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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 13th July 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) & 2 members of the public were present.
Apologies from those summoned	None
Absent	None
Local Authority Representatives	None

Public Forum

School Lane cones in the road.
Taylor Wimpey transport – construction traffic management plan inconsistencies
Warwickshire Travel using Plott Lane for journeys around school pick up and drop times.

Agenda Number	Minute	Actioner	Date
1.	**Apologies** All Parish Councillors were present. Apologies for were noted from Cllr Jill Simpson-Vince & Cllr Umesh Mistry of Rugby Borough Council.	No Action	
2.	**Declarations of Interest** Cllr Key-Vice declared an interest in item 7 on the agenda (Planning). The Clerk advised her not to participate during the discussions on this item and or take part in any 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 8th June 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. The painting of the bus shelter mural is being finished off. It will need a varnish coat later on. It was agreed that the Parish Council should do an official ribbon cutting in September and invite the local press. Cllr Bavington and the Clerk will arrange the details of this. 5b. HS has requested a site meeting with National Highways Route Manager, but a date not yet been agreed hoping to meet in September. 5c. It is the intention of the contractor to start in August, and he is liaising with the Group Scout Leader. He has also offered to give the children (who are interested in construction) the opportunity to understand the process a bit more. He is also going to do some additional improvements to the Scout Hut free of charge of at a cost price which the Scouts have asked him to do.	JB & Clerk Clerk No Action	14/09/26 14/09/26
6a.	**Neighbourhood Plan** The Steering Group is working well, and they are at the point of creating a detailed consultation. As it was resolved to embark on the Neighbourhood Plan journey after the precept and budget were set in January 2026,	No Action	

	therefore were no finances allocated to it. The Clerk has readjusted the budget to allow for this creating a document referred to a Budget 2026-27 Version 2. Following a proposal from Cllr Smyth it was agreed that £3000 should be assigned from the reserves budget to cover the cost the Neighbourhood Plan initially. This was seconded by Cllr Tickle and agreed unanimously. Further to this, the final approval of the consultation document which is being produced by the NP Steering Group has been delegated to the Parish Clerk to ensure that the project plans timeframe can be adhered to over the summer period. This was proposed by Cllr Smyth, seconded by Cllr Key-Vice and approved unanimously.		
6b.	The Parish Council considered undertaking traffic surveys again in the village to count the volume, speed and class of vehicle. Two quotes were obtained in advance and circulated. After a discussion on timings, costs and benefits it was resolved that the Parish Council should run the traffic surveys via Traffic Survey Partners Ltd (TSP) for two weeks on the same 8 locations it monitored in 2020 (no earlier than 14th September). This was proposed by Cllr Gordon, seconded by Cllr Smyth and agreed unanimously. The quote from TSP for 1 week was £880 the Clerk has authority to engage them for two weeks but is to ask if the rate can be lowered for a two-week period as the equipment will already be in place. She is also instructed to ask about the timeframe for receiving the data.	Clerk	14/09/26
7.	**Planning** R26/0624 – Church Barn, Church Hill – no comments.	No Action	
8.	**St John Fisher' Football Club** St John Fisher the lease is due to be reviewed May 2026 but holds firm until May 2027. The Parish Council received an update from the Football Club regarding the work that it has undertaken since taking on the lease. The consumer unit needs to be upgraded to support the installation of the AED on the exterior wall but this needs to be done by the electricity supplier. The Parish Clerk will ask the Football Club to get a quote for this.	HS	14/09/26
9.	**Winter Hub** The same team of volunteers who run the All Saints Coffee Stop are going to run a Winter Hub on a Tuesday lunchtime during the colder months. The Parish Council have been asked to support this venture by paying the weekly rent on the Village Hall. It was proposed by Cllr Key-Vice that this request should be supported. This was seconded by Cllr Dipple and carried by a majority vote. Cllr Abbey abstained from the vote.	No Action	
10a.	**Trees** The large pine on Squires Rd is dead and needs removing as it could have root rot. Tree Safe have assessed it and can fell it for £800. It was proposed by Cllr Key-Vice that this action be taken as soon as possible. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and carried unanimously.	Clerk	ASAP
10b.	The Clerk sought advice from Tree Safe on the Empress Tree planted for the Coronation of King Charles III. It appears to be regrowing from a new spur. Platinum Plott Working Group to monitor and feedback with plan for the area in the autumn.	Platinum Plott WG	On Going
11a.	**Finances** The payment list for July 2026 was approved unanimously:- 13/07/2026 HELEN STEWART £1,134.63 13/07/2026 HMRC £459.52 13/07/2026 E.ON - maintenance £423.60 13/07/2026 NPOWER – elec streetlights £2,446.98 13/07/2026 MARK COOPER £1,779.50 13/07/2026 E.ON – village green power supply £32.55	No Action	

11b.	The payments list made under delegated authority was noted:- 11/06/2026 AMAZON – NP ITEMS £16.88 15/06/2026 AMAZON – NP ITEMS £49.78 15/06/2026 AMAZON – NP ITEMS £24.89 19/06/2026 LLOYDS – ACCOUNT FEE £4.25 24/06/2026 AMAZON – PAINT BRUSHES (BUS SHELTER) £30.86 24/06/2026 RUSTOLEUM – PAINT BUS SHELTER £568.26 02/07/2026 GOOGLE MAIL £63.00	No Action	
11c.	A budget update was shared and accepted.	No Action	
12.	**Correspondence** Resident – School Bus Routes Resident – Construction Traffic Resident – Tree on Plott Lane	No Action	
13.	**Any Other Business** Grass cutting is not on a regular schedule at RBC Footpaths maintenance.		
14.	**Date of Next 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 8.29pm