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MINUTES OF MEETING

Name of Meeting	Ordinary Stretton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council Meeting
Date, Time and Venue of Meeting	Monday 9th March 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 James Bavington (JB), Cllr Alan Abbey (AA), Cllr Gillian Key-Vice (GKV), Cllr Stephen Smyth (SS) & 2 members of the public were present.
Apologies from those summoned	
Absent	None
Local Authority Representatives	Cllr Jill Simpson Vince

Public Forum

Thanks for the permission for the Scouts to hold an overnight camp at Plott Lane Playing Field.

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** Hedgerow cutting on the A45 has exposed debris – litter picking has taken place as requested by Cllr Simpson-Vince Orchard Way missed bins collections. Cllr Keeling and Cllr Simpson-Vince are seeking a meeting with Senior Director / CEO of Severn Trent Water to understand the objectives for the area. RBC food waste collections will commence on 6th July 2026. Small electrical collections has not yet restarted.	No Action	
4.	**Minutes from Meetings** The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th February 2026 of the Parish Council were accepted unanimously signed as a true account by Cllr PaulGordon.	No Action	
5.	**Actions from the minutes** 5a. Cllr McKenzie of RBC has shared an update with the Parish Council from Severn Trent Water:- "*We recognise the longstanding concerns regarding the pumping station and the rising main to the receiving treatment works.* • ***Pumping station and rising main capacity**: Updated hydraulic modelling is being undertaken to confirm the scale of reinforcement required. Subject to the outcome, we expect to bring forward a scheme to increase pumping capacity and, where necessary, upsize sections of the discharge pipe. We have partially replaced the rising main from Stretton-on-Dunsmore, with a plan to complete the remaining section in this AMP, we also have infiltration and flow removal work on going at Stretton-on-Dunsmore.* • ***Spill risk in wet weather**: In parallel, we are reviewing infiltration and surface water ingress into the foul network to reduce storm-driven overload.*	No Action	

	• ***Future housing allocations (Regulation 18/19)**: Should additional sites be confirmed in the Local Plan, we will formally assess cumulative impact and require appropriate network reinforcement.* *We will provide the Parish Council with a progress update and indicative timetable once the modelling work is complete."* 5b. The Village Handyman has made some improvements to the multi-play tower at Plott Lane Playground. Based on these repairs the Parish Council do not wish to decommission the item but note that the climbing grips do need to be replaces and the rubber strips added to the slide. The Clerk has ordered these and the Handyman will replace them. 5c. WCC are going to instruct the bus companies to pick up from the designated bus stop which is located on Brookside not Fosse Way. Further to this they are looking into why Warwickshire Travel are using Plott Lane now when this is not a recognised route. 5d. The Clerk has not yet obtained another quote for rendering the Scout Hut – this will rollover to the next meeting. 5e. The AED at the Fosse Way Pavilion cannot be installed at Fosse Way without a new consumer unit and further electrical upgrades. Ask football club what their plans are for re-wiring the building. 5f. Cllr Bavington circulated the artwork prepared by the school children to be used as a design. Cllr Gordon proposed that the pencil design should be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Key-Vice and agreed unanimously. The design will be painted on by the school children before September 2026. This will be coordinated by Knightlow School Staff in liaison with Cllr Bavington and the Parish Clerk.	No Action No Action On Going On Going No Action	
6.	**Memorial Island** National Highways are considering a vegetation scheme for Memorial Island and have requested input from the Parish Council. Three options were presented and it was agreed unanimously that Option 2 was the preferred option of the councillors. Option 2 is: • Retain and enhance the grass verge by overseeding from edge of roundabout with a suitable grass mix creating a more diverse mix according to the conditions. • Arboriculture works on TPO trees that have the potential to affect clear traffic movement on the road. If there are any dead / dying / diseased trees that may cause a danger to users remove them. Remove epicormic growth at the base of lime trees. • Removal of tree-ties and stakes from previous tree re-planting which are now outgrown. • Clearance of vehicular site lines ensure no replanting of taller species within them. • planting a poppy mix around the island and some small shrub mixes. The Clerk is to arrange an on site meeting the new Route Manager for National Highways.	11/05/26	Clerk
7.	**Local Plan** The Draft Local Plan Consultation is live and the Parish Council agreed it's formal response to the Regulation 19 Consultation. *Submission 1: Site 348 – The Croft.* Proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Tickle and carried by a majority. Cllr Bavington abstained.	No Action	

	Submission 2: Site 348 – Site to the West of Fosse Way. Proposed by Cllr Key-Vice, seconded by Cllr Dipple voted in favour of by Cllrs Abbey and Gambling. Cllrs Bavington, Gordon, Smyth & Tickle abstained. As the vote was tied the Chairman used his casting vote in favour of the motion to submit therefore it was carried. (5 in favour) *Submission 3: Sites 3, 81 & 348 (general comment on the Local Plan).* Proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Tickle and carried by a majority. Cllr Bavington abstained. *Submission 4: Sites 3, 81 & 348 (general comment on the Local Plan).* Proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Tickle and carried by a majority. Cllr Bavington abstained. The four submissions can be found here: https://stretton-on-dunsmore-parishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/rbc-local-plan		
8a.	**Finances** The payment list for March 2026 was approved unanimously:- HELEN STEWART – SALARY & EXPENSES £1137.62 VILLAGE HALL - Coffee Morning £156.00 E.ON – VILLAGE POWER SOURCE £32.55 E.ON – STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE £423.60 HMRC – PAYE £460.06	No Action	
8b.	The payments list made under delegated authority was noted:- ASDA – FOOD FOR LITTER PICK £59.81 GOOGLE MAIL £63.00	No Action	
9.	**Correspondence** None		
10.	**Any Other Business** Neighbourhood Plan for agenda May 2026 Condition of cabinet – needs to be reviewed in May		
11.	**Date of Next 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	
13.	**HR & Legal Matters** A motion was proposed by PG to take the final agenda item in a closed session. This was seconded by GKV and agreed unanimously. A minor decision was taken in this meeting which is currently confidential for legal reasons. The proposal was made by Cllr Gordon and seconded by Cllr Gambling and agreed unanimously.		

Meeting closed at 8.40pm