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Minutes

Minutes for the parish council meeting held on Monday 7th July 2025 from 7.20pm.

At Stafford North End Community Centre, Holmcroft Road, Stafford ST16 1JG

**Attendees**   
Cllr M Harford (Chairperson) Cllr C Hawkridge Cllr P Glover

6 x Members of the Public (MOP) Cllr J Rose – SBC & SCC Clerk – Nikola Evans

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| **1** | **Declaration of Interest on agenda items** |
|  | None declared |
| **2** | **Apologies** |
|  | None |
| **3** | **Minutes of last Meeting –** 2nd June 2025 |
|  | Approved as a true record by all that attended |

**Meeting opened to the Public.**

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| **5** | **To receive a report from Stafford Borough Council** |
|  | Cllr J Rose reported on the following subjects, the purchase of buildings in the Town Centre by the Borough Council for rejuvenation, the need for better enforcement of bylaws |
| **6** | **To receive a report from Stafford County Council** |
|  | Cllr J Rose talked about meeting with the community highways team to discuss local priorities, including the maintenance of a footpath between Creswell and Great Bridgeford, asked if the council would be willing to contribute. |
| **7** | **Public Participation –** Members of the public are invited to address the Council on any issue over which it has power for up to 5 minutes each, with the item lasting a maximum of 20 minutes. |
|  | * Update requested on houses being purchased by SCC for respite care, no formal application found. Clerk advised, no change of use required, falls under lawful development therefore would be no consultation. Cllr J Rose and clerk will investigate further. * Mustang Drive, road is in a state – report to local authorities * Fence on corner of Mustang Drive as you come on to the main road, needs attention. Owned by estate management company. |

**Meeting closed to the public**

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| **8** | **Matters arising from previous minutes**   1. No’s 27, 47 & possibly 68 Creswell Grove Stafford |
| **a** | Covered in item 7 |
| **9** | **Planning - All documents are available to view at** [**www.staffordbc.gov.uk/planning-public-access**](http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/planning-public-access)   1. 25/40569/OUT – land at Darwood & Hazeldene, Creswell Grove, Creswell – proposed development is described as the erection of three two storey self-build houses and access road (approval for access and layout) |
|  | Concerns raised for turning circle not being sufficient, clerk to send advisory note. |
| **10** | **Finance**   1. Approval of Payments 2. Approve Budget summary 3. Approve Bank Reconciliation 4. Under scheme of delegation, with the approval of a minimum of two members, the clerk has:  * Appointed Perennial Landscapes and paid 1st initial maintenance invoice * Instructed Mr Print It to print 100 copies of the Summer 2025 Newsletter |
| **a** | Payments approved |
|  | Items B-D approved |
| **11** | **To discuss any new highways, footpaths or village maintenance issues.** |
|  | * Clerk to chase speed survey * Verge edges * New information board for Harry Kerr memorial – clerk to action. |
| **12** | **To consider quotation for a solar/wind powered AED at Marston Grange.** |
|  | RESOLVED to accept quotation from AEDdonate, clerk to action. |
| **13** | **Confidential item - Staffing matters** |
|  | Changes made to employees contracted hourly rate. |
| **14** | **Councillors Reports - Cllrs are invited to give reports on the parish**   1. **Upcoming events** |
|  | * VJ day wreath laying – TBC * Christmas Party – 13th December from 2 pm, Great Bridgeford Village Hall |
| **15** | **Future meeting dates**   * 1st September 2025 @ Stafford North End Community Centre – from 7.30pm * **Future meetings:** * 1st December 2025   **Next agenda items:**   * Update from Strawson’s * Christmas party arrangements |
| **16** | **Meeting Close** |
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