

## Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT KNIGHTLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008

**Present:** Cllr Collett                      Cllr Davenport                      Cllr Galsworthy  
                 Cllr Sapwell                      Cllr Sheilds                      Cllr Simmonds  
                 Cllr Smith                      Cllr Ravenhall                      Cllr Marson  
                 Pat Armstrong                      Thelma Cain                      Lara Simmonds  
                 Helen Walton

**1. Apologies** – Cllrs Braithwaite, Davenport & Sparrow, Cathy Tompsett

**2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

The Chairman signed the minutes to be a true record.

**3. Public Discussion** – None

**4. Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Smith – Cemex, Chairman and Lara Simmonds – Application for Clerk's position

**5. Councillor Collett** – Cemex meeting regarding the lorry route is on 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm at Long Itchington. Cllr's Collett and Galsworthy will attend. The best route with least disruption would be over the flyover, down the straight mile to Princethorpe and turning left. Improvement on the bends will be required, Cemex may pay for this? If no decision is made Warwick will make final decision. There will be no one there from Southam as there is a meeting in Stratford.

Fineacre Lane – Pat Bryne has looked at gully's, will speak to farmers and ask them to repair, if not they will repair and charge farmers in lieu. A car was damaged when it had to stop for another car then had to be helped out by another motorists.

Litter – Blue Boar to Monument. – Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March, Cllr's Collett and Ravenhall will attend. Blue Boar has been cleared and the rest should be completed in the next 2 weeks. Blue containers are the main culprits.

**6. Reports & Correspondence for Further Discussion**

- 6.1 Letter from Judy Hayden, new Community Support Officer – Lara Simmonds will write to her and let her know when meetings are held.
- 6.2 Best Kept Village Competition 2008 – Chairman to complete form, we have Burial Ground and Health Centre.
- 6.3 Rugby Scout's 7's Unit offering help with our Spring litter pick – Lara Simmonds to write a thank you letter saying no but will contact for future events! Chairman to speak to Stretton Scouts and see if they would be interested in doing something similar.
- 6.4 Grapevine – To be circulated
- 6.5 Allianz Insurance – Lara Simmonds to write to them. Lighting is reported at each monthly Parish Meeting and will point out the land belongs to Rugby Borough Council not Parish Council.
- 6.6 Invitation from Cllr John Wells & Mrs Anna Wells to an "At Homes Reception" – Cllr Smith will attend.
- 6.7 Charity Commission Accounts for Playing Fields – Lara Simmonds has asked for a new return to be sent. Chairman to ask Cathy Tompsett for Password.
- 6.8 Cemex proposals for new climafuel manufacturing plant – Cllr Galsworthy will attend
- 6.9 Invitation to re-opening of Hunters Lane Household Waste Recycle Centre – Chairman and Cllr Galsworthy to attend.
- 6.10 Official Journal of the National Association of local councils – In circulation
- 6.11 Estimate for work on laurel hedge, Squires Road – Quotes obtained from tjb landscapes and Offa Tree Surgeons – Agreed to go ahead with tjb landscapes. Chairman will notify each.
- 6.12 Applications for Clerks position – Agreed to leave until the end of meeting.

**Memorial Garden** – Steven Simmonds provided a written update, which will be copied and circulated. When the manhole cover at the end of the road was removed the drain and the wall around it is collapsing. Chairman will arrange a site meeting with Paul Cowley before Easter and will also take him to look at Fineacre.

#### **Other issues raised**

**Frog Hall Quarry** – They are tipping more topsoil. Should have been completed. Cllr Collett will find out what is happening.

**Bench, School Lane** – Chairman to check exact positioning.

**Meadow Close Parking & Containers** – Cllr Ravenhall has spoken to Head of Housing the Contractors have not finished. The parking notice was placed on the wrong side of the close.

**Fosseway Chicane** – Cars are still mounting kerb to come into village instead of stopping. It is dangerous. Lara Simmonds to contact Warwick to make them aware.

**Bus Passes** – Letter from Rugby Borough Council in Noticeboard.

**Lights in Brookside & Knob Hill** – There is no supply to the 2 lights in Brookside, contractors need written confirmation from Council to dig road up and connect to supply. Chairman to speak to house owner in Knob Hill regarding light.

**Pendulum** – Cllr Sapwell

#### **7. Payments for Authorisation**

7.1	J Simmonds – Observer Newspapers Advert for Parish Clerk	£ 105.16
7.2	P Armstrong – Wages & out of pocket expenses	£ 235.28
7.3	Roger Griffiths Associates Ltd	£1,498.12
7.4	Mrs C Galsworthy	£ 25.00
7.4	Veolia	£1,303.44
7.5	Severn Trent Water	£ 47.96
7.6	L Simmonds – Secretarial Services	£ 34.42
7.7	Matrix – Dog Bins	£ 204.75
7.8	WCC Crossing Patrol	£1,247.12
7.9	C Tompsett – Wages & expenses – Dec 07	£ 141.60

Before cheque is sent to Matrix Lara Simmonds will contact them to check collection frequency and the failure to empty in January.

#### **8 Planning Permission**

- 8.1 Thistle Farm, London Road – No objections
- 8.2 36 School Lane – No objections

#### **Any other issues**

**Application for Clerks Position** – Cllr Simmonds and Lara Simmonds left the meeting. On their return the following was asked to be minuted.

Cllr Galsworthy took the Chair. There were three applications. Two had already been opened the one received from Lara Simmonds was opened by Cllr Galsworthy. It came down to 2. It was felt that as Mrs Rose worked full time she would not be able to give the time required so the Parish Council would like to offer the position to Lara Simmonds and must attend a Parish Clerk's Course. Lara Simmonds accepted the position and agreed to attend the course.

**Parish Council Paperwork** – Chairman will write to Cathy Tompsett to arrange a convenient time to collect paperwork and equipment (ie. Computer, printer).