

Minutes of the meeting of Stoke by Clare Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th Sept 2025 at The Barn, Ashen Road, Stoke by Clare at 19.30.

Present:

Chair Cllr Dadd
Vice Chair: Cllr Kiddy
Councillors Cllr Smith, Cllr Rook, Cllr Sullivan

In Attendance:

Clerk to the Council Matthew Price – Clerk to the Council
1 - MOP

1 Apologies for absence and declaration of interest

- None

2 Declarations of interest

- None

3 Public participation

A MOP wanted to engage with the members to give concerns over the increased speeding traffic at his end of the parish, the MOP resides in Chapel Street area and has personally seen and been involved in car incidents and injury caused to his personal pets, it was asked if anything can be done to place a speed camera both permanent or temporary in the area or the Local police force to give mobile hand held observations

Action – The clerk to contact Local authority to ask for a schedule and also increase the schedule,

The MOP was happy to support the council going forward with any planning, data collection or movement of the cameras if required.- All Cllrs agreed fully with the MOP suggestion and thanked him for bringing the issue to their attention and ensured him that measures and accountability of the local police team would be addressed, and the Council also sent their wishes to the MOP for the loss of his pet in a speeding incident.

4 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2025 – Confirmed and signed by Cllr Dadd.

5 Reports

- a) Suffolk County Councillors – None
- b) West Suffolk Councillors report – None
- c) Speed Indicator device – Cllr Dadd informed members of the need to purchase 2 new batteries for the VAS machine in the village, which was agreed to gain costings, also members were informed that a new SID in the village would be in the region of £3k, the only means of financial procurement would be either Public subscription or part funded via a locality budget, the present MOP agreed that they would be happy to help and look after the SID if it was purchased and support members to get the data from the machine on a maintenance schedule.
- d) Trees & Bushes – Cllr Dadd informed members that the brambles once again in the Allotment are growing and soon to be out of control, members asked Cllr Dadd if a quotation could be sent in from west Suffolk
- e) Website upgrade and domain names – It was agreed that the Clerk can go ahead and as per Audit recommendations upgrade the website and Councillors e mail address to ones that have.gov.uk detail, this will be actioned over the coming weeks.

6 Members items and questions (not included elsewhere)

- a) Cllr Dadd informed members that the Vaz camera required x2 new batteries, members discussed the possibility of changing the machine, but it was considered appropriate for the Parish to replace the batteries to ensure speed awareness is back in the Village as soon as possible and as cost effective as possible, **Action** – Cllr Dadd to arrange costings.
- b) An ongoing issue was again tabled from Cllr Dadd regarding the additional road signage at the Baythorne end bridge, indicative costs were estimated to be £2600, a neighbouring parish suggested they may go halves on the costs and SBCPC fund the remainder, - **Action** - for Cllr Dadd to encourage discount from the team and also confirm with the neighbouring parish that they were happy with their proportion of the invoice, if they were then a formal quote be received and immediate payment be made with a ceiling of £500.
- c) Cllr Smith suggested we ask Cllr Bennet to help towards the cost of the previous item as there have been road traffic lights just outside the village for a number of weeks at an estimated cost of £1200 per week and currently no repairs to the highways surface which clearly shows a lack of financial distribution.
- d) Cllr Kiddy opened the discussion on Dog fouling has increased again and Cllr Rook agreed that something needs doing, discussions were had on how things could be policed and it was agreed that if anyone had information (factual) they are requested to report the incident to the Environmental Health department. **Action** – The Clerk to gain costings for No Dog fouling signs
- e) And action for the Clerk to invite the local PCSO to the next meeting to share any news or update on crime that may be happening in the parish and surrounding.
- f) It was agreed by members that the annual playground walk around by Cllrs was to be Wednesday 1st October @ 5.30pm

7 Finance

- a) Bank statements, presentation for payments for Aug 25 – Agreed and signed by Cllr Dadd.
- b) To consider and approve bank authorisation payments for the above period – Agreed and signed by Cllr Dadd.
- c) To agree the Bowls club re bate from the funding for the accommodation huts, it was agreed that £2980.91 be paid in September pay run.

Meeting closed: 20.45pm.