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**Minutes of the full Meeting of Stoke Bruerne Parish Council held on
Tuesday 21 January 2025 7:30pm**

Parish Councillors Present: Kathryn Dodington (KD)(chair), Simon Lake (SL), Pat Stimson (PS), Terry Richardson (TR), David Locke (DL)

Also present: Dave Weston (DW) (Parish Clerk) and 8 members of the public

Number	Agenda Item	Action
25/001	To receive and accept apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Morley, Cllr Osborne and WNC Cllr Fowler	
25/002	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. Cllr Stimson declared an interest under item 25/009	
25/003	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 November 2024. It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, they were signed accordingly by the chair.	
25/004	Invitation for questions from members of the public. Q: What is happening to the damaged lamppost on Rookery Lane? R: Cllr Locke informed the meeting the top had been removed and the electrics made safe. A replacement top has been found on the internet at a cost of £185. It was unanimously resolved to purchase this and have it fitted. Q: A MOP reported that work will be done on their property which will require temporary traffic lights on Rookery Lane. Also there has been an attempted distraction burglary with the MO of a fake delivery driver. R: the above is noted Q: What is happening to the replacement posts on the village green? R: This is in hand and replacements were agreed at a previous meeting.	DL
25/005	Invitation to Unitary Councillor to provide update report. Cllr Fowler was not present	
25/006	To discuss any matters from the meeting on 19 November 2024 arising not on the agenda. There were no matters arising.	
25/007	To discuss the Correspondence List since 17 November 2024. There was nothing to review.	
25/008	To receive the Clerks Report There was nothing to report that was not covered in the main agenda.	
25/009	To determine and note responses to recent planning applications 009/1: APP/W2845/D/24/3349230 The decision to reject the appeal	

	<p>against refusal of planning permission 1 Canalside, was noted. 009/2: 2024/5684/FUL Stoke Bruerne Cricket Club (Cllr Stimson left the meeting 1938hrs) It was unanimously resolved to support this application. (Cllr Stimson returned at 1940hrs). Save Towcester Now. The recent email from the group was discussed, it was resolved to keep a watching brief at this time.</p>	DW						
25/010	<p>Parish Matters 010/1 Canal Update. Cllr Dodington reported an area of towpath will be closed for vegetation cutting next week. Repairs to Lock 15 start on Monday. 010/2 Roads/Safety. A: Footpath Rookery Lane. Cllr Dodington and Cllr Stimson have met with a WNC representative who will advise the PC of the next course of action WNC will take. B: Bridge Road Repairs. The repairs have been completed; the road will be top-dressed, and the yellow lines replaced with the correct colour. ITEM DISCHARGED C: Bridge Road Traffic Calming. Cllr Dodington has spoken to a WNC rep. The road is an old design which modern measures do not fit. Due to the topography, there is nothing WNC can do. ITEM DISCHARGE 010/3 Drains and Gulleys. Cllr Richarson reported he has reported on FixMyStreet a blocked drain on Rookery Lane that has been classed as a Class 4 response by WNC. 010/4 Section 106 Monies. SBPC have been invited to join the SEGRO Community Liaison Group. It was resolved that Cllr Stimson will attend the next meeting. 010/5 War Memorial. The clerk reported that AJ Mills will be attending early February to finish the restoration. 010/6. Salt Bins. All in order ITEM DISCHARGED 010/7. Defibrillator. Cllr Dodington reported the Museum one has been returned and is in order. 010/8. Village Green. Waiting for the posts to be delivered. 010/9. VE Day 8 May 2025. Roll over to February meeting</p>	TR PS DW DW						
25/011	<p>Playing Field 011/1. Cllr Stimson reported the tree had been felled. Invoice to follow. 011/2. It was resolved to obtain a quote to have the bins emptied.</p>	PS DW						
25/012	<p>Finance and Governance 012/1. To receive the Financial Report for December 2024. It was resolved to accept the report 012/2. To approve bills for payment. It was resolved to pay the following bills</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Confidential Expenses for January 2025</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£309.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£71.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reimbursement Cllr Locke (Memorial Tree and Police cut outs)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£135.79</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was resolved to pay the bills.</p>	Confidential Expenses for January 2025	£309.68	HMRC	£71.00	Reimbursement Cllr Locke (Memorial Tree and Police cut outs)	£135.79	DW
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25/013	<p>Assets of Community Value The clerk explained the rationale behind registering assets within the village with WNC. It was resolved to apply to WNC to register the Cricket Club, the Boat Inn, the Navigation PH, the allotments, the village</p>	DW						

	hall and the playpark	
25/014	Election 2025 The clerk explained that a contested election would cost an estimated £1125.50 and a contested election £64.50. The election date is 1 May 2025.	
	Items for the next agenda None declared	

Meeting Closed at 2025hrs

Date of next meeting: 18 February 2025

2501 SBPC FINANCIAL REPORT

Stoke Bruerne Parish Council Financial Report to 31 December 2024	
Bank Statements on 31 December 2024	£24,552.56
Current Account	£14,136.04
Savings Account	£10,416.52
Un-presented payments to 31 December 2024 (D Loake cancelled £104.99 see below for replacement)	£0.00
ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 31 December 2024	£24,552.56
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 December 2024	£10,575.00
Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:	
Bills for Payment in January 2025	
Confidential Expenses (January)	£309.68
HMRC (January)	£71.00
Reimbursement (D Locke memorial tree)	£135.79
Direct Debits due in January 2025 (Yu Energy)	£139.63
Bank Charges 10 January	£5.00
Total Payments for January 2025	£661.10
Parish Council Fund Position on 21 January 2025	£9,913.90
Financial Transactions for December 2024	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in November (confidential expenses and HMRC)	£380.68
Direct Debits presented in December (Yu Energy)	£134.40
Receipts during December (bank interest)	£49.14
Cheques/Internet payments out in November/December (incl bank charges)	£1,572.95
VAT to be claimed 2023/2024	£2,156.95

2501 SBPC CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Correspondence List 17 November 2024-17 January 2025			
Date Circulated	From	Correspondence	Circulated by
19-Nov	ACRE	November Newsletter	DW
19-Nov	WNC	Town and Parish Briefing	DW
19-Nov	WNC	DHL planning refusal appeal	DW
19-Nov	OPFCC	6 monthly update	DW
19-Nov	WNC	WISE	DW
19-Nov	WNC	Planning update reports	DW
20-Nov	WNC	Planning Application 2024/5249/FULL	DW
22-Nov			
22-Dec			
14-Jan			
17-Jan	NCALC	Weekly update	DW
05-Dec	Ability	Bus service	DW
05-Dec	NCALC	Weekly update	DW
10-Dec	NCALC	Bi monthly update	DW
10-Dec	WNC	Flood defences	DW
10-Dec			
24-Dec			
14-Jan	WNC	Planning update reports	DW
10-Dec	WNC	Refuse collection over Christmas and New Year	DW
10-Dec	DW Email	Wind damage	DW
13-Dec	DL Email	Damage to police cut outs	DL
16-Dec	KD Email	Election 2025	KD
18-Dec	TM Email	Election 2025 intention	TM
20-Dec	DL email	Bridge Road	DL
22-Dec	STN	Appeal for funds	DW
22-Dec	WNC	December Parish Update	DW
22-Dec	NCALC	Training course Election	DW
22-Dec	NSVPP	Newsletter	DW
22-Dec	Persimmon Homes	A43 update	DW
22-Dec	GUCT	Newsletter	DW
22-Dec	OPFCC	Newsletter	DW
24-Dec	WNC	Appeal Rejection Canalside	DW
03-Jan	DL Email	Traffic Calming Bridge Road	DL
04-Jan	KD Email	Traffic Calming Bridge Road	KD
14-Jan	WNC	Planning Application 2024/5684/FULL	DW
14-Jan	WNC	One Northamptonshire consultation	DW
15-Jan	NCALC	Training Newsletter	DW
15-Jan	WNC	Air Quality Survey	DW
17-Jan	GRASS	closing date	DW