Stoke Bliss, Kyre and Bockleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Stoke Bliss Group Parish Council.

Clerk: Carole Hirst – clerk@stokeblissgroupparishcouncil.org.uk

Monday 11th May 2026

Present: Cllr. Stephens (Chair); Cllr. Turner; Cllr. Whybrew; Cllr. Yarnold, Cllr. Williams, Cllr. Adams, Cllr. Daniel Gregory, Cllr. David Gwilt, Cllr. Ian Best, Christopher Dean Lloyd.

1.05.26 **To note apologies for absence:** Cllr. Bruton (MHDC); Cllr. Rea,

2.05.26 Election of Chairman and signing of declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr. Whybrew Nominated Cllr. Stephens as Chair of the Parish Council. Cllr. Yarnold Seconded. All in favour. Cllr. Stephens signed the Declaration of Office.

3.05.26 Election of Vice Chair. Cllr. Stephens Nominated Cllr. Whybrew as Vice Chair. Cllr. Gwilt Seconded. All in favour.

4.05.26 Declarations of Interest:

a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. **Noted.**

b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. **None received.**

c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. **None received.**

5.05.26 To Consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) None Received.

PARISHIONERS Questions:

None Attended.

6.05.26 To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026 and 18th March 2026 –Cllr. Stephens Proposed and Cllr.Gwilt Seconded that the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 5th February 2025 be Approved. All in favour.

7.05.26 To note Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment, Asset Register, Elected Members Code of Conduct, IT Policy, Publication Scheme, Privacy Policy and Accessibility Statement. Noted.

Please note that the asset Register was reviewed: 2 defibrillators were no longer usable and were disposed of. The value of the bus shelter was written off at Stoke Bliss although it is still in use it is of no vale. Grit Bin value £500 located on Kyre Bank- An old lap top, not in use is in the possession of the clerk and valued at £100. Total value of assets £600.

8.05.26 Finance

A) **Audited accounts & Annual Return: 31st March 2026**

(i)**To Approve the Annual Audited Accounts from April 1st, 2025 to 31st, March 2026 as Audited by Internal Auditor Mrs Gill Lungley.** Cllr. Stephens Proposed and Cllr. Whybrew Seconded that the Annual Audited Accounts from April 1st, 2025 to 31st, March 2026 be approved. All in favour.

(ii) **Proposal to consider AGAR Section 1: Annual Governance Statements for 2025/26.** Section 1, the Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 was considered and Cllr. Stephens Proposed and Cllr. Whybrew Seconded that Section 1 be approved. All in favour.

(iii) **Proposal to consider AGAR Section 2: Accounting Statements**- Section 2 Accounting Statements 2025/26 were considered and Cllr. Stephens Proposed and Cllr. Whybrew Seconded that Section 2 Accounting Statements be approved. All in favour.

Accounts & Audit regulations 2015

(iv**) To consider and confirm that the authority neither received gross income, nor incurred gross expenditure, exceeding £25,000 during 2025/26 and agree that the Certificate of Exemption can be signed as part of AGAR**. Cllr. Stephens Proposed and Cllr. Whybrew Seconded that the Parish Council agree that neither received gross income or incurred gross expenditure exceeded £25,000 and that the Certificate of Exemption be signed as part of AGAR. All in favour.

(v) **Consider Internal Auditor's Report & Recommendations 2025/26** Cllr. Stephens Proposed and Cllr. Whybrew Seconded that the Internal Auditors report for 2025/26 be received, and all recommendations be implemented and noted.

(vi) **Consideration of dates for the Exercise of Public Rights 2025/26**. Cllr. Stephens Proposed and Cllr. Whybrew Seconded that the period of dates for the Exercise of Public Rights **To note the dates for the period for the Exercise of Public Rights for 2025/26 to set as Wednesday 3 June 2026 to 14 July 2026.** Noted
All in favour.

B) Cllr. Whybrew Proposed and Cllr. Williams Seconded that all payments from the 3rd of February to 11th May 2026 be approved and that all receipts be noted. All in favour.

Payment Schedule to May 11th 2026		
C Hirst	Clerk Expenses Nov, Dec Jan 3 months	101.97
HMRC	Tax Feb 26	163.60
C Hirst	Clerk Pay Feb 26	245.94
WCC	WCC - tonne of salt	152.72
IN2OUT	Lengthsman Feb	238.00
HMRC	Tax March 26	163.60
C Hirst	Clerk Pay March 26	245.94
IN2OUT	Lengthsman March	246.50
ABBERLEY PC	Shared Stationery	13.66
C Hirst	April Pay period 1	245.94
HMRC	TAX PERIOD 1	163.60
Worc CALC	Subs 2026/27	417.46
C Hirst	May Pay period 2	245.94
HMRC	TAX PERIOD 2	163.60

C Hirst	Clerk Expenses Feb to May agm includes y/e travel and audit	141.90
IN2OUT	Lengthsman April	229.50
	TOTAL	**£3,179.87**
Receipts to May 11th 2026		
WCC	Lengthsman Oct	£ 246.50
WCC	Lengthsman Nov	£ 255.00
WCC	Lengthsman Jan	£ 250.75
WCC	Lengthsman Dec	£ 242.25
WCC	Lengthsman Feb March	£ 454.75
mhdc	Precept 1	£ 3,247.50
	TOTAL	**£ 4,696.75**

C) **Bank Reconciliations as of 31st March 2026 and 24th April 2026 were circulated**. The Clerk reconciled the accounts to date with the Chairman of the Council. **Noted.**

D) **The 24th April 2026 Budget Monitoring Report was circulated to Councillors for scrutiny**. Noted

10.5.26 Planning

M/26/00260/AGR - Middle Quinton Farm, Bockleton- Prior Notification for an extension to a general purpose agricultural building used for the storage of hay straw and farm machinery-

DECISION

Provided the development is carried out in accordance with the details submitted with your notification application, I write to confirm the Council determine prior approval is not required for the proposal as indicated upon your completed forms and no further details are required. **Subject to conditions.**

M/26/00370/OUT Arceye House, Kyre-Removal of Condition 3 (Agricultural occupancy condition) of Planning Permission Ref: 96/00678/TEN (Site for agricultural workers dwelling on land at the Glasshards)- CONSULTATION to 14th April 2026

South Worcestershire Development Plan Review was adopted by the three South Worcestershire Councils, comprising Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon, and is now the Local Plan for South Worcestershire.

11.5.26 **Any Other Business**

- **Roads & Highways – Report from Cllr. Stephens**

  Bockleton Road above Trafalgar Cottage on 12/03/26 Council has arranged to install new Vergemasters on a four week time frame, NOT COMPLETED. Cllr. Stephens to chase up.

I reported the falling tree branches (which I cut & removed) Underley Road Stoke Bliss on Wigleys Bank on 01/04/26, response from Council; 'at the time of inspection the low tree branches are representing no safety issue. We will continue to monitor through our routine inspection regime'

- 2 x Potholes past Kier Bank on the road to Tenbury Wells now been repaired although not to a decent standard, I continue to monitor whenever I drive into Tenbury wells.
- Bridge - Bannals Lane damage - The Bridge in Bannals Lane has been damaged, although others have reported this I shall monitor as it was an issue highlighted to me by a Parishoner. Cllr. Stephens to report it on WCC Report it website.
- Potholes at the top of Kyre Bank on the junction to Bockleton – Cllr. Stephens to report
- Pothole on Wigley Bank to report – Cllr. Stephens to report

Cllr. Whybrew

Police community liaison -

- in my first-year liaising with the local community police, I had an initial meeting with Lee Durrant (PCSO) to introduce myself and discuss roles and responsibilities along with any local issues. Since then I have had regular chats and keep any local issues at the forefront. As such we have had very low crime rate so far and set some local priorities for the Police to consider. The main ones are Speeding along the narrow lanes/ farm thefts / ASB. Recently a community of GRT established themselves into the local area at Broadheath and as local residents have experienced an increase of non-local people wandering around the village and onto private land, police increased their presence to allay any concerns. As Lee is leaving the area soon I will continue to keep in contact with the local community police.

Lengthsman.

- Again, I met with Chris and introduced myself and to gain knowledge of what a lengthsman actually does. I keep in touch with Chris and have informed him of any issues noted around the area. He is very good and gets on the case very quickly. Key areas were blocked gulleys. salt and grit for the area and falling trees. We had no major issues during the year and thanks go to Chris for all his efforts and work undertaken.

12.05.26 Date of next Meeting. Monday 3rd August 2026 at 7.30pm

The meeting was declared closed at 8.17 pm

Signed……. Chairman of the Parish Council
Dated 3rd August 2026