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**Minutes of the full Meeting of Stoke Bruerne Parish Council held on
Tuesday 18 July 2023 at 7:30pm**

Parish Councillors Present: Kathryn Dodington, Pat Stimson, Barbara Osborne, Terry Richardson, Simon Lake, Trevor Morley

Also present: Dave Weston (Interim Parish Clerk), Louisa Fowler WNC Councilor and 4 members of the public

The meeting began with Cllr Dodington introducing Dave Weston as the interim clerk following the resignation of the previous clerk. An advert for a clerk will be done in due course.

23/016	To receive and accept apologies for absence. • No apologies were received	Action
23/017	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. • Cllr Dodington declared an interest under items 23/023a and g	
23/018	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 May 2023 • The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.	
23/019	Invitation for questions from members of the public – No questions were asked that were not covered on the agenda.	
23/020	Invitation to Unitary Councillor to provide updating report – • Cllr Fowler had held a video call with Dame Andrea Leadsom MP. The Cowpastures Lane Roundabout is due to open 28 August. The relief road is due to fully open October 2024 and the town centre will then be weight restricted to 7.5 and a speed limit of 20mph. The area around the co-op will be landscaped and the parking there will be blue badge only. • Cllr Stimson raised a concern that local villages will be used by HGVs as a 'rat-run' getting to J15 development. It was resolved Cllr Fowler will establish where the weight limit is scheduled to begin and what measures will be in place to prevent rat runs. • DHL have submitted their application. National Highways and WNC have agreed to do traffic modelling using the same data model, to show cumulative traffic for 2031 with no development, full development and individual development. The final decision will be taken at a strategic planning committee meeting sometime in Oct/Nov/Dec 2023.	LF
23/021	To receive Clerk's report – • The interim Clerk had no report to present.	

23/022 Planning Matters

New Applications

Application Number	Location	Proposal	PC Comments
WNS/2021/1819/EIA	Land A5 north of Bell Plantation	Roundabout access and new facility for Towcester Town FC	No comments to add

Decisions

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Decision
None			

Appeals

Application Number	Location	Proposal
None		

23/023 Parish Matters

Item	Subject	Description	Parish Council Resolution	Action
a.	Canal update	To receive a report from Cllr Dodington on the Canal and River Trust and any actions necessary	The Canal and River Trust have asked the PC to take on responsibility for the 6 dog bins around the canal. A parishioner has offered to pay for the first year. It was resolved the PC do not wish to take on responsibility and clerk to write to Canal and River Trust to tell them.	DW
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	The SiD has been received but unsure if we have received the money for it. Cllr Osbourne to check	BO
c.	Clock	To review and resolve on the future maintenance of the Church Clock	Electricians will be sorting the wiring w/c 24 July. The new clock has been ordered, date for installation to be confirmed. The clock will strike no later than 10pm and no earlier than 7am.	

d.	Drains & Gulleys	To report on the progress of the clearing of the drains and any necessary actions that need to be taken	Recently 4 homes were flood damaged after heavy rain. Records to be kept of these, photographic evidence taken. Cllrs Stimson and Richardson have a meeting Tuesday 25 July with WNC and Kier to discuss blocked drains. Water has been running down Bridge Road again Anglian Water attended but the van was hit in an RTC. They will not carryout further examination without proper traffic management. It is believed the water is a mixture of spring and mains leaking water.	PS/TR
e.	Trees	To review and discuss the trees on the Playing Field	The trees on the playing field have had their work completed.	
f.	Update from Tove	To receive any update from Tove Football Club	No update to report.	
g.	Planning 1 Canalside Cottages	To receive a report on invitation to submit planning application	No update to report	
h.	Playground Equipment	To receive a report on the annual H&S inspection	The invoice for the inspection has been sent but no report seen. Clerk to check if report sent	DW
I	Public Meeting	Updates on meetings regarding roads 02/06/23 and on-line13/07/23	Both meetings successful,	

23/024	Playing Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive weekly inspection sheets and agree any actions. Cllr Lake will send round inspection sheets to all	SL
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23/025	Finance a. Account Balances (as at 20 April 2023): Account: 61035150 - £9,901.67 Account: 41265695 - £10,088.51 (Note, these cannot at this time be verified by the interim clerk). The cheque book and all associated papers and records are still waiting to be returned to the PC. b. To resolve to pay the following outstanding accounts: <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Goods/Services</th> <th>Net</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>Gross</th> <th>Chq no,</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>NJ Blackwell</td> <td>Grass Cutting</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>£705.36</td> <td>200341</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Damerell</td> <td>Clerk Salary</td> <td>£331.55</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>£331.55</td> <td>200342</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee	Goods/Services	Net	VAT	Gross	Chq no,	NJ Blackwell	Grass Cutting	£0.00	£0.00	£705.36	200341	R Damerell	Clerk Salary	£331.55	£0.00	£331.55	200342
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	R Damerell Clerk Home Working Allowance	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	200343
	Salcey Tree Work on the Playing Field	£0.00	£0.00	£444.00	200344
	PlaySafety Ltd Play equipment inspection	£82.00	£16.40	£98.40	TBC

23/026	Any other business	Action
	<p>Cllr Dodington gave the quote for a 3-year contract from Clear Utility Solutions for streetlights electricity. It was resolved the clerk will ask for 1- and 2-year quotes from Clear Utility Solutions. Cllr Stimson asked about the possibility of solar powering the streetlights.</p> <p>SNVB have asked for a mapping exercise for all parishes listing all community groups.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>All Cllrs to respond to clerk</p>

Date of next meeting 29 August 2023. Any items for the agenda to the Clerk by 22 August 2023

Meeting closed at 20.40hrs