

## **STOKE PARISH COUNCIL**

**A Meeting of Stoke Parish Council was held at The Forge, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

**Present:** Councillors Peter Williams (Chair), Sue Abel, Paul Eden, Jean Jackson, Liz Miller and Paul Pittaway.

**In attendance:** Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

### **031/25 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Dan Bright, Liz Eden, Malcolm Gulliver, Jill Howe, Alyson Jewson, Chris Jewson and Chris Cooke (Parish Lengthsman).

### **032/25 Declarations of Interest**

### **033/25 Requests for Dispensation**

None.

### **034/25 Adjournment of Meeting for Public Question Time**

#### **(1) Members of the Public**

A member of the public referred to the ongoing improvements to the A38 and in particular whether there were any plans to alter the junction at the Hanbury Turn. The Chair replied that he was unaware of any proposed changes to that junction.

#### **(2) County Councillor Kyle Daisley**

#### **(3) District Councillors David Nicholl and Harrison Rone-Clarke**

There were no County or District Councillors present at the meeting.

### **035/25 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3 February 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3 February 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.

### **036/25 Planning Applications**

#### **(i) 25/00145/FUL – 12 Ploughmans Walk, Bromsgrove – Single storey rear extension to the existing property**

This application was withdrawn by the Applicant.

#### **(ii) 25/00166/FUL – Phase 3, Buntsford Hill Business Park, Buntsford Park Road, Bromsgrove – Single storey side extension**

The Parish Council had no issues with this application.

#### **(iii) 25/00156/FUL – 2 Wheatridge Road, Bromsgrove – First floor side extension over existing garage**

The Parish Council supported this application as a good extension to a family home.

### **037/25 Urgent Decisions taken since the Council's last meeting**

None.

## 038/25 Finance

### (1) Invoices for Payment for February 2025

The payments totalling £2,355.00 were unanimously agreed as follows:-

	<b>Cost £</b>	<b>Method</b>
<b>Direct Debits Payment</b>		
Cartridge World – Copier Rental	23.79	Direct Debit-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23.79</b>	
<b>Payments made since the last Parish Council Meeting</b>		
Argos	44.99	Online
Information Commissioner	47.00,	“
Clerk's net salary for February 2025	XXXX	“
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,490.63,</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Payments to be authorised at the Parish Council Meeting</b>		
Clerk's expenses – February 2025	66.33	“
HM Revenue & Customs – Tax/Ni on Clerk's salary – February 2025	486.25	“
IDG Garden Services	288.00.	“
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>840.58.</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Value of Payments for February 2025</b>	<b>2,355.00,</b>	

### (2) Financial Management Statement for February 2025

was noted.

### 039/25 Review of Financial Regulations

After the Parish Council had accepted the financial regulations, the Clerk stated that a new version of the regulations had been published which he was currently reviewing and he would be submitted them to the Council for approval either to the April or May 2025 meeting.

### 040/25 Review of Risk Register

After a brief discussion, the Risk Register was accepted.

### 041/25 Parish Lengthsman's Report

In the absence of the Parish Lengthsman, the Chair reported that litter picking had increased since the last meeting with 27 bags of litter collected. He added that the Lengthsman would be repairing the trampoline at Stoke Heath Recreation Area.

### 042/25 Correspondence

The Chairman reported that he was still receiving correspondence relating to the emptying of the dog bins on Henbrook Gardens which was a matter for the Managing Agents for the site and not the Parish Council. He also reported that he had received a further letter from a resident of Wyche Cottages raising a number of issues. He had asked the Clerk to respond appropriately.

### 043/25 Councillors Points of Information and Items for Future Meetings

None.

**044/25 Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the Parish Council's next meeting would be held on Monday 7 April 2025 commencing at 7.30pm at The Forge, Avoncroft Arts Centre, Stoke Heath.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Chairman

<b>Issue Raised</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
Updating of website	LE to look at what is needed. Clerk to provide additional material.
Defibrillators/First Aid	PC to consider refresher training in use of defibrillators and basic first aid training