

STOKE LYNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Stoke Lyne Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th May 2026

PRESENT: Councillors P Elliot
 N Barnes
 R Allen
 P Buckle
 C. Cooke
 S Carr-Archer

Also Present :- Cllr N Simpson (CDC)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Cllr P Elliot was unanimously elected Chair of the Parish Council for the year 2026/7 and Cllr N Barnes was appointed Vice Chair.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Barnes for his commitment of over 30 years as Chairman of the Parish Council

2. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr W Bucher Giles (OCC)

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

4. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting of 13th January 2026 were a true record of the meeting.

5. A43 WAREHOUSING

Following CDC's refusal on the 15th January of the Baynards Green planning application the Parish Council has instructed solicitors and Leading Counsel, and hope to be accepted as a "Rule" party and play a full role in the forthcoming planning appeal.

6. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Simpson reported on the recent visit by the Planning committee to the visit to the proposed warehouse site.

7. FINANCE

Expenditure for confirmation and approval

The Parish Council noted its current financial position shown in appendix "A" of these minutes

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The following payments were confirmed/approved:-

D Barnett	allotments	200.00
HMRC	cl tax	81.00
Gallagher insurance	playground	854.14
SW Services	grass	380.00
CDC	dog bins	75.50
A Davies	Salary	263.40
Spratt Endicott	trust deed	484.80
OALC	subscription	228.00
Alan Lambourne	Internal audit	27.75
HMRC	cl tax	162.00
Toby Barnett Loake	allotments	200.00
SW Services	grass	380.00

Audit

- a. The Parish Council noted the report of the Council's Internal Auditor and, having agreed that the Council had complied with its internal governance requirements, authorised the Chairman and Clerk to sign the same.
- b. The Parish Council agreed the 2025/6 Accounting Statement and authorised the Chairman to sign the same.
- c. The Parish Council noted that, during the financial year 2025/26, the higher of the authority's total gross income for the year **or** total gross annual expenditure, for the year did not exceed £25,000 and therefore it resolved to certify itself as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations and the Chairman and the responsible Finance Officer (the Clerk) were authorised to sign the same.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

None.

Puy du Fou

Following a request for further information it is expected that the planning application will be considered after July 2026.

10. VILLAGE ISSUES.

a. Bainton

OCC have agreed the speed reduction to 20mph through Bainton. New signage is awaited.

b. Speedwatch

The Speedwatch group is ongoing.

c. Rural Bus route 81.

Residents have recently been advised that the rural bus route no 81 will shortly cease. This has caused considerable concern locally as it has enabled residents who do not drive to access Bicester, doctor's surgeries and hospitals. The Clerk has pointed this out to OCC and has been advised that the service will stop due to the liquidation of the company, but OCC are currently looking for replacement provisions.

d. Verges

The Parish Council would like to move towards an eco cut – with verges left longer to preserve flora and fauna.

e. Postbox

The Clerk has been advised OCC may carry out work to install a step up to the post box opposite the Peyton Arms. A request has been made on "fix my street".

11. CORRESPONDENCE

OALC/CDC updates.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to request "NO HS2 TRAFFIC" signage along Stratton Lane to the B4100.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting is 14th July 2026.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm

Stoke Lyne Parish Council						Monthly Financial Report	
			Parish Council Meeting			12 May 2026	
Payments processed since last meeting							
	15-Jan-26		Parish council websites	B/P		£415.00	
	15-Jan-26		A Davies	B/P		£337.20	
	15-Jan-26		D Barnett	B/P		£200.00	
	15-Jan-26		HMRC	B/P		£81.00	
	31-Jan-26		Bank			£6.00	
	28-Feb-26		Bank			£6.00	
	04-Mar-26		Gallagher insurance	B/P		£854.14	
	31-Mar-26		Bank			£7.00	
	30-Apr-26		Bank			£7.00	
Receipts processed since previous report							
	14-Apr-26		CDC			£3,150.00	
Bank Reconciliation			Statement dated			12 May 2026	
			Barclays Current account			£1,167.70	
			Unity trust Current account			£4,160.05	
Items not yet cleared:							
	Receipts	None					
	Payments	None					
						Net Total	£5,327.75
Of which:							
Allocated reserves		Playground improvement fund				£0.00	
General reserve						£5,327.75	