STOKE HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at The Community Hall on Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs S Collins (Chair), G laccarino (Vice-Chair), C Dean, G Jinkerson,

R Mouncer and P Strange. Parish Clerk/RFO: D Wickham. District Councillor: J Webber.

C Bussey (New Pavilion Working Group) and no members of the public.

Minute Ref No:

1. To elect a Chairperson for the coming year.

25/038

Cllr Collins was proposed by Cllr laccarino, seconded by Cllr R Mouncer, and elected unanimously.

2. To elect a Vice-Chairperson for the coming year.

25/039

Cllr laccarino was proposed by Cllr Jinkerson, seconded by Cllr R Mouncer, and elected unanimously.

3. To consider approving any apologies for absence.

25/040

Apologies were received from Cllrs K Nobbs, P Russell and D Mouncer and duly approved.

4. To receive any declarations of interest, and requests for dispensation, on any items to be discussed.

25/041

There were none.

5. To suspend the meeting for questions from members of the public and to receive reports from District and County Councillors.

25/042

Reports from County Cllr Thompson and District Cllr Webber had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting. Cllr Strange noted that a grant for play equipment may be available from the Hornsea Project. The deadline for applications was November 2025 and a Playing Field Working Group volunteer was willing to conduct a survey. Cllr laccarino suggested a grant for play equipment may also be available if Lafarge were approached. C Bussey reported that the £20,000.00 grant funds from EDF Energy would be received by the Council in the near future. Cllr laccarino would liaise directly with C Bussey in relation to the paving slabs he kindly offered to donate to the Council.

(Cllr Collins arrived at 8.20pm)

6. To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24th April 2025.

25/043

Having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, it was **AGREED** unanimously that the minutes were approved as a correct record.

7. Finance:

25/044

7.1 Approval of the bank reconciliation and Payment of Accounts List (see below) was **AGREED** unanimously.

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7.2 Cllr laccarino reported that the Council had spent £50 less than £1 million during the 2024/25 financial year. This included the construction of the new Community Hall with no borrowing required. Cllr Collins thanked everybody involved in the Community Hall project for their time and efforts. Cllr laccarino would look into the payments received from Fuuse to determine whether they relate to the EV charger or solar panels.
7.3 Cllr Strange volunteered for the role of Internal Control Officer and his appointment was unanimously **AGREED**. Cllr laccarino would handover the role to Cllr Strange.

8. To receive an update from the Planning Committee re: any Planning Application(s) received after the agenda is posted.

There were none.

25/045

mere were none.

9. To receive any updates from the Community Hall Working Group. Cllr laccarino was in conversation with the licensing authorities in relation to the liquor licensing requirements for the Community Hall. Cllr Collins suggested this topic be discussed at the next CHWG meeting. (Cllr R Mouncer left the meeting at 8.45pm.)
Cllr laccarino had requested broadband connection at the hall and was awaiting a connection date. He would pass this on to Cllr Russell to progress. Cllr Collins would ask local residents with disabilities for their opinions regarding the location of the disabled parking bay in the hall car park.
9.1 Cllr Jinkerson reported that two two-hour cleaning sessions would be required of the contractor appointed to clean the hall each week. The quotes received by Cllr Jinkerson were compared and the Council unanimously AGREED to award the contract to Flawless Cleaning Norfolk. The job

25/046

10. To receive an update from the Wildflower Meadow and Playing Field Working Groups.

25/047

Cllr Jinkerson had drawn-up a list of jobs the caretaker would be asked to complete each week/month. This was **AGREED** unanimously. Cllr Collins would liaise with the caretaker in this regard.

description for the Council's employed cleaner would need to be updated.

10.1 The Council reviewed the quotes received to conduct the annual play area inspection and unanimously **AGREED** to ask The Play Inspection Company to carry-out the work.

11. To elect Parish Council members for the following:

25/048

- 11.1 Playing Field Working Group: This item was adjourned to the next meeting.
- 11.2 Planning Committee: Cllrs Nobbs (Chairperson), Collins and Strange.+ (Cussel)
 The above decisions were **AGREED** unanimously.

12. To elect representatives for the following:

25/049

- 12.1 Six Strategic Group Meetings: Cllr D Mouncer.
- 12.2 Allotment Association: Cllr Jinkerson.
- 12.3 Pre- School Liaison: Cllrs laccarino and Jinkerson.
- 12.4 Community Hall Working Group: Cllr Dean.
- 12.5 Facebook Page: Cllr Collins and the Parish Clerk.
- 12.6 SAM2 Machine: Cllr Russell.
- 12.7 Weekly/Monthly Play Area Inspections: Cllrs D Mouncer and R Mouncer.

The above decisions were AGREED unanimously.

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13. **To identify any training opportunities.** None were identified.

25/050

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 19th June 2025 at 7.30pm.
 This was AGREED unanimously.

25/051

The meeting ended at 10pm

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Payments Approved at the Meeting Held on 21st May 2025

Date	Payee	Description		Net	VAT	Gross
21/05/25	D Wickham	April Expenses		£26.00		£26.00
21/05/25	A Wenn	Expenses		£16.34	£3.26	£19.60
21/05/25	E-on (DD)	Electricity		£454.66	£90.93	£545.59
21/05/25	Wave	Water Bill		£61.06	£12.20	£73.26
21/05/25	Chaplin Farrant	Employer's Agent Fee		£1,749.14	£349.83	£2,098.97
28/05/25	S Himpleman	May Cleaning		£149.50		£149.50
28/05/25	A Wenn	May Caretaker		£169.24		£169.24
28/05/25	D Wickham	May Salary		£876.25		£876.25
28/05/25	Nest (DD)	May Pension		£88.04		£88.04
17/06/25	HMRC	May PAYE & NI		£369.12		£369.12
			Total	£3,959.35	£456.22	£4,415.57

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