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**Minutes of the full Meeting of Stoke Bruerne Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 18 March 2025 7:30pm**

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

**Also present:** Dave Weston (Parish Clerk), and 7 members of the public

Number	Agenda Item	Action
25/029	<b>To receive and accept apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Fowler (WNC) and Cllr Trevor Morley.	
25/030	<b>To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b> There were no declarations	
25/031	<b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 February 2025.</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting, they were signed accordingly by the chair.	
25/032	<b>Invitation for questions from members of the public</b> There were no questions	
25/033	<b>Invitation to Unitary Councillor to provide update report</b> Cllr Fowler was not present. Prospective Councillor Fiona Cole attended and introduced herself to the members present.	
25/034	<b>To discuss any matters arising not on the agenda.</b> It was reported the council have moved onto the .gov email system for all official correspondence.	
25/035	<b>Correspondence List</b> Cllr Dodington reported the order has been placed for a replacement noticeboard for Wentworth Way to be made by a local resident. Cllr Lake has trimmed the trees and bushes around it.	
25/036	<b>To receive the Clerks Report</b> The clerk reported the Police Beat Bus will be at the museum car park on Wednesday 19 March between 1000-1200hrs	
25/037	<b>To determine and note responses to recent planning applications</b> Planning application 2025/0855 Navigation PH was discussed. It was <b>resolved</b> to oppose the felling of the willow tree but support a trim of it to reduce the overhang on the towpath. All other aspects of trimming trees contained within the application were supported. It was noted that the application from the cricket club to install replacement cricket nets has been approved by WNC.	DW
25/038	<b>Parish Matters</b> 038/1 Canal Update. The Canal Partnerships, which was set up to bring	

	<p>the village, the CRT, WNC and other partners together to discuss canal matters is going into abeyance for 6 months. Lock 15 has been repaired. 038/2 Roads/Safety. The micro dressing of Bridge Road into Rookery Lane is planned for next week, but it is weather dependent. Tony Baymont has cut the hedge along Rookery Lane; he is speaking to WNC re: the need to have large machinery in the road to reduce the overgrowth onto the footpath.</p> <p>Anglian Water are planning to start the water main replacement on the Shutlanger Road. Traffic lights will be installed on 31 March 2025, the road is expected to be closed 7 April to 26 June. It will be open for the Moto GP 23-25 May.</p> <p>The 7.5t road signs on the A5 junction and the Greenway should be on proper signposts by now. Cllr Dodington is dealing with WNC to resolve. A MOP reported a leak to the meeting in Chapel Lane. It has been reported.</p> <p>A streetlight on Bridge Road is out, local resident to be contacted to repair.</p> <p>038/3 Drains and Gulleys Running water down Mill Lane. Cllr Stimson is dealing with Anglian Water who have attended once and partially fixed the issue, they are due to return tomorrow to finish, A local resident will dig the ditch out at the bottom of the lane to help resolve. Cllr Stimson is updating the complainants.</p> <p>038/4 Section 106 Monies Cllr Stimson attended the recent SEGRO Community Group meeting. The chair of the meeting has been briefed on the history of the disruption the village suffered because of the building of the bypass.</p> <p>038 /5 War Memorial AJ Mills have been chased for a date to complete the war memorial restoration. Only a deposit has been paid at present.</p> <p>038/6 Defibrillator. The museum one is working ok, as is the cricket club.</p> <p>038/7 Village Green. New posts waiting to be collected from Corby. A MOP is going to fetch them, when next over that way.</p> <p>038/8 VE Day 8 May 2025. Evan Hind will be lighting a bonfire at 9.30pm on the evening in line with national celebration. The cricket to be approach to open as well.</p>	<p><b>KD</b></p> <p><b>DW/PS</b></p> <p><b>PS</b></p> <p><b>DW</b></p>										
<p><b>25/039</b></p>	<p><b>Playing Field</b> The dog bins have been emptied, Clerk to chase the contractor contacted to provide a quote.</p>	<p><b>DW</b></p>										
<p><b>25/040</b></p>	<p><b>Finance and Governance</b> 040/1 The financial report for February 2025 was presented. It was <b>resolved</b> to accept the report. 040/2 It was <b>resolved</b> to pay the following bills:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="272 1809 1034 2002"> <tr> <td>Confidential Expenses</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>NCALC (Training Course Cllr Osborne)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£52.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>STOP 3000 Trucks Campaign</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall Hire</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£180.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>In addition to the bills previously notified it was <b>resolved</b> to pay:</p>	Confidential Expenses	£309.68	HMRC	£71.00	NCALC (Training Course Cllr Osborne)	£52.40	STOP 3000 Trucks Campaign	£500.00	Village Hall Hire	£180.00	<p><b>DW</b></p>
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	<p>Open Spaces Society £45.00</p> <p>MSE Projects Ltd £72.00</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that for the purposes of the final year AGAR that the council would approve the writing off of all cheques not presented from previous years.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to reduce the cut of the rec to monthly for this year.</p>	<b>DW</b>
<b>25/041</b>	<p><b>Assets of Community Value</b></p> <p>The two applications submitted to WNC are still waiting for a final decision.</p>	
<b>25/042</b>	<p><b>Election 2025</b></p> <p>Cllrs Morley and Cllrs Lake have indicated they will not stand in the forthcoming election. The remaining councillors have been reminded of the application process. All parents at the school were given a poster prepared by the council to advertise the need for additional applicants. Posters are in the village and the website has been updated. All were encouraged to seek two suitable candidates.</p>	<b>All</b>
<b>25/043</b>	<p><b>Open Spaces Society</b></p> <p>The clerk reported that the application has been made and is pending the payment of the annual membership which will be made after this meeting.</p>	<b>DW</b>
	<p><b>Items for the next agenda</b></p> <p>Cllr Locke asked for the Immediate Justice scheme to be added.</p>	

Meeting Closed at 2034hrs.

Date of next meeting: 15 April 2025.

## 2503 SBPC FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Stoke Bruerne Parish Council Financial Report to 28 February 2025</b>	
<b>Bank Statements on 28 February 2025</b>	<b>£24,186.95</b>
Current Account	£13,770.43
Savings Account	£10,416.52
Un-presented payments to 28 February 2025	£0.00
<b>ACTUAL FINANCIAL POSITION on 28 February 2025</b>	<b>£24,186.95</b>
<b>Monies Held on Behalf of Village</b>	
DBT for Clock Maintenance	£142.56
War Memorial Restoration (WARM)	£4,835.00
<b>Monies Ring-fenced as Reserves</b>	
CALC recommended reserve (approximately 50% of precept)	£9,000.00
<b>Parish Council Fund Position on 28 February 2025</b>	<b>£10,209.39</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund bills to be agreed:</b>	
Bills for Payment in March 2025	
Confidential Expenses (March)	£309.68
HMRC (March)	£71.00
NCALC (Cllr Osborne Course)	£52.40
FDOG (Stop 3000 Trucks)	£500.00
Village Hall Hire	£180.00
Direct Debits due in March 2025 (Yu Energy & ICO)	£174.70
Bank Charges	£5.00
<b>Total Payments for March 2025</b>	<b>£1,292.78</b>
<b>Parish Council Fund Position on 18 March 2025</b>	<b>£8,916.61</b>
<b>Financial Transactions for February 2025</b>	
Urgent Payments made since meeting in February	£0.00
Direct Debits presented in February (Yu Energy)	£148.61
Receipts during February (VAT Refund & WNC payment for grass cutting)	£1,765.18
Cheques/Internet payments out in February (incl bank charges)	£621.08
<b>VAT to be claimed 2023/2024</b>	<b>£2,194.06</b>

2503 SBPC CORRESPONDENCE

<b>Correspondence List 15 February 2025- 16 March 2025</b>			
<b>Date Circulated</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>Circulated by</b>
17-Feb			
13-Mar	WNC	Weekly Planning Reports	DW
17-Feb	KD	Replacement Notice Board	DW
20-Feb	KD	Street Light response	KD
23-Feb	OPFCC	Newsletter	DW
23-Feb			
14-Mar	NCALC	Weekly update	DW
23-Feb	ALL	Poster	ALL
23-Feb	DW	Complaint about Mill Lane mud and water	DW
07-Mar	DW	Complaint about Mill Lane mud and water	DW
07-Mar	WNC	Tree Planiting	DW
07-Mar	Age Uk	Open Day Northampton	DW
11-Mar	WNC	Election Notice	DW
11-Mar	WNC	Town and Parish Briefing	DW
11-Mar	Fiona Cole	Visit to SBPC	DW