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MINUTES OF MEETING

Name of Meeting	Ordinary Stretton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council Meeting
Date, Time and Venue of Meeting	Monday 12th January 2026 at 7pm in Knightlow School
Meeting Chair	Cllr Paul Gordon (PG)
Minute Taker	Helen Stewart (HS)
Attendees	Cllr Warwick Dipple (WD), Cllr Chris Tickle (CT), Cllr Sarah Gambling (SG), Cllr Stephen Smyth (SS), Cllr James Bavington (JB), Cllr Alan Abbey (AA), Cllr Gillian Key-Vice (GKV) & 2 members of the public were present.
Apologies from those summoned	None
Absent	None
Local Authority Representatives	Cllr Simpson-Vince (RBC)

Public Forum

Bus Service has had a change of provider, and it's not frequenting the usual stops and has occasion missed out Stretton all together.
Additional Grit Bin has been ordered.

Agenda Number	Minute	Actioner	Date
1.	**Apologies** None	No Action	
2.	**Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations of interest made.	No Action	
3.	**Borough and County Councillors Report** Cllr Dale Keeling submitted a written report which was circulated in advanced of the meeting. Cllr Jill Simpson – Vince – RBC are changing a rota system for bin collections to better manage the occasions when the crews are incomplete or short of drivers. Devolution - RBC has concluded that it's preference would be a single unitary authority. As motion was passed to cancel the Local Elections for the Borough in May 2026. Local Plan – anticipated consultation on 21st January 2026. The Chairman raised concerned about the democratic process of adding in new sites to the Regulation 19 Draft Plan that were not included for public scrutiny in the Regulation 18 consultation. Cllr Simpson-Vince's advice was for the Parish Council to raise this with RBC directly.	No Action	
4.	**Minutes from Meetings** The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th November 2025 of the Parish Council were accepted unanimously signed as a true account by Cllr PaulGordon.	No Action	
5.	**Actions from the minutes** 5a. The Parish Clerk has followed up with Ed Ruane of Severn Trent Water regarding the issues raised but has not received an updated. Mr Ruane has asked her to help him facilitate a Drop In Meeting week commencing 16th February 2026. 5b. The land at Hill Crescent (where the garages were) is now up for sale at public auction. There is no further action that the Parish Council can take. 5c. The recent playground inspection suggested that the multi play tower at Plott Lane Playground was coming to the end of its life; it is around 20 years.	Clerk No Action	10/12/25

	old. WD to look at refurb options. GKV to look at options to refurb options too. 5d. The Clerk has been in contact with the appointed contractor – Josh Cox who will begin the process of stripping off the old mural this month and undertaking the repointing works in the bus shelter. 5e. The Litter Pick will go ahead on 28th February 2026. HS will get the items required for the Bacon batches. The Village Hall is provisionally booked but if the Oak is open and able to accommodate the Clerk will invite them to prepare and serve the refreshments as has been the tradition of the last two years. 5f. Warwickshire County Council have not replied to the Clerk two emails requesting information on the bus routes which serve the school children of Stretton. She will address this matter further with Cllr Keeling.	WD & GKV On Going On Going Clerk	09/02/26 09/02/26
6.	**Planning Matters** No Matters	No Action	
7.	**Local Plan** It is anticipated that the Section 19 of the Local Plan Consultation will run from 21st January – 9th March 2026. It was agreed that all councillors should look at this and being to draft a response ready for agreement at the next meeting. The Clerk will share the information with the public when the consultation appears online and if needed produce guidance or a digest of the plan.	No Action	
8a.	**Grass Cutting** The Parish Council have recently created a hole in the grass at the front of the Village Hall which will remain all year round so it can hold the Village Christmas Tree. It was agreed to add the cutting of the grass at the Village Hall to the Handyman's regular cutting schedule during the spring and summer months. This was proposed by Cllr Key-Vice, seconded by Cllr Tickle and agreed unanimously.	No Action	
8b.	The grassed areas which are cut by the Parish Council including the following: Plott Lane Playing Field Verges of Fosse Way Playing Field & Pitch Platinum Plott Serenity Orchard Amenities Green Squires Rd Green on School Lane (from Plott Lane – Brookside) Village Green The pros and cons of taking part in No May were discussed. Cllr Gordon proposed Fosse Way Field verges, School Lane, Serenity Orchard & Platinum Plott should not be cut before the before 1st June 2026. This was seconded by Cllr Gambling and the motion was carried with 5 in favour.	No Action	
9a.	**Platinum Plott & Serenity Orchard** The Parish Clerk has produced a basic maintenance plan for the two sites for 2026. This document was agreed unanimously following a proposal from Cllr Gambling which was seconded by Cllr Smyth.	No Action	
9b.	Following interest expressed from residents in working on the Platinum Plott to aid the evolution of the project it was agreed to form a working party which is specific to that site and the Serenity Orchard. This was agreed unanimously following a proposal from Cllr Gambling which was seconded by Cllr Key-Vice.	No Action	
9c.	A Risk Assessment document was produced by the Parish Clerk to support the Working Party in undertaking physical work on the Platinum Plott and	No Action	

	Serenity Orchard. Subject to some minor changes this was accepted unanimously.		
10.	**Remembrance Sunday** Cllr Bavington attended the service at the A45 Monument last year and felt some amendments for 2026 might be useful. Cllr Bavington is going to update the service sheets, names and look at biodegradable wreaths. He'll also include the list the names of those inscribed on the monument for reading out at the service. He'll liaise with the Scouts in advance of this November's event. The Clerk will contact members of All Saints Church to see if they have contact information for a piper who might be willing to support the event.	JB & HS	01/09/26
11a.	**Finances** The payment list for January 2026 was approved unanimously:- 12/01/2026 HELEN STEWART – SALARY & EXPENSES £1134.36 12/01/2026 NPOWER – STREETLIGHT ELEC £4392.43	No Action	
11b.	The payments list made under delegated authority was noted:- LLOYDS £9.50 AMAZON – Christmas items £50.97 AMAZON – decorations . batteries £16.98 GOOGLE MAIL £63.00 E.ON – Fosse Way Pavilion Elec £107.80 HELEN STEWART £1,134.63 THINK PRINT - pendulum £550.00 VILLAGE HALL – Coffee Morning £96.00 KNIGHTLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL - Hall Hire £60.00 HMRC - PAYE £460.06 MARK COOPER - HANDYMAN £1,401.41 E.ON - Fosse Way Pavilion Elec £228.56 GOOGLE MAIL £8.50 BRANDON AND WOLSTON YFC – XMAS TREE DISPOSAL £10.00 E.ON – STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE £423.60 VILLAGE HALL - Coffee Morning £72.00 GOOGLE MAIL £63.00 AMAZON - ink £58.58 E.ON – VILLAGE POWER SOUCE £66.44 THE BIN SHOP – GRIT BIN £105.60 RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL – BIN CHARGES £172.80 TUDOR ENVIRONMENTAL – GRIT £196.80	No Action	
11c.	The Clerk prepared the suggested budget for 2026/27 in advance of the meeting and circulated it to members. Following a proposal to accept it from Cllr Key-Vice which was seconded by Cllr Tickle it was agreed unanimously.	No Action	
11d.	Based on the budget it was agreed unanimously that the precept demand for 2026-27 should be increased by 5.2% which is an overall figure of £75,770 5%. This proposal was made by Cllr Key-Vice and seconded by Cllr Tickle.	No Action	
12.	**Correspondence** a. Stonegate – New Licensee have been in touch to confirm they get the keys today and there will be a short closure while they train staff and do some decorating.		

13.	**Any Other Business** Pothole repaired at the end of Rugby Lane Frankton Lane repatching of the carriageway is scheduled for February.		
14.	**Date of Next Meeting** Monday 9th February 2026 – Knightlow School – 7pm (Ordinary Meeting) Monday 9th March 2026 – Knightlow School – 7pm (Ordinary Meeting) Tuesday 14th April 2026 – Stretton Village Hall -7pm (Annual Parish Assembly) Monday 11th May 2026 - Knightlow School Hall - 6.30pm (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council) Monday 11th May 2026 - Knightlow School Hall – 7pm (Ordinary Meeting) Monday 8th June 2026 - Knightlow School Hall - 7pm (Ordinary Meeting) Monday 13th July 2026 - Knightlow School Hall - 7pm (Ordinary Meeting) Monday 14th September 2026 - Knightlow School Hall - 7pm (Ordinary Meeting) Monday 12th October 2026 - Knightlow School Hall - 7pm (Ordinary Meeting) Monday 9th November 2026 - Knightlow School Hall - 7pm (Ordinary Meeting)	No Action	

Meeting closed at 8.26pm