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Stretton on Dunsmore
PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Name of Meeting	Ordinary Stretton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council Meeting
Date, Time and Venue of Meeting	Monday 8th June 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 Gillian Key-Vice (GKV), Cllr Stephen Smyth (SS) & 3 members of the public were present.
Apologies from those summoned	Cllr Alan Abbey (AA)
Absent	None
Local Authority Representatives	No representation

Public Forum

Defibrillator not yet installed on Fosse Way Pavilion
Plott Lane – 'God Cake' has been destroyed by increased traffic and HGVs
Ryton Heath Farm Planning Application – Planning Officer will be deciding later this week.
Thanks for updating the defibrillator at the school so quickly.

Agenda Number	Minute	Actioner	Date
1.	**Apologies** Cllr Alan Abbey (AA) – Parish Councillor. Cllr Umesh Mistry (RBC) and Cllr Jill Simpson-Vince (RBC) have sent their informal apologies.	No Action	
2.	**Declarations of Interest** Cllr Smyth declared an interest in item 6.ii as he is a member of the Village Hall Fete Committee. He was advised to remain in the room but not participate in any discussion or vote.	No Action	
3.	**Borough and County Councillors Report** No reports.	No Action	
4.	**Minutes from Meetings** The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th March 2026 of the Parish Council were accepted unanimously signed as a true account by Cllr Paul Gordon.	No Action	
5.	**Actions from the minutes** 5a. St John Fisher FC will provide an update on their plan for refurbishment of the Fosse Way pavilion for a subsequent meeting. 5b. HS has requested a site meeting with National Highways Route Manager, but a date not yet been agreed.	No Action	
6.	**Small Grant** Applications for Small Grants were received from two local groups and the Parish Council discussed both of them. i. Stretton Playgroup - £174 – Sensory Bubble Light. This was agreed unanimously following a proposal to support from Cllr Key-Vice which was seconded by Cllr Tickle. ii. Stretton Village Hall Fete Committee - £241 – Replacement Bunting. This was agreed by a majority of 6 following a proposal		

	to support from Cllr Bavington which was seconded by Cllr Key-Vice. Cllr Smyth abstained.		
7.	**Village Assets** i. It was agreed that the exterior of the Phone Box Book Exchange needed repainted and the Clerk should purchase the paint and instruct the Handyman to carry out the task. This was resolved unanimously following a proposal from Cllr Key-Vice which was seconded by Cllr Smyth. ii. It was agreed unanimously to replace the AED cabinet on Rugby Lane as it is beginning to rust. This was proposed by Cllr Key-Vice and seconded by Cllr Tickle. iii. Four quotes were obtained for the refurbishment of the exterior of the Scout Hut at Plott Lane. The quote submitted by Contractor S J Brennan for rendering the exterior was agreed unanimously. This was proposed by Cllr Key-Vice and seconded by Cllr Dipple. The Clerk is to arrange the work and clarify the details working the contractor in liaison with the Group Scout Leader. She has an expenditure allowance of up to £7500.	Clerk	01/09/26
8.	**Neighbourhood Plan** PG proposed that the Parish Council begin to form a Neighbourhood Plan however its value would be lessened if it cannot be delivered by the time the sites identified in the Draft Local Plan come to the point of Planning Applications. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and agreed unanimously. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Members will include members of the public but at the meeting the following Parish Councillors volunteers to be involved: Smyth, Key-Vice, Gordon and Tickle. The Parish Clerk had prepared and circulated a Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which councillors considers and agreed unanimously to adopt. This was proposed by Cllr Tickle and seconded by Cllr Gordon. The Parish Clerk is to announce via social media, noticeboards, the website and the Pendulum that the Parish Council is embarking on the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan and invite residents to join the Steering Group. She will also call the first meeting.	Clerk	On going
9.	**Trees** After an assessment by a Tree Surgeon, it has been concluded that Empress Tree planted at the Platinum Plott for the Kings Coronation has died. It was suggested by Cllr Tickle that the Clerk request input from the Platinum Plott Working Group on this matter, which was supported by the other members. The Clerk will liaise with the Working Group on whether or not to replace the tree and what it should be replaced with. The decision will be brought back to the Parish Council for ratification. The Tree Surgeon has advised that the trees on the Village Green are coming towards the end of their natural life so it should consider planting another tree now. It was agreed unanimously to purchase a Liquid Amber tree and plant it on the Village Green. This was proposed by Cllr Smyth and seconded by Cllr Tickle. Cllr Tickle proposed that the dead wood be removed from the trees on the Village Green. This was seconded by Cllr Gordon and agreed unanimously.		
10a.	**Finances** The payment list for May 2026 was approved unanimously:- 05/05/2026 GOOGLE MAIL £63.00 11/05/2026 HELEN STEWART £1,134.63	No Action	

	11/05/2026 E.ON £32.55 11/05/2026 TREVOR GILL £550.00 11/05/2026 VILLAGE HALL £120.00 11/05/2026 VILLAGE HALL £24.00		
10b.	The payments list made under delegated authority was noted:- 02/04/2026 GOOGLE MAIL £63.00 08/04/2026 MARK COOPER £1,031.53 15/04/2026 VILLAGE HALL £72.00 15/04/2026 WALC £524.80 15/04/2026 E.ON £29.40 15/04/2026 KNIGHTLOW PRIMARY £90.00 15/04/2026 NPOWER £4,012.42 15/04/2026 HELEN STEWART £1,196.23 15/04/2026 HMRC £459.52 16/04/2026 RBC- green bins £92.00 20/04/2026 LLOYDS £5.17	No Action	
10c.	Cllr Gambling confirmed that she has undertaken a Bank Reconciliation for April 2026 and found no anomalies.	No Action	
10d.	The current provider is Clear Insurance who have not provided a renewal quote, nor have the other two companies who the Clerk has approached. The decision to appoint an insurance provider from June 1st (when the current contract expires) was delegated to the Parish Clerk in liaison with Cllr Smyth was agreed unanimously following a proposal from Cllr Gordon which was seconded by Cllr Tickle.	Clerk	01/06/26
11.	**Correspondence** Resident – Neighbour Plan		
12.	**Any Other Business** Fly tipping - HS Streetlight faulty (2 x School Lane)		
13.	**Date of Next 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 8.13pm