

Minutes of the meeting of Stoke by Clare Parish Council held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at The Barn, Ashden Road, Stoke by Clare at 19.30.

Present:

Chair Cllr Dadd
Vice Chair: Cllr Kiddy
Councillors Cllr Smith, Cllr Blake James, Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Nichols

In Attendance:

Clerk to the Council Matthew Price – Clerk to the Council
Cllr Marion Rushbrook - West Suffolk Council

1 Apologies for absence and declaration of interest

- None

2 Declarations of interest

- None

3 Public participation

- The Clerk read an e mail sent in by 1 resident of Stoke by Clare, informing members of on going dog fouling issues they have captured on CCTV and would like the Council to report back on how they are going to take steps to stop this happening. Councillors all agreed that this type of concern is continuing, and the owners of animals that are seen to be fouling the village must be reported going forward, Cllr Kiddy suggested the incident is reported to Environmental Health along with the video footage of the incident.: **Action: The Clerk to report back to the resident the findings and report the incident to Environmental Health**

4 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2024 – Confirmed and signed by Cllr Dadd.

5 Reports

- a) Suffolk County Councillors – None
- b) West Suffolk Councillors report – Cllr Rushbrook

Cllr Rushbrook updated members on the ongoing budget process within West Suffolk and informed members that the figures should be out the week of the meeting, Cllr Rushbrook also informed members that no further comments or feedback was available on the Councils plans for a combined authority, the clerk confirmed that this decision will be made very soon, and all members will be informed of future development.

- c) Clerks report - Noted

6 Members items and questions (not included elsewhere)

- a) Update on Co-Option candidates – Clerk informed members that he has had correspondence with 1 candidate and the clerk asked Cllr Kiddy if she could ask for more details and a short synopsis of background and also ask the candidate if they are free for the March meeting.
- b) Update on Barn Management – Cllr Dadd gave a short update on the Barn committee and workings that Cllr Nichols had been actioning, the Clerk informed members that a meeting between the clerk and Chair will take place and a report will be circulated on the position of the council and committee.

- c) Barn Carpark – Cllr Dadd gave members a short report on a piece of land he has found that may be used as a car park for cars attending the Barn and other parts of the village, members were agreeable to allow Cllr Dadd to see if the proposal had legs and to contact the landowners. Cllr Dadd will report findings back to council in a later meeting.
- d) The Green Boundary rd. – Cllr Dadd informed members that the Rubbish collection vehicles are running onto the edge of the green (grass verge) and making the edge very muddy and also making the road rather unpleasant, Cllr Dadd has contacted the relevant team and they are wanting to help and come to some conclusion, the Clerk informed members that there is a distance limit for one of the electric pylons that is very close to the newly formed edge that may soon cause further issues, Cllr Dadd will keep pushing for a resolution and inform council when this happens.

7 Finance

- a) Bank statements, presentation for payments for Jan 25 – Agreed and signed by Cllr Dadd.
- b) Update on banking issues – The Clerk informed members that finally the bank has given authorisation to the correct people after 3 months, there will be a claim and complaint being raised and compensation will be addressed, and feedback will be given.
- c) Precept Demand and Budget for 2025/26 – It was agreed unanimously that the precept demand for 2025/26 be presented to West Suffolk for the sum of £24,397

Meeting closed: 20.30pm.