

**Minutes of Stretton Sugwas Annual Parish Meeting
held on Thursday 21st May 2026 at 6pm at
Stretton Sugwas Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Andrew Fellowes, Marianne Marshall, John Robinson, Garnet Creswell, James Croft-Hill, Jane Denny, Patricia Hales, Ward Cllr Charlotte Taylor, one member of public and Tanya Walshe (Parish clerk/RFO)

- 1. Apologies for absence – None Received**
- 2. Chairman's Annual Report on work of the Parish Council**

During the year to March 2026, the Parish Council continued to meet every two months (and on further occasions with extra-ordinary meetings) in order to discuss and consider matters of importance to the village and the community with the purpose to try to improve and manage the issues of concerns for the benefit of all.

The Parish Council continued to respond to all planning applications, and subsequent amendments, that were submitted for projects within the community and on its boundaries, via the SSPC planning sub-committee. Charlie Taylor is our Local Council representative and the Parish Council work with her so as to ensure that the parish of Stretton Sugwas obtains a reasonable service from the Local Authority with regards to planning applications, hedge trimming, grass maintenance, pot hole repairs etc.

I would like to make special mention of Garnet Cresswells work in leading the Speed Indication Device (SID) project. His efforts have led to the purchase and installation of a SID camera available in 4 different locations within the villages of Stretton Sugwas and Swainshill.

The Parish Council have ongoing projects in the area, and during the year have planted a new tree in The Copse. Jane Denny and James Hill have also planted seeds within The Copse to produce a wild flower meadow area. I would like to thank Jane and James for their work on this undertaking.

The Parish Council has continued to financially support various projects with regard to our Parish Graveyard and the Parish newsletter.

The community Speed Watch is going from strength to strength with new traffic monitoring sites identified within the parish. Garnet has signed up further volunteers to assist with this venture and I would expect more opportunities to monitor traffic through the villages will be undertaken as the weather improves and the enlarged pool of volunteers are available. I would like to thank Garnet for his ongoing work on this project.

Following Stuart Howards decision to step down from the Parish Council last year, we were able to recruit a new Councillor and have welcomed Patricia Hales to the Parish Council.

The past year also saw the resignation of Emma Noble, our Parish Clerk. I would like to thank Emma for all her guidance, patience and help while she was in the role. We did briefly appointment a new Parish Clerk, Sam Johnston, but unfortunately other commitments led to Sam leaving us after two months in the position. However, I am pleased to confirm that a new Parish Clerk has recently been appointed and would like to welcome Tanya Walshe to the role

Andy Fellowes Chairman – Stretton Sugwas Parish Council

3. Parish matters raised by local residents – none raised

4. Date of next Annual Parish Meeting – 20th May 2027 6pm

Meeting closed at 18:06

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