# **Draft minutes for a meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council held on 7 May 2025 immediately following the APA in the village hall, at 7.35 p.m.**

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

***M25:21: Apologies:***Trevor Harvey (TH, SDC), Jo Barker (JB, WCC).

**M25:22: *Declaration of Interests*:**  None.

***M25:23. Approval of minutes of last meeting:*** Approved with a minor amendment by CL.

***M25:24: Matters arising:***

1. *Leaflet to village asking for suggestions of improvements, help needed, etc.; Suggestions received:* IH had compiled a list of suggestions received and marked ones that could be done. She had called a meeting on 7 may of local groups who might be willing to look at certain suggestions and asked which, if any, would be able/willing to fund them. (See Appendix I).
2. *Parking on paths:* Parking of large vehicles on pathways is causing difficulty for pedestrians with pushchairs, etc. Previous homeowners have tried tarmacking verge areas for parking, but WCC will not allow this. JH/IH to speak to relevant owners.

Re: the verge outside the VH, Andy Rutley had asked his builder about installing parking grids, but he said it couldn’t be done because it abutted damaged pavement. IH also consulted another builder who said permission would be needed from the council, who would probably want the PC to use their accredited contractors. It was agreed that this should be reviewed with JB as this matter has been in discussion for over a year now. Michael Rodgers (WCC Highways agreed in April 2024 that remedial work could be carried out if JB paid for it from her budget. However, this came to nothing. It was suggested that JB be asked to a separate meeting with the PC to discuss these ongoing matters. It was agreed that IH would request this on behalf of the council. At the moment the council is at an impasse although some funding is available

***M25:25. Planning applications:***

*New*

25/00809/TREE, for Ms Lynne Deakin, Stepping Stone, Stretton-on-Fosse, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9SG.

Proposed: T1 - Fell - due to substantial rot at the base and runs through the Tree. Substantial rot at the base of the tree that runs through the entirety of the tree. Neighbouring properties workmen have alerted the tree owner that it is their tree causing subsidence. [No comment]

***M25:26: Finance:***

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

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| **Date** | **Supplier** | **`Item** | **In** | **Out** | **Balence** |
|  | Balance brought fwd |  |  | 760.79 |
| 19\*/04/2025 | Ken Dunn | Internal Audit |  | 100.00 | 660.79 |
| 19/04/2025 | From BSA | Top-up | 340.00 |  | 1000.79 |
| 22/04/2025 | Lloyds Bank | Bank charges |  | 4.25 | 996.54 |
| 23/04/2025 | SDC | Precept I | 3850.00 |  | 4846.54 |
| 25/04/2025 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp. |  | 292.38 | 4554.16 |
| 25/04/2025 | Trs BSA | Surplus |  | 3550.00 | 1004.16 |

1. *BSA:*

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| **Date** | **Supplier** | **Item** | **In** | **Out** | **Balance** |
| 01/04/2025 | Balance carried forward  |  |  | 12080.15 |
| 09/04/2025 | Lloyds bank | Bank interest | 9.93 |  | 12090.08 |
| 19/04/2025 | Trs Treasurers | Top-up |  | 340 | 11750.08 |
| 25/04/2025 | From Treasurers | Excess for interest | 3550 |  | 15300.08 |

1. *Total balance in accounts:* £16315.20

***M25:27. Approval of audit forms***

1. *Approval of certificate of exemption:* Approved.
2. *Approval of Annual Governance statement 2024/25:* Approved.
3. *Approval of Accounting Statements 2024/25:* Approved.

***M25:28: Any other urgent business:*** None

***M25:29: Councillor reports:*** A report was received from TH, covering:

1. Free Leisure Centre Memberships for Those Living With Parkinson’s
2. Changes to What Residents Can Recycle: Included as Appendix II.
3. SDC’s Community Climate and Nature Fund
4. Joint Operation with Warwickshire Police and Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA)

Copies of the full report are available from the clerk on request.

JB did not supply a report.

***M25:30: Date of next meeting:***

## **Appendix I**

Various pots of money have been raised by different groups over the past few years, including: apple-juicing, Gardening club, soup lunches and cream teas, milk and eggs fridge, SSI group. They thought they could divide the suggestions up as follows (numbers agree with list compiled originally and found in the minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2025.

***General funding requirements - PC***

1. *Grass verges opposite the pub:* see comments in item M25:24(b)

*16. Hoppers Lane wet area:* IH had consulted Paul Bellew about the drainage from the area. He said there had been a well in the field above Hoppers wood that served the village. When it was filled in drains were put in which are damaged clearly. One runs along the ditch beside the footpath towards Harolds Orchard and the other crosses the very muddy area and links to the stream alongside Home Farm’s garden. He suggested clearing the bushes and silt and putting in a land drain to join one of the other drains. IH to follow-up with Matt Digweed and/or Andy Edginton, and contact WCC Highways.

*17.* *Graffiti in car park:* The PC could ask for volunteers.

*Website:* it was suggested that the PC could offer a small sum of money (£150 p.a.?) to a student/sixth former in return for support keeping the website up to date. IH to make contact with suitably aged village students.

*Cut back hedges encroaching on pavements:* *PC to approach householders to do this (IH?)*

***Gardening club/Biodiversity group***

*4. Two benches on the green by the wild flowers:* plastic benches made from recycled plastic.

*9. Community raised bed and bench on village hall (VH) land:*

*19. Plant more daffodils on VH entrance and on the green opposite:*

*21. Prune plum trees:* Consult Keith Finlay on how and when to do this.

*25/23. New notice board for the spinney and tidy spinney:*  Dave Passingham to check pricing (£40?)

***Geri’s team***

*5. Better storage for milk and eggs:* on-going plans to refurbish VH entrance, toilets. To be discussed with VH committee.

*10.* *More Community events for fund-raising:* also SSI.

*13. Add bread and butter to fridge offerings:* not practical.

*20.* *Winter board games in VH:* to be discussed with VH committee in autumn.

***SSI***

*I2. Bus shelter:* Make a tidy space for recycling. Additional noticeboard.

*7. Stabilize bench on gated road:* ask various villagers.

*10.* More community events for fund-raising: with Geri’s team.

*8. Footpaths: tools for maintenance:*

*14: Rota for maintenance:*  not practical because of inter-linking routes. Have a volunteer day to tackle all paths or assign a footpath to someone who uses it regularly.

***Apple juicing***

*22. History photos framed in rotation in VH/pub on rotation:* Funding with History group.

*24.* *More fruit trees in orchard (5):* contact WCC for trees in autumn.

**Not included**

1. *VH notice board:* already done.

*6. More dog poo bins:*  not practical because of additional cost of purchase and emptying.

*11.* *20 mph speed limit:* outside PC control.

*12. Wild spaces for children:* Hoppers Wood.

*15. Double doors in VH:* in hand.

## **Appendix II**

1. **Changes to What Residents Can Recycle**

From Monday 14 April 2025, residents in the District have been able to recycle more from their doorsteps. SDC has introduced an additional recycling service for the collection of plastic bags and wrapping, collected fortnightly within resident’s normal fully commingled recycling service.

Recycled plastic bags and wrapping can be used to make new plastic products such as plastic packaging, 'bags for life', boxes, bins, and agricultural and construction materials.

Residents should ensure that:

* Their plastic bags and wrapping should be empty and free from food residue and other contaminations.
* Place their plastic bags and wrapping into their recycling bin, **loose**, with their other recyclables.
* Place their recycling bin at the kerbside on their collection day.

 What can now be recycled:

* **All plastic bags**
* carrier bags
* salad/fruit/vegetable bags
* frozen food bags
* bread bags
* cereal bags
* flower bags
* Confectionary wrappers
* chocolate
* sweets
* biscuits
* cakes
* ice cream and chewing gum wrappers
* Foil lined packaging
* crisp/snack packets
* coffee bags
* Cheese, fish, and meat wrapping
* Outer layer bags and wrapping
* multipacks
* toilet and kitchen roll
* magazine and newspaper wrapping
* Plastic film and sleeves
* removable film lids
* plastic sleeves for bottles and jars
* Bubble wrap and cling film
* maximum 1m sections
* Fruit and vegetable net bags

 What **not**to include:

* Pouches, sachets, and packets - microwaveable food, baby/pet food, cosmetics, detergent, and cleaning
* Balloons
* Blister packs, pills, and tablets packaging
* Compostable or biodegradable bags and wrapping
* Crisp tubes
* Disposable gloves or masks
* Foam or polystyrene of any kind
* Plastic straws or cutlery
* Textiles and clothing - put these in a bag at the side of bins