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**Minutes of the full Meeting of Stoke Bruerne Parish Council held on
Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7:30pm**

Parish Councillors Present: Kathryn Dodington (Acting Chair), Pat Stimson, Barbara Osborne, Terry Richardson, Simon Lake

Also present: Bobs Damerell (Parish Clerk), and 12 members of the public

23/104	To receive and accept apologies for absence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Morley
22/105	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Dodington declared an interest in item 23/111 (c) Development at 1 Canalside Cottages
22/106	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th March 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.
23/107	Invitation for questions from members of the public – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q. A resident raised the chains and posts around the Village Green have been knocked over. Could this be repaired? • A. The Clerk to check who historically installed the post and enquire about the repair. • Q. The Museum car park – Would the Council object to have signs made to direct visitors to the Museum Car Park in order to reduce the number parking in residents car park or on the street. • A. Cllr Dodington to discuss this with the Area Manager for the CRT to discuss the signs.
23/108	Invitation to Unitary Councillor to provide updating report – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies were received from WNC Cllr Fowler. It was arranged for Cllr Dodington to have a catch up phone call with Cllr Fowler on the 26 April 2023.
23/096	To receive Clerk's report – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk confirmed that documents had been submitted to the Internal Auditor • The Clerk also updated that a request had been received from Towcester Juniors to play a match on Wednesday 3 May 2023. The Council approved the request with the proviso for players and spectators to park in the Church Car Park
23/097	Planning <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive notification of decisions/updates received from SNC Planning applications

New Applications

Application Number	Location	Proposal	PC Comments
WNS/2023/0468/TCA	Verge outside Brooklyn Cottage 1 Rookery Lane Stoke Bruerne NN12 7SJ	T1 - Fell Cherry tree, T2 - Fell Almond tree	The Parish Council has no objection to this application, but asks if the applicant would explore the possibility of sourcing a replacement tree.

Decisions

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Decision
None			

Appeals

Application Number	Location	Proposal
None		

23/098 Parish Matters

Item	Subject	Description	Parish Council Resolution
a.	Canal update	To receive a report from Cllr Dodington on the Canal River Trust and any actions necessary	<p>The steep steps have been fenced off by the CRT as these have been deemed dangerous.</p> <p>Winvic have donated 18 tonnes of type 1 and have agreed to install this</p> <p>The plan is to replace the top gates on the Top Locke.</p>
b.	Roads / Safety	To review the current road maintenance in the area and to receive an update on the application for a new SiD from SEGRO	<p>Cllr Dodington updated that she attended a meeting on the roads.</p> <p>There is still no sign showing a right turn on the road to Shutlanger.</p> <p>Cllr Dodington has arranged to meet with Andrea Leadsom MP to discuss the roads on the 19 May and encouraged questions from residents.</p>
c.	Development at 1 Canalside Cottages	To review the decking that has been erected at 1 Canalside cottages and what actions to take	David Locke (Resident) – stated his opposition to this installation of decking outside No.1 Canalside Cottages.

Cat Murray (Owner) – addressed the Council informing that the intention is to put the box hedging back via a planter.

There is also a concern as to why there have been no conversations with her about the decking before bringing the matter to the Council Meeting

The owner has studied the Conservation Area document on 'keeping Stoke Bruerne as it is' and have checked that the decking has not contravened these regulations.

Question: When do you foresee that this would be complete?

Answer: Hopefully in the next couple of weeks. The planter would be higher than the railings so will hide the new decking so it would not be visible.

Richard Traves (Resident), stated that he felt that the communication had been poor in regards to this installation and that it would have been better to speak to the resident before coming to the meeting.

Richard also stated that he was disturbed about the similar installation outside Cottages 3 & 4 and how these were allowed to go through without any objection from the Parish Council.

The Clerk suggested as a future method, that if a concern is received from a resident then two Cllrs should visit the resident and the subject of the concern to establish further information before feeding back to the Council and taking the next steps.

			It was also agreed that as the decking has not been part of a planning application there is no recourse for the Council to take at this time but to monitor the situation.
d.	Clock	To review and resolve on the future maintenance of the Church Clock	Cllr Dodington updated that approval from the Diocesan Advisory Committee is waiting for one more signature for approval.
e.	Drains & Gulleys	To report on the progress of the clearing of the drains and any necessary actions that need to be taken	Cllr Stimson confirmed that there is no update from the last meeting. It is an ongoing concern that the Parish Council are continuing to Cllr Dodington to research a water testing kit to purchase. A resident also confirmed they would list the water on Fix my Street for investigation and repair.
f.	Trees	To review and discuss the trees on the Playing Field	The Council resolved to engage the Tree Surgeon following the receipt of the quote to carry out the work on the tree leaning on a shed in a residents property.
g.	Update from Tove	To receive any update from Tove Football Club	There was concern by a resident over a visiting player who had parked on the grass. The Chair at Tove responded apologising and had raised this with the opposition Team. The Chair had confirmed that an A-frame sign was being purchased to direct parking. A resident confirmed that they had an A frame they were willing to donate for the use by Tove.

23/099	Playing Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive weekly inspection sheets and agree any actions • The Clerk to send through an updated rota.

23/100	Finance	<p>a. Account Balances (as at 20 March 2023):</p> <p>Account: 61035150 - £10,310.91</p> <p>Account: 41265695 - £10,088.51</p>
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b. To resolve to pay the following outstanding accounts:

Payee	Goods/Services	Net £	VAT £	Gross £	Cheque number
NJ Blackwell	Grass Cutting	555.50	111.12	666.72	
Bobs Damerell	Clerk Salary	£294.03	£0.00	£294.03	
Bobs Damerell	Home Working Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	
HMRC	PAYE	£2.40	£0.00	£2.40	

23/101 Any other business –

- No other business was raised

23/102 Next meeting 30th May 2023. Any items for the agenda to the Clerk by 20th May 2023

Meeting closed at 20.54