claim for the refund of VAT paid 2021/22 in the sum of £618.41 and this had not yet been paid. It will be added to the PC Funds when received. It was proposed by C'lr Ecob, seconded by C'lr Hibbot-Morris and unanimously agreed that the bank statement and the bank reconciliation provided a true financial record. The Chairman then signed the bank statement and the bank reconciliation.

(c) Agree Exemption from Full Audit

It was proposed by C'lr Philips, seconded by C'lr Hibbot-Morris and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would apply for exemption from the full audit.

(d) Agree Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was unanimously agreed that Mrs Lorna Pardoe would be appointed as the Internal Auditor.

10. Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement – Public Consultation

The Clerk explained the consultation process. She had printed the 35 page guidance notes which she handed to C'lr Ecob. C'lr Ecob agreed to look at this and complete.

11. Jubilee Celebrations

C'lr Philips told the meeting that the Village Hall Committee had commissioned a local artist to produce coasters for children in the Smethcott Parish and they were asking if the Parish Council would make a contribution towards the cost.

It was proposed by C'lr Philips, seconded by C'lr Morris and unanimously agreed that if the coasters were distributed to the children in Woolstaston and All Stretton as well as Smethcott Parish Council area the Parish Council would continue 50% of the cost up to a maximum of £250.

C'lr Burton agreed to let C'lr Phillips know the number of children in Woolstaston Parish and C'lr Dale agreed to let him have details of the number of children in All Stretton Parish.

12. Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 18th May 2022

The date of the meeting was 25th May. However, the Clerk told the meeting that she was likely to be away on holiday. It was therefore agreed to bring the

meeting forward to 18th May. C'Ilr Ecob agreed to pass the change of date to the person responsible of the Village Hall bookings.

The dates for other 2022 Meetings was circulated as follows;-

Wednesday 27th July

Wednesday 28th September

Wednesday 23rd November

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm