

**Minutes of the meeting of Stoke by Clare Parish Council held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 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, Cllr Blake James

**In Attendance:**

Clerk to the Council Matthew Price – Clerk to the Council  
1 – MOP  
Cllr Clarke – West Suffolk

**1 Apologies for absence and declaration of interest**

- None

**2 Declarations of interest**

- None

**3 Public participation**

- None

**4 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> \Sept 2025 – Confirmed and signed by Cllr Dadd.

**5 Reports**

- a) Suffolk County Councillors – None
- b) West Suffolk Councillors report – Cllr Clarke opened the agenda by giving a brief update on the Suffolk unitary changes, he informed no changes as yet and a general lack of direction  
Cllr Clarke also asked for general help and support for CLASP and Car Aid to help people that couldn't get around the parish and into towns for appointments and hospital visits, sponsorship of a minibus and driver would be considered but is a long way off, Cllr Rook supported Cllr Clarke by volunteering her time with Car Aid.  
Members were also in discussion on the SID agenda item later in the agenda and Cllr Clarke suggested there may be some locality budget and County budget available, unconfirmed amounts were tabled to the input of £1200, members thanks Cllr Clarke for all his input and help on the fund-raising ideas and will certainly ask for the monies if required.

**6 Members items and questions (not included elsewhere)**

- a) Cllr Blake James asked the members if they knew how much Solar panelled SIDs were and members were surprised to hear from the Chair £3-4k , this would need a lot of planning and parish support if it was a viable solution, there were donations tabled from Cllr Clarke but still to be confirmed, it was agreed to bring it back to the December meeting for further updates.

## 7 Finance

- a) Bank statements, presentation for payments for Sept 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 Cemetery gate repair for £100 Hellions forge – Agreed
- d) To agree the Baythorn end bridge sign contribution – Agreed £401.96
- e) To consider budget 2026/27 – It was agreed the finance committee look at the budget again and all members also consider project/EMR funds due to playpark repairs and tree works, it was agreed to bring back to December meeting
- f) To agree for a Tree inspection report to be undertaken for the Village £1500 – Agreed

Meeting closed: 20.30pm.