**Minutes of Stretton Sugwas Parish Council meeting held via Zoom on**

Thursday 18th March 2021 at 7.00pm

In attendance: Andy Fellowes (Chairman), John Robinson (Vice Chair) Stuart Howard, Beryl Andrews, Garnet Cresswell, Gail Hume.

Also present: Bob Matthews, Ward Councillor, Emma Noble, Parish Clerk and three members of the public

1. **To receiveapologies – Hilda Davies**
2. **To consider minutes of meetings held 18th February January 2021- these were agreed by all Parish**

**Councillors present to be a true account of the meeting and ADOPTED.**

1. **To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation – no declarations received.**
2. **To receive views of parish matters from local residents- no matters raised by the local residents**

**present.**

1. **To receive a report from the Ward Councillor – Ward Cllr Bob Matthews reported that the incorrect white road markings in the centre of Church Road will hopefully be removed via Hydroblast. If this is successful then work on the agreed markings can commence. In regard to the recent concerns over the number of HGV’s using Church Road Ward Cllr Matthews clarified that some HGV vehicles have a Right of Access to the Tacograph Centre and KTH as this has been previously agreed. A cycleway has been agreed for along Kings Acre Road.**
2. **Planning - To comment on planning applications determined by Herefordshire Council under clerks**

**delegated powers – no planning applications have been received since the last meeting. – no**

**applications have been received and none were discussed.**

**7) Finance – To consider payment for: -**  Clerks salary as determined by agreed pay scale and budget

this was ACTIONED.

1. **To discuss concerns with the mud on Roman Road Parish Cllr Cresswell had noticed that there was a**

**substantial amount of mud along Roman Road – Parish Cllr Cresswell had emailed Wyevale**

**expressing his concern that mud from the fields used by Wyevale along Roman Road were covered**

**in a layer of thick mud that was hazardous for all road users. Wyevale acknowledged this and cleared**

**the road of mud. Ward Cllr Cresswell has also asked Mike Gill, Locality Steward at Balfour Beatty to**

**keep an eye on this in the future and also it was noted that the mud blokes the drains alongside of**

**the road which then causes pools of water to gather on the road. Mike Gill will clear the drains.**

1. **To discuss possible development of website – Parish Cllr Hume has looked into the costings of websites and emailed to the Parish Council. The Clerk will get a third quote and this can be discussed at the next meeting. It was let that the village hall will have a separate website.**

**ACTION:CLERK**

1. **To discuss footpath closure on Church Road – it was noted footpath work commences on 29th March. James Buchanan was in attendance and advised if anyone has questions he is more than happy to answer any queries. The question of the shrubbery along the wire fence was raised and Ward Cllr Matthews confirmed this will be removed for a neat hedge along the fence. Once the job is completed the Parish Council will officially thank Andy Byng and his team.**
2. **To consider the installation of dog foul bins -Parish Cllr Cresswell reported that a local resident had concerns over dog fouling in the parish. GC spoke with Molly Waters from Balfour Beatty who confirmed the provision of dog foul bins are up to the Parish Council. Balfour Beatty are replacing dog foul bins they provide with general waste bins. The dog foul bin in the parish that was situated opposite the church has gone as TW was going to place it by the quarry nut this was then retracted. As the waste is classed as a bio hazard it requires specialised removal by contractors and not only is it expensive but it is difficult to get find contractors who are interested in village dog foul bins. GC followed this up by asking a few parishioners on their thoughts as to whether they thought it was a problem in the village and they all felt that it was not. It was decided thar the parish council would look at obtaining posters and laminate a few to display around the village and that maybe a mixed-use bin could be located on Roman Road. In may also be an idea to get the school involved with designing a poster that we can then print off. GC will contact the school to see if this is a possibility. The clerk will liaise with the Community Protection Team and posters. ACTION: CLERK and GC**
3. **To consider Balfour Beatty’s recent communication regarding the frequency of verge cutting – It was agreed by all those present that the current verge cutting plan is satisfactory.**

1. **Correspondence**

**Please see the Clerk Information Sheet**

1. **Items for the next agenda – Memorial for SW**
2. **Date of Next Meeting – 15th April 2021**

**Meeting finished at 7.53pm**