# **Minutes of a meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council held on 9 April 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall**

***Present:* Izzi Hazelwood (Chair, IH), Penny White (PW), Chris Longleather (CL), Jon Holdback (JH), Richard Eedle (RE), Sue Finlay (Clerk)**

***M25:11: Apologies:***Trevor Harvey; Jo Barker

**M25:12: *Declaration of Interests*:**  None

***M25:13. Approval of minutes of last meeting:*** Approved

***M25:14: Matters arising:***

1. *Defibrillator:* IH reported that at the training session the first aiders said as long as every house was within 500 m of the defibrillator only one was needed. The cost of a defibrillator would be £600 and on the recent leaflet sent round the village no one had requested another defibrillator so it was decided to defer this for the present.
2. *Leaflet to village asking for suggestions of improvements, help needed, etc.:* This had a limited response but resulted in a list of 24 items that people bought to the councils attention Appendix I. IH had listed these and suggested the council proceed as follows:
3. Which are possible or not possible
4. Which are easiest to accomplish.
5. How do we pay for it(grants/PC/Village Hall/Village charities)
6. Is there a priority list.
7. Are there volunteers willing to tackle some of these issues? Ther request on the form for people willing to volunteer had a poor response.

To be discussed further at the next meeting.

CL had examined one point which was could the damp area at the top of Hoppers Lane be improved. He had discovered that there is an old culvert here and has agreed to start clearing it.

1. *Parking on paths:* IH has checked with Andy Rutley about whether he had someone who was going to lay the grid in the verge opposite the pub. IH will follow this up. Concern was also raised about the verges at the crossroads, which is caused by the buses.

***M25:15. Planning applications:***

*Approved*

24/02581/OUT, Pitstop Café, for Mr T Harris (Safehire Ltd). Outline application with all matters other than access reserved for an extension to the existing car sales showroom, the provision of three food/drink pods and the creation of a secure compound comprising self-storage containers plus the formalisation of car parking to create 29 car parking spaces. [Approved 15/01/2025.]

24/02942/FUL, Willow Corner, 1 Cottage farm Court, for Mr P Davies & Miss P. Matthews. Proposed Cotswold stone boundary wall. [Approved] There will be some plating on the outside of this wall to be done after completion.

25/00128/TREE, Court House, Stretton-on-Fosse, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9SD, for Mr & Mrs C White.

T1 - *Fraxinus quadrangulata* - Fell. T2 - *Quercus falcata* - Fell. [Withdrawn]

***M25:16: Finance:***

1. *Approval of expenditure since last meeting: Treasurers account:* Approved

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| **Date** | **Supplier** | **Item** | **In** | **Out** | **Balance** |
| 06/01/2025 | HMRC | VAT refund | 110.45 |  | 1076.23 |
| 14/01/2025 | Allotment holders | Rent |  | 330.00 | 1406.23 |
| 28/01/2025 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp |  | 255.28 | 1150.95 |
| 08/02/2025 | Stretton Village Hall | Rent 14/01 |  | 12.75 | 1138.20 |
| 27/02/2025 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp |  | 143.47 | 994.73 |
| 18/03/2025 | Lloyds Bank | Bank charges |  | 4.25 | 990.48 |
| 23/03/2025 | John Codd | Path clearance |  | 120.00\* | 870.48 |
| 25/03/2025 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp |  | 109.69 | 760.79 |

*\**Item approved, but not budgeted for.

1. *BSA:* Approved.

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| **Date** | **Destination** | **Reason** | **In** | **Out** | **Balence** |
| 09/01/2025 | Lloyds | Interest | 10.14 |  | 12060.32 |
| 09/02/2025 | Lloyds | Interest | 10.57 |  | 12070.89 |
| 09/03/2025 | Lloyds | Interest | 9.26 |  | 12080.15 |

1. *Total balance in accounts:* £12840.94
2. *Approval of accounts:* Approved (Appendix II). CL had produced a sheet showing where the council had over and under spent on the budget (Appendix III).
3. *Approval of Ken Dunn as internal auditor:* Approved, at a cost of £100.
4. *Approval of Risk Assessment:* Approved.

***M25:18: Any other urgent business:***

*Footpaths:* Richard West (RW) raised some issues regarding the local footpaths with the council. The path behind Harolds Orchard has been recently cleared and RW has done some work on others himself. He asked that the council could arrange this in future as it was rather heavy work. (To be discussed at next meeting). In March 2024 he had contacted WCC about the state of some footpaths; he contacted them again in May 2024 and Feb 2025. They had finally sent an inspector out (RB). The stile on the path to Todenham on the far side of the Fosse needs attention; he had offered to install a kissing gate for the landowner, but this has been refused. There were a number of other issues RB raised which he was willing to follow up if the council agreed, which they did. There are a number of works already scheduled. The Council thanked Richard for his hard work on the footpaths over the past few years. CL asked if he could let the council know of any points that were likely to need attention in the near future. He said the Dairy Ground needed a new sign and the paths cleared.

***M25:19: Councillor reports:***

*Councillor Harvey:* TH supplied a report beforehand covering the following topics:

1. SDC & Home upgrade scheme
2. WCC Election & SDC By-elections 1 May 2025
3. Visitor Information Centre
4. Local Government Reorganization
5. Shipston Leisure Centre – Solar panels
6. South Warwickshire Local Plan – public consultation
7. Routine workload

A full transcript is available from the clerk.

***M25:20: Date of next meeting:***

*AGM:* 7 May 2025, at 7 p.m. in the village hall

*APA:* 7 May 2025, immediately following the AGM in the village hall

*Ordinary meeting:* 7 May 2025, immediately following the APA in the village hall.

*Appendix I: Suggestions for projects in the village:*

Available from the clerk

*Appendix II: Summary receipts and payments account for year ended 31 March 2025 and 2024 for comparison*

**2025 2024**

**Receipts**

Precept 7000 6300

Bank Interest 117 81

Allotments rent 330 330

VAT 502 296

Coronation income 0 `132

**Total receipts 7949 7553**

**Payments**

Clerk’s salary 2542 2223

General Administration 410 438

Computer equipment 265 0

Annual Audit 80 70

Insurance Premium 773 747

Village Hall Hire 69 53

Training 0 0

Village Maintenance

Grass cutting 1920 1920

Village Maintenance 195 323

Play area expenses 1849 215

Village equipment 175 349

Website fees and expenses 126 119

Allotment expenses 574 0

Subscriptions 254 35

EV chargers 0 0

Election costs 0 0

**Total expenses 9232 6667**

**Balance -1283 886**

**Opening balance 14133 13247**

**Closing balance 12850 `14133**

**Account balences**

Lloyds account 760 796

Play area account 0 3966

BSA 12080 9031

Petty cash 11 11

*Appendix III: 2025 Now expected/Actual*

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|  |  | Now expected |  | Actual |  | Difference |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | better/(worse) |  |
|  |  |  |  | |  | |  |
| Clerk’s salary |  | 616 |  | 384 |  | 232 |  |
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| Administration |  | 141 |  | 124 |  | 17 |  |
|  |  |  |  | |  | |  |
| Rent |  | 26 |  | 13 |  | 13 |  |
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| Bank charges/interest |  |  |  | -26 |  | 26 |  |
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| Election |  | 300 |  | |  | 300 |  |
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| Maintenance |  |  |  | 120 |  | -120 |  |
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| VAT refund |  |  |  | -80 |  | 80 |  |
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|  |  | 1083 |  | 535 |  | 548 |  |
| Actual expense |  |  |  | |  | 6936 |  |
| Expected expense |  |  |  | |  | 7484 |  |
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These minutes were approved at the ordinary meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council held on:

7 May 2025

at:

Stretton-on-Fosse Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: 7 May2025