

Stretham Parish Council
Footpaths & Highways Sub-committee

Terms of Reference

Sub-committee Name:

Footpaths & Highways

Type:

Advisory

Purpose:

Responsible for the maintenance and development of footpaths within the Parish of Stretham and for overseeing and advising the Council on all matters related to the maintenance of the public highways within the Parish.

Scope:

To ensure all footpaths are maintained and fit for purpose.

To collaborate with Cambridgeshire County Council to ensure highways are maintained and fit for purpose.

Authority:

To provide recommendations to Council in respect of operational matters (repairs/renewals/replacements) for all footpaths within the Parish of Stretham.

To provide advice and recommendations to the Council in respect of matters related to the public highways within the Parish.

As per Financial Regulation 4:

Expenditure on revenue items may be authorised up to the amounts included for that class of expenditure in the **approved budget**. This authority is to be determined by:

- The Council for all items over £1,000
- A duly delegated sub-committee of the council for items over £500; or
- The Clerk, in conjunction with the Chairman of Council or Chairman of the appropriate sub-committee, for any items below £500

To ensure compliance with current Standing Orders and Financial Regulations adopted by the Council.

Membership:

A minimum of 3 councillors will be on the sub-committee. Members may include non-councillors.

The chair of the Footpaths and Highways sub-committee will be appointed at the Councils Annual meeting.

Meeting arrangements:

All meetings to be conducted in accordance with Standing Orders Item 3.

The sub-committee shall meet at least 2 times a year, more meetings can take place if needed.

At each meeting, minutes will be taken and presented to the next full Parish Council meeting, where any recommendations will be put forward for approval.

A minimum of three clear days' notice of a meeting is required. The three clear days for notice of a meeting does not include the day on which notice was issued, the day of the meeting, a Sunday, a day of the Christmas break, a day of the Easter break or of a bank holiday or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.

The minimum three clear days' public notice for a meeting does not include the day on which the notice was issued or the day of the meeting unless the meeting is convened at shorter notice.

If the sub-committee chair is unable to make a meeting, the meeting will still go ahead with another sub-committee member chairing – this is to ensure business is dealt with promptly.

A minimum of 2 sub-committee members must attend a meeting.

Reporting:

The sub-committee reports to the Parish Council; Minutes of each meeting will be presented to the next full Parish Council meeting, where any recommendations will be put forward for approval.

The sub-committee is responsible for ensuring any budgeting requirements are submitted to the November Finance, Governance and Personnel Committee, annually.

Deliverables:

The sub-committee is required, on behalf of the Parish Council, to ensure all amenities listed in these Terms of Reference are maintained to a satisfactory safety standard and to ensure best practice is adopted when recommending the use of parish funds.

The sub-committee is responsible for ensuring any budgeting requirements are submitted to the November Finance, Governance and Personnel Committee, annually.

In conjunction with the Clerk, to prepare and submit for approval, any applications for grant funding.

Risk Assessments:

The sub-committee is responsible for the writing and annual review of the following risk assessments:

General risk assessment for footpaths.

No risk assessments are required for highways as the maintenance and repair of the public highways is the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council.

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually and may be amended, varied or modified after a review.

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