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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), Cllr Alan Abbey (AA) & 6 members of the public were present.
Apologies from those summoned	None
Absent	None
Local Authority Representatives	Cllr Jill Simpson-Vince & Cllr Umesh Mistry

Public Forum

25 Bus Service now calls at Coventry Station following requests to do so
Defibrillator not yet installed on Fosse Way due to electrical issues in the Pavilion
School Lane – cones and board in the road
Speeding through the village.

Agenda Number	Minute	Actioner	Date
1.	**Apologies** None	No Action	
2.	**Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations made.	No Action	
3.	**Borough and County Councillors Report** <u>Cllr Jill Simpson-Vince</u> RBC Submitted its Local Plan awaiting the Inspector's response. Processes to the planning processes are being made at central government and likely to come into effect in Autumn 2026. STW managers met with Jeremy Wright MP and Cllrs Keeling & Simpson-Vince to discuss on going issues across the county. <u>Cllr Umesh Mistry</u> Local residents have emailed him directly regarding local issues which is looking into. He was able to help resolve a problem a sewage problem on Plott Lane.	No Action	
4.	**Minutes from Meetings** The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th May 2026 of the Parish Council were accepted unanimously signed as a true account by Cllr Paul Gordon. The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11th May 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 has not submitted an update the Parish Council, but the Parish Clerk has chased them and will continue to do so. The lease is due to be signed but this will not be done without a report from The Club. 5b. HS has requested a site meeting with National Highways Route Manager, but a date not yet been agreed.	Clerk Clerk	On-going On-going

	5c. HS is meeting the chosen contractor to renovate the Scout Hut on 10th June to discuss the project and set the date.	Clerk	10/06/26
6.	**Neighbourhood Plan** The first meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group takes place on Tuesday 9th June at 7.30pm. It has had interest expressed from 5 members of the public. a. Following a proposal from Cllr Gordon which was seconded by Cllr Key-Vice it was agreed by a majority that the designated area for the Neighbourhood Plan will be the whole of Stretton on Dunsmore Village as defined by the boundary lines. Cllr Smyth abstained. b. Following a proposal from Cllr Tickle which was seconded by Cllr Key-Vice it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Clerk should sign the Service Level Agreement with Rugby Borough Council in order to embark on the Neighbourhood Plan process.	No Action	
7.	**Planning** R26/0387 at Field Farm, Plott Lane, Stretton-On-Dunsmore. Cllr Gordon has drafted a paragraph, which was read aloud by Cllr Key-Vice to the assembly. He went on to propose that the Parish Council submit an objection to the planning application but delegate the detail of the comment to the Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr Key-Vice and agreed unanimously. Appendix A – Submission made to RBC regarding R26/0387.	Clerk	13/06/26
8a.	**Finances** The payment list for May 2026 was approved unanimously:- 08/06/2026 HELEN STEWART £1,134.63 08/06/2026 E.ON £32.55 08/06/2026 HMRC £460.60 08/06/2026 ICO £52.00	No Action	
8b.	The payments list made under delegated authority was noted:- 15/05/2026 AMAZON (PRINTER INK) £100.81 15/05/2026 CLEAR INSURANCE £1645.51 02/06/2026 GOOGLE MAIL £63.00 20/05/2026 LLOYDS £5.17	No Action	
9.	**Correspondence** Resident – Sewage Issues on Plott Lane RBC – Garages at Meadow Close are going to be disposed of. Global – Enquiry regarding Asset of Community Value Craft Creations – Knitted seasonal decorations for the benches. The Parish Council are grateful to the knitters for decorating the street furniture with their crafts.	No Action	
10.	**Any Other Business** Information on website.		
11.	**Date of Next 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 7.53pm

Appendix A – Letter sent RE: R26/0387

Mr Adam Kerr,
Rugby Borough Council Planning Department
Evruex Way
Rugby
CV21 2RR

Response to consultation on planning application (R26/0387) - Field Farm, Plott Lane, Stretton-On-Dunsmore, Rugby, CV23 9HL
For: Retrospective application for the change of use of agricultural land to a HGV haulage yard.

Dear Mr Kerr,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on planning application R26/0387. The Parish Council has spent a significant amount of time studying the planning application.
Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council would like to **object** to the granting of planning application R26/0387 Field Farm on the grounds that the site is not a suitable location for the proposed HGV haulage yard.

The site at Field Farm may offer suitable space but can only be accessed via a single track lane in either direction. To the East via Plott Lane and the centre of the village, to the West via Plott Lane and Freeboard Lane to the Oxford Road. In both directions traffic from the site has to traverse approximately half a mile of single track, narrow, lane in which it is very likely to meet oncoming traffic. The nature of Heavy Goods Vehicles makes passing very difficult and causes erosion of the shoulders. Freeboard Lane has drainage ditches on both sides and is dangerous to pass at a number of points. Heavy Goods Vehicles increase the danger for pedestrians (in the absence of a footway), cyclists and horses (there is an active trading equestrian centre on Freeboard Lane).

The proposed site entrance is both adjacent to, and opposite, public allotments and public rights way so there are a lot of ramblers, dog walkers and other pedestrian traffic at that point. The increased number of trips by cars and HGV is significant. The application details a small number of staff but these all arrive in vehicles in the morning, take their HGV out in the morning, return their HGV in the afternoon, and then leave work by car of an evening. The application does not seek to limit vehicle trips or the size of the operations.

In the twelve months that the site has operated without permission there has been significant deterioration of the shoulders of Freeboard Lane and Plott Lane reducing the grass verge and potholing the soil headlands making pulling over. increasingly dangerous. The once 3m grassed godcake at the junction of Plott Lane and Freeboard lane has been driven over so many times by heavy vehicles that it is currently just a patch of mud

On Behalf of Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council,
Kind Regards,

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Mrs Helen Stewart
Parish Clerk and RFO