

Stoke & Hurleston Parish Council

MINUTES

of the meeting held at The Vets' Meeting Rooms, Hurleston, on

Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 7.00pm

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Present: Councillors Christine Bowen (Chair), Leigh Bowen, and Paul Presland

In attendance: Maximilian Clay (Clerk to the Council),

1.	Apologies for absence Cllr Menzies had submitted apologies and the reason for absence was approved. Cllr Harper was absent.
2.	Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations There were no declarations.
3.	Minutes of previous meetings The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 th March 2025 were approved and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a true record.
4.	Unitary Authority Ward Councillor Report The Ward Councillor was unable to attend - dates for the coming year would be sent.
5.	Public Forum No matters were raised.
6.	Council Membership and Co-Options There were no co-options to consider.
7.	Councillor Reports It was noted that the floodlights on Reaseheath College's Engineering building were dazzling for drivers coming from the direction of Nantwich.
8.	Transport Consultation The Council considered the consultation and resolved to make no comments.
9.	Planning a. Planning Consultations There were no applications to consider.
	b. Updates on Planning Applications considered at previous meetings - There were no updates.
10.	Damage to Bridge N° 100 It was reported that both the Canal Trust and Cheshire East Council (CEC) had declared that the bridge was structurally sound, following recent damage. Further very substantial damage to the bridge had since been reported but no apparent action had been taken. It was resolved that the Council would write to The Canal trust, CEC Highways

	department. The Health and Safety Executive and English Heritage (as the bridge is Grade II listed), with a photograph of the damage and firm request that action be taken to make the bridge safe and to repair it in a manner consistent with its listed status.
11.	<p>Correspondence and Clerk's report</p> <p>Section 106 Monies Relating to Traffic Calming on the A51 - A response had finally been received from CEC. The total amount that had been required under S106 (ref 13/2035N) had been £97,467.22 of which £4,126.18 was left. It was understood that the original S106 agreement specified that the funds were for the improvement of road safety in Wardle and Barbridge and that the money had been received by CEC on the 27th April 2020. The Clerk would continue to research the matter to establish how most of the funds had been disbursed without the involvement of this Council.</p> <p>CEC had been in touch to inform the Council that we were due some CIL funds but no further information was yet available.</p> <p>An email had been received from the newly appointed managers of the Barbridge Inn expressing a desire to support the Council and the local community. Unfortunately the Clerk's response to them had bounced back. It was agreed that the Clerk would try to contact them at their existing pub.</p> <p>CEC were continuing to work on their revised Local Plan, particularly in order to meet the increased housing land supply target set by Government. In the meantime many of the normal factors that shape whether planning permission is granted are effectively suspended.</p>
12.	<p>Finance & Governance</p> <p>a. Receipts and Payments - The schedule of receipts and payments was received and it was resolved to approve the payments.</p>
13.	<p>Items for Future Agendas</p> <p>No items were identified.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.07pm.

Signed as accurate on the authority of the Council:

(Chair) 19th March 2025