

Meeting Date: Tuesday 14th January 2025

Location: The Village Hall, Stibbard

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the above date and venue.

Present:	Also present:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bill Aldridge • Cllr Colin Clayton • Cllr Stephen Coomber • Cllr Tony Hender • Cllr Steve Mayes • Cllr Brian Taylor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nea Horsford – Clerk • 1 member of the public

1. Welcome and receive apologies and reasons for absence

Cllr Mike Hankins and Steffan Aquarone MP sent their apologies in advance. Cllr Coomber apologised for not attending the meeting in November.

2. To receive declarations of interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th November 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024, having been circulated, were taken as read, **AGREED**, and **SIGNED** by the chair.

4. Update from District and County Councillors

4.1. Steffan Aquarone MP's report

Available on the website

4.2. Cllr Hankins' report

Available on the website.

5. Public Participation

A member of the public asked who was responsible for the trees along Guist Bottom Road as they were concerned about the amount of falling debris and branches.

ACTION Clerk to check the who is responsible.

6. To discuss / respond to correspondence received

6.1) Field Manoeuvres – letter published on parish council Facebook.

7. To discuss any planning applications received or approved since the last meeting

None received.

8. Finance

8.1. To note the bank reconciliation

The council **NOTED** the bank reconciliation (made in advance of the meeting).

8.2. To note year to date V budget

The council **NOTED** the year-to-date v budget (made in advance of the meeting).

8.3. To agree the payment list and ratify authorised payments since the last meeting

The council **AGREED** the payments and are available on the website

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8.4. Update from Cllr Taylor on bank signatory at Barclays Bank

Cllr Taylor still trying to sort out the signatory

8.5. To discuss and agree the budget, projects and precept for 2025/26 (proposed budget seen in advance)

It was **AGREED** that the precept for 2025/26 would be set at £35,171.

9. To receive updates on the following:

9.1 Village sign, brick plinth and plaque

It was **AGREED** to discuss at next meeting. **ACTION** Clerk to source quotations for the plinth.

9.2 Playground fencing

No update, keep chasing.

9.3 Speed Gates

The speed gates and signs have been authorised by Highways and they should be installed in April.

9.4 Emails and new website

Most of the councillors are now using their .gov.uk email addresses. When the clerk has time, she will start building the new website.

10. To receive an update from Cllr Coomber and Cllr Clayton on the Biodiversity Policy and agree and action plan

Cllr Coomber proposed the working party to meet again and to go back to Pitt ask a Bio Diversity expert to go and do a survey. **NOTE** The clerk to contact the relevant experts to arrange a meeting.

11. To receive an update on the proposed plans for the renovation of the War Memorial.

The parish council needed another quotation for the revised works for the war memorial. **ACTION** Clerk to send new quotes to Cllr Coomber and Cllr Clayton.

12. To receive an update regarding the parish council's response to the email received regarding the Local Plan Further Consultation with the possibility of drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan.

An email response has been completed by the deadline date in December and it was **AGREED** to keep the Neighbourhood Plan on the agenda.

13. Items that have arisen since the publication of the agenda – for information only, to be included in the next agenda.

Approve Internal Auditor and possible June meeting.

Grants Policy.

BioDiversity.

14. To note the date of the next meeting on the 11th March 2025 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 20.31pm.

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