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**Minutes of the full Meeting of Stoke Bruerne Parish Council held on
Tuesday 17 September 2024 7:30pm**

Parish Councillors Present: Kathryn Dodington (chair), Barbara Osborne, Simon Lake, Pat Stimson, Terry Richardson, David Locke

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

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| 24/160 | To receive and accept apologies for absence. Trevor Morley | Action |
| 24/161 | To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. Under item 168 Cllrs Dodington, Richardson and Locke declared an interest | |
| 24/162 | To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 July 2024. It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, they were signed accordingly by the chair. | |
| 24/163 | Invitation for questions from members of the public There were no questions | |
| 24/164 | Invitation to Unitary Councillor to provide updating report Cllr Fowler reported she was now sitting as an independent councillor and would not be standing for re-election in 2025. She is now on the South planning committee. There is no news on the potential closure of Shutlanger Road, it is not back on the council agenda. | |
| 24/165 | To discuss any matters arising not on the agenda. There were no matters arising. | |
| 24/166 | Correspondence List There was nothing to review | |
| 24/167 | To receive Clerk's report The clerk reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NCALC Conference is 5 October at Moulton. Cllr Dodington to attend. • WNC are asking for a Local Nature Recovery Strategy SPOC. There were no takers from the Councillors present. • Nominations for attendees for the West Northants Climate Summit were asked for. There were no takers from the councillors present. | DW |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WNC have advised that £510.09 is available for the parish to undertake grass mowing, It was resolved this would be taken up. | DW |
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24/168 Planning Matters

New Applications

| Application Number | Location | Proposal | Decision |
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Decisions

None

Appeals

APP/W2845/D/24/3349230 1 Canalside Cottages. At this point (1945hrs) Cllrs Dodington, Locke and Richardson left the meeting. Cllr Osborne assumed temporary chair. It was **resolved unanimously** to allow the existing objection from the PC to the proposed development to stand and be carried forward to the planning appeal. The Three councillors returned to the meeting at 1947hrs and Cllr Dodington resumed the chair.

24/169 Parish Matters

| Item | Subject | Description | Parish Council Resolution | Action |
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| 169/1 | Canal update | To receive a report from Cllr Dodington | The Grand Union Canal Transfer project are holding a pop up public awareness event on 3 October on the green outside the Museum. Clerk has placed this on the website. | |
| 169/2 | Roads / Safety | To review the current road maintenance in the area | <p>A: The hedge along rookery lane has been cut, the path needs the overgrowth cutting back.</p> <p>B: the repairs for Bridge Road are scheduled to start on 2 October.</p> <p>C: Shutlanger Road Closure. Item DISCHARGED</p> <p>D: Community Speed watch. Cllr Locke to download the latest data from the VASCAM signs.</p> <p>E: PC McGarry will be brought out and placed along Bridge Road</p> | <p>DL</p> <p>DL</p> |

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| 169/3 | Drains & Gulleys | To report on the condition of local drains | Cllr Stimson reported the drains had been jet washed earlier this month and the only issue now was collapsing sewers which Anglian Water are fully aware of. The issue of the smell near the school has been resolved. | |
| 169/4 | Street Light Works | | Streetlight replaced to PC satisfaction. Item DISCHARGED. | |
| 169/5 | WNC Funding | To report on progress of securing additional funding | Cllrs have met representative from WNC and SEGRO. Segro offering £5K as Stoke Bruerne does not go up against the development. The PC have been invited to join the consultation group. Clerk to accept. The PC feel the £5K offer is insufficient for the disruption caused to the village through the A508 redevelopment. | DW |
| 169/6 | War Memorial | To progress the war memorial restoration | The clerk reported £4835 has been raised so far. The deposit has been paid and work is due to start 'early October'. The clerk has asked the contractor it be completed before Remembrance Sunday. | |
| 169/7 | Salt Bins | To monitor the bins for salt | The bins on Rookery Lane and Bridge Road opposite the school Cllrs Stimson and Locke will assess the requirements for the bins | PS/DL |
| 169/8 | Defibrillator | | Volunteers from the village have offered to monitor the defib. South Northants Community Responders will take on checks. Cllr Dodington is re-registering with appropriate authorities. | KD |
| 169/9 | Village Green | | A visit has been done to trim growth near houses. Work is needed on a broken post. Cllr Locke will look at it. Clerk to liaise with parishioner over supplier of previous posts. | DL/DW |

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| 24/170 | Playing Field A parishioner has complained about over hanging trees into her garden Cllr Stimson to liaise and obtain a quote. | | | PS |
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| | Towcester Juniors FC have confirmed they will not be using the playing field for football this season. They sighted the negativity on local social media as a significant reason for this. It was noted that there may well be a rise on the precept going forward to negate the shortfall caused by the withdrawal of both football teams. | |
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| 24/171 | <p>Finance & Governance</p> <p>1/ The financial report for August 2024 was presented. It was resolved to accept the report.</p> <p>2/ It was resolved to pay the following bills:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Confidential expenses for August 2024</td> <td>£298.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (August)</td> <td>£68.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Confidential expenses for September 2024</td> <td>£299.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (Sept)</td> <td>£68.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Blackwell Grass cutting</td> <td>£699.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich Insurance</td> <td>£599.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reimbursement Cllr Osborne (Brooks of Bruerne)</td> <td>£200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reimbursement Clerk (Microsoft licence)</td> <td>£59.99</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was resolved to cancel the contract with WNC regarding the waste bin sited outside the playing field.</p> <p>3/ It was resolved to renew the council insurance with Zurich</p> <p>4/ It was resolved to make the payment of £500 to STOP 3000 Trucks under our powers of Section 137 monies as agreed at the meeting in January 2024 under 23/083.</p> <p>It was resolved to make a donation of £100 to Home Start Daventry and South Northants under S137 powers.</p> | Confidential expenses for August 2024 | £298.85 | HMRC (August) | £68.40 | Confidential expenses for September 2024 | £299.05 | HMRC (Sept) | £68.20 | N Blackwell Grass cutting | £699.24 | Zurich Insurance | £599.00 | Reimbursement Cllr Osborne (Brooks of Bruerne) | £200.00 | Reimbursement Clerk (Microsoft licence) | £59.99 | <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>DW</p> |
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| 24/172 | <p>Museum Car Park Sign</p> <p>Canal and River Trust have asked to replace the sign in the museum car park owned by us with another. Cllr Dodington will liaise to see what the change will involve.</p> | KD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 24/173 | <p>Items for next Agenda</p> <p>No items suggested</p> | |
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Date of next meeting. Tuesday 15 October 2024. Any items for the agenda to the Clerk by Tuesday 8 October 2024

Meeting closed at 2040Hrs

| Stoke Bruerne Parish Council Financial Report to 31 August 2024 | |
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| Bank Statements on 31 August 2024 | £20,746.69 |
| Current Account | £10,429.76 |
| Savings Account | £10,316.93 |
| Un-presented payments to 31 August 2024 | £0.00 |
| ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 August 2024 | £20,746.69 |
| Monies Held on Behalf of Village | |
| DBT for Clock Maintenance | £142.56 |
| War Memorial Restoration (WARM) | £4,235.00 |
| Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves | |
| CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept) | £9,000.00 |
| Parish Council Fund Position on 31 August 2024 | £7,369.13 |
| Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed: | |
| Bills for Payment in September 2024 | |
| N Blackwell (note this was paid as part of the internet banking trial) | £699.24 |
| Confidential Expenses (August) | £298.85 |
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| Zurich Insurance | £599.00 |
| Reimbursement Cllr Osborne for Brocks of Bruerne (Work on village green) | £200.00 |
| Reimbursement Clerk (Microsoft licence) | £59.99 |
| WNC Waste Removal | £234.00 |
| Direct Debits due in September 2024 (Yu Energy) | £101.40 |
| Bank Charges (September) | £9.78 |
| Total Payments for September | £2,637.91 |
| Parish Council Fund Position on 17 September 2024 | £4,731.22 |
| Financial Transactions for July/August 2024 | |
| Urgent Payments made since meeting in July/August (N Blackwell) | £786.72 |
| Direct Debits presented in July/August (Yu Energy) | £197.12 |
| Receipts during July/August (Warm) | £1,040.00 |
| Cheques/Internet payments out in July/August (incl bank charges) | £4,051.55 |
| VAT to be claimed 2023/2024 | £1,823.36 |

2409 SBPC CORRESPONDENCE LIST

| Correspondence List 10 July 2024 - 12 September 2024 | | | |
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| Date Circulated | From | Correspondence | Circulated by |
| 10-Jul | WNC | Cycle Race | DW |
| 10-Jul | | | |
| 16-Jul | | | |
| 19-Jul | | | |
| 1-Aug | | | |
| 28-Aug | | | |
| 10-Sep | NCALC | Weekly update | DW |
| 10-Jul | | | |
| 16-Jul | | | |
| 31-Jul | | | |
| 28-Aug | | | |
| 10-Sep | WNC | Weekly Planning update | DW |
| 10-Jul | ACRE | Monthly update | DW |
| 10-Jul | Louisa Fowler | DHL update | DW |
| 16-Jul | Mason-Hart | Lamppost replacement | DW |
| 18-Jul | KD email | broken post on green | KD |
| 19-Jul | BRTA | Meeting date | DW |
| 19-Jul | Anglian Water | Lorries in village | DW |
| 19-Jul | WNC | Wasp treatment | DW |
| 29-Jul | KD email | Shutlanger Road Closure | KD |
| 30-Jul | KD email | Wildflower Verges | KD |
| 31-Jul | NCALC | 3x briefing sessions | DW |
| 31-Jul | WNC | Draft Transport strategy | DW |
| 01-Aug | NCALC | Training Bulletin | DW |
| 01-Aug | Persimmon Homes | Towcester Relief Road | DW |
| 01-Aug | WNC | Planning Surgeries | DW |
| 01-Aug | WNC | Town and Parish Briefing | DW |
| 01-Aug | OPFCC | Newsletter | DW |
| 01-Aug | Police | Beat Bus | DW |
| 02-Aug | NCALC | e update | DW |
| 05-Aug | KD email | Navigation parking | KD |
| 14-Aug | KD email | Anglian Water supply | KD |
| 28-Aug | Zurich | Insurance renewal | DW |
| 28-Aug | ACRE | Monthly newsletter | DW |
| 28-Aug | WNC | Planning Application - 2024/3999/TCA | DW |
| 30-Aug | SEGRO | Section 106 monies` | KD |
| 30-Aug | KD Email | Sewers | KD |
| 01-Sep | KD Email | Defibrillator | KD |
| 10-Sep | WNC | Movement of land to Roade Parish | DW |
| 10-Sep | Home Start | Grant consideration | DW |
| 10-Sep | WNC | Local Nature Recovery Strategy | DW |
| 10-Sep | WNC | APP/W2845/D/24/3349230 planning appeal | DW |
| 10-Sep | GUCT | Public Consultation Programme | DW |
| 12-Sep | KIER | Bridge Road/Chapel Lane resurfacing | DW |
| 12-Sep | WNC | Tree strategy drop in | DW |
| 12-Sep | Parish Online | Briefings | DW |
| 12-Sep | NCALC | Training Courses | DW |