



- ii. To receive and approve the financial statement and bank reconciliation  
These were circulated to Councillors and approved. The Chairman and Clerk signed the bank reconciliation.

**6. To receive an update about SPCS Exec meeting**

Cllr Clancy noted information had been provided about free pots from the Stone Lions which can be used as a central point for medicines in an emergency. They are also carrying out free blood tests for Prostate Cancer at the Stonehouse on 24th September.

**7. To discuss empty homes in the Parish and actions required**

The Bungalow in Salt has been empty since the previous owner died approx 12 months ago. The hedge is overgrowing and this was raised as a road safety concern. It was agreed to raise the property with the empty homes officer at Stafford Borough Council.

**8. To discuss VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and actions required**

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would consider a possible donation for refreshments once the Village Hall Managements Committee had discussed potential events.

**9. To discuss dog waste bag dispenser and actions required**

The Clerk had circulated costing and on costs of this and it was felt that this was not needed at this time due to the on cost of purchase of bags of approx £1000 per year when free bags are available from Stafford Borough Council.

**10. To discuss Highways issues and note any requiring reporting**

Overgrown willow tree – it has been raised that a dangerous willow tree is causing concern – it was suggested that one of the local residents may have a contact number for the owner. Clerk will follow up.  
Gully emptying – the Parish Council will look at costings for this and identifying the number of grids in Salt Village, Enson and on Sandon Bank. The Clerk agreed to speak to Weston as they were also looking into gully cleaning.

Speed sign – a site visit was held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September with the residents affected by the siting of the sign. An amended position has been agreed which all 3 homes are happy with. Clerk will write to Mr Stubbs for confirmation of acceptance of this site.

**11. To discuss planning applications received**

None received

**12. To review correspondence received**

Clerk to distribute.

**13. To inform attendees of dates of future meetings**

Next meeting Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

**14. Parish Clerk resignation**

Prior to the close of the meeting Cllr J Taft informed the Councillors that the Clerk has handed in her notice as she wishes to spend more time with her young family.

It was agreed to advertise the position in both notice boards, Compass Magazine, SPCA weekly bulletin and to consider the Stone and Eccleshall Gazette.

The close date for applications will be mid October and the current clerk has offered to continue until a new clerk is appointed and give a handover. The Parish Clerk was also asked to be available on the interview date to answer any questions candidates may have. This was accepted by the Council.

It was agreed to advertise the position on 17 hours a month and the final salary offered will depend on experience of the candidate appointed within the scale level of the current clerk.

**15. Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed:  
Chairman  
Date:

Clerk: