

# STOKE PARISH COUNCIL



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I hereby give notice of a meeting of Stoke Parish Council, to be held in the Village Hall, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm, which all members are summoned to attend.

Jenny Allen ~ Clerk  
27/02/2024

<b>Part A</b>	Public discussion (not part of the meeting) where any member of the public may discuss any item. No motions may be proposed nor decisions taken, but matters raised by the public may be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
<b>Part B</b>	Public discussion on any <b>agenda</b> items. In line with standing order (3) e members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. This shall take place at this part of the meeting for a maximum of 30 minutes. Following this member of the public are <b>not permitted to speak</b> or to take part in the business of the Parish Council.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.
<b>2.</b>	<b>To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations</b> To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers. To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting – Appendix A</b> a). To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Matters arising from the minutes (not otherwise on the Agenda)</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Ward Councillor(s) report – Appendix B</b> a). A report by Ward Councillor Chris Spalding. b). Correspondence sent by Ward Councillors Ron Sands, Michael Pearce & George Crozer.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Planning – Appendix C</b> a). Applications. b). Decisions. c). Appeals and Other Matters.

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<b>7.</b>	<b>Finance - Appendix D</b> a). Bank balances. b). To agree the financial performance against the budget for February 2024. c). Accounts paid since the last meeting to be ratified. d). Accounts for payment. e). Payment requests to be discussed for approval and payment.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Management of Land and Property - Appendix E</b> a). To receive the play park inspection report from the month of February for: i). The Button Drive Playpark (Lower Stoke). ii). The Heron Way Playpark (Lower Stoke). iii). The Street Playpark (Upper Stoke). b). Cleaning of play equipment. c). Defibrillator(s) d). 'No Dogs' signs in Recreation Grounds e). Lower Stoke Car Park i). Abandoned Car. ii). Broken light.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Highways, Transport &amp; Upkeep - Appendix F</b> To receive any reports relating to: a). Footpaths. b). Lighting. c). Highways and verges. d). Pot holes. e). Fly tipping. f). Grass cutting. g). Leaking manhole cover on A228 / Grain Road. h). Salt / Grit Bins. i). Flood signs
<b>10.</b>	<b>Communications</b> To receive an update on the following methods of communication: a). Website. b). Social media page.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Internal Committee Updates</b> a). Neighbourhood Plan b). Stoke Village Hall c). Stoke Community Project
<b>12.</b>	<b>External Committee Updates</b> a). KALC. b). Rural Liaison.

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13.	<b>Warden Reports</b> a). Flood Warden. b). Snow Warden.
14.	<b>External Contractors</b> a). To discuss and approve any new work requests or discuss any existing orders.
15.	<b>Events - Appendix G</b> a). 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day on 06/06/2024. b). Stoke's Annual Parish Meeting (scheduled to take place on 01/05/2024).
16.	<b>IT Equipment</b> a). To consider trialling a new tablet for Parish Council members.
17.	<b>Stoke Parish Council Surgery</b> a). To consider holding a Parish Council surgery once a month in the Village Hall, to address any concerns residents may have.
18.	<b>Correspondence</b>
19.	<b>Any other business</b>
20.	<b>Section 100A(4)</b> To resolve that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government act 1972 that the public be excluded from the following item because it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted that if members of the public are present during this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the act.
21.	<b>Personnel</b> a). Litter picker / Street Cleaner To consider a proposal to employ a litter picker or Street Cleaner for the village of Stoke (all three areas).
22.	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
23.	<b>Close of meeting</b>