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**Minutes of the full Meeting of Stoke Bruerne Parish Council held on
Tuesday 19 November 2024 7:30pm**

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

Also present: Dave Weston (Parish Clerk), and 2 members of the public

24/186	To receive and accept apologies for absence. Louisa Fowler WNC Councillor	Action
24/187	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. None were declared	
	Present at the meeting were Sam Simons Head of Highways Maintenance at WNC and Andrew and Darren from Kier to present on the current highways and drains situation. Sam began by explaining that the repairs on Bridge Road to the drains and to the water situation on the road surface, are planned to start on 27 January 2025 subject to them being granted a full road closure which has been applied for. Completion aimed for 31 January 2025. The resurface of bridge road (from the bridge), chapel lane and rookery lane is scheduled to be in March 2025. Kier representatives explained that investigative work is happening to address the flood issue around the cottages near the village green. The Council made 2 comments, the footpath along rookery lane to the A508 needs attention. Sam agreed to review the Fix my Street referral. He was also asked for Knock lane to be considered as a diversion route instead of through the centre of the village.	
24/188	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2024. It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, they were signed accordingly by the chair.	
24/189	Invitation for questions from members of the public There were no questions	
24/190	Invitation to Unitary Councillor to provide update report Cllr Fowler was not present.	
24/191	To discuss any matters arising not on the agenda. There were no matters arising.	
24/192	Correspondence List There was nothing to review	
24/193	To receive Clerk's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The beat bus will be at the museum carpark 10-12noon 20 November 2024. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHL have submitted an appeal against the WNC decision to refuse planning approval for the development near to Bells Plantation at Towcester. • The cricket clubs crowdfunder is progressing well towards the target that will provide for the new net system. • The village doesn't have any Assets of Community Value (ACV) listed with WNC. The clerk explained what an ACV was and what the protection could provide. It was resolved that it would be an agenda item in January. 	DW
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24/194	Planning Matters 194/1 Updates on current planning matters Nothing to review 194/2 Review current planning applications Nothing to review	
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24/195 Parish Matters

Item	Subject	Description	Information	Action
195/1	Canal update	To receive a report from Cllr Dodington	The canal museum has advertised for an assistant manager. Revised opening hours are 10-3pm Mon-Fri, 10-4pm Saturday.	
195/2	Roads / Safety	To review the current road maintenance in the area	Nothing further to discuss after the input from WNC/Kier	
195/3	Drains & Gulleys	To report on the condition of local drains	Nothing further to discuss after the input from WNC/Kier	
195/4	Section 106 Monies		Nothing further heard from Kier or WNC on this. It was resolved the clerk will send a chase up email	DW
195/5	War Memorial		The letters have been re-ground, and the memorial cleaned. Further work is needed. It was resolved the clerk will chase this matter up.	DW
195/6	Salt Bins		All in order DISCHARGE	
195/7	Defibrillator		The museum defibrillator is showing regular faults, community heartbeat will be servicing it in due course, The cricket club on is working ok, replacement pads are on order for it.	

195/8	Village Green		No further action needed until spring, DISCHARGE	
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24/196	Playing Field It was resolved that the tree on the field causing issues with the shed of a local house will be felled at the price quoted to Cllr Stimson (approx. £1100). It was noted the shed was put up underneath the tree by the householder. Cllr Stimson to arrange			PS
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24/197	Finance & Governance 197/1 The financial report for October 2024 was presented. It was resolved to accept the report. 197/2 It was resolved to pay the following bills: Confidential expenses for November 2024 £385.55 HMRC £89.80 N Blackwell (inv 1476) £699.24 Reimbursement (Cllr Locke memorial tree) £104.99 Additionally, following the service of the papers for the meeting a further invoice for £393.36 was presented by N Blackwell for grass cutting and another for £30.80 from Cllr Locke for the anti-speeding police signs. It was resolved to pay these this month due to not having a meeting in December. 197/3 Version 0.2 of the budget proposal for 2025/2026 was presented. The deadline for submitting the precept request to WNC is 15 January 2025 before the next SBPC meeting. V 0.2 was amended to show an increase in the HMRC provision and an increase in the Asset repairs and renewals. It was resolved the final budget would be £22,000.00. It was resolved to ask WNC for a precept of £22,000.00 for the year 2025/2026. 197/4. The recent NI changes do not impact on the council. DISCHARGED			DW DW
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24/198	Museum Car Park Sign It was resolved the sign could be replaced by CRT providing it was of similar size and style			KD
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Date of next meeting. Tuesday 21 January 2024. Any items for the agenda to the Clerk by Tuesday 14 January 2024

Meeting closed at 2055 Hrs

2411 SBPC FINANCIAL REPORT

Stoke Bruerne Parish Council Financial Report to 31 October 2024	
Bank Statements on 31 October 2024	£26,713.23
Current Account	£16,345.85
Savings Account	£10,367.38
Un-presented payments to 31 October 2024	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 October 2024	£26,713.23
Monies Held on Behalf of Village	
DBT for Clock Maintenance	£142.56
War Memorial Restoration (WARM)	£4,835.00
Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves	
CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept)	£9,000.00
Parish Council Fund Position on 31 October 2024	£12,735.67
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in November 2024	
N Blackwell (Inv 1476)	£699.24
Confidential Expenses (November)	£385.55
HMRC (November)	£89.80
Reimbursement (D Locke memorial tree)	£104.99
Direct Debits due in November 2024 (Yu Energy)	£116.78
Bank Charges 10 November	£5.00
Total Payments for November	£1,401.36
Parish Council Fund Position on 19 November 2024	£11,334.31
Financial Transactions for October 2024	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in October	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in October (Yu Energy)	£108.46
Receipts during October	£0.00
Cheques/Internet payments out in October (incl bank charges)	£1,181.55
VAT to be claimed 2023/2024	£2,084.74

2411 SBPC CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Correspondence List 10 October 2024 - 17 November 2024

Date Circulated	From	Correspondence	Circulated by
10-Oct	KD Email	Bridge Road Repairs	KD
13-Oct			
19-Oct			
26-Oct			
1-Nov			
8-Nov			
17-Nov	NCALC	Weekly update	DW/KD
13-Oct	WNC	Local Transport Plan	DW
13-Oct	CPRE	Planning Seminar	DW
15-Oct	WNC	Tree Works notification	DW
15-Oct	WNC	Integrated Care forum	DW
15-Oct	WNC	Arts and Culture Newsletter	DW
15-Oct	Rural Service	Newsletter	DW
15-Oct			
23-Oct			
17-Nov	WNC	Weekly Planning report	DW
16-Oct	KD Email	GUCT	KD
19-Oct	WNC	Nature recovery seminar	DW
22-Oct	WNC	Bridge Road Repairs	KD
24-Oct	WNC	Planning Surgery	KD
01-Nov	OPFCC	Newsletter	KD
10-Nov	STOP 3000	Update	KD
13-Nov	Police	Beat Bus times	DW
13-Nov	Police	Team Poster	KD