

## **STOKE ST GREGORY PARISH COUNCIL**

51 Polkes Field, Stoke St Gregory, Taunton, Somerset. TA3 6EX.



**Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025 in The meeting room. Williams Hall, Dark Lane, Stoke St Gregory at 7.30pm**

**Present: John Hardy (Chair), Jessie Cartwright, Julie Monroe, Lawrence Bostock, John Hembrow, Peter House, Ann Finn, David Fothergill, Sally Taylor (Clerk) and one member of the public.**

**Apologies for Absence: Janice Pearce; Heather Venn**

**Members voted unanimously to accept apologies.**

**200. Approve and sign minutes of the March meeting:**

**The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and were signed accordingly.**

**201. Declarations of interests and dispensations: None**

**202. Questions and comments from the public (limited to 15 minutes in total)**

**SE has spoken with the new County Footpaths Officer. He has contact with Daniel the previous postholder and will be updated regarding the replacement stiles and gates. Collickshire footpath was blocked and was then cleared. Mr Broom has asked Gothards to do further work.**

**Trip hazards exist in several places. Grass, nettles and brambles are growing now but the FG can use existing equipment to clear this back.**

**They are also keeping an eye on maize being sowed onto footpaths.**

**AF said that in the past a letter had been sent out to farmers asking them to keep clear, it's too late to do that now this year.**

**203. Planning**

**No new applications.**

**204 Health and Wellbeing Projects/Grants**

**JC has completed a draft Survey to be included in newsletter cycle with a 2-3 weeks turnaround time.**

**All to review the draft and feedback to JC**

**Not everyone has received the draft as not yet using the gov.uk e mail addresses.**

**JHa asked those not yet using these to attempt to access them asap**

Defib training, JP advised that dates have not yet been received from NCHC  
ST reported that HOTV had enquired about a grant for the set up of a lunch club. The grants process is paused until the end of May, by which time the grant application should be ready.  
AF went to LCN meeting and reported that they have a keen focus on health and wellbeing.

205 Meeting with Gideon Amos MP (e mail 7/4/25)

**HV has offered to attend meeting.**

206 SRA Community Flood Action Fund (e mails from S Crabbe 13/3/25)

JHe has not heard anything else. Broad Lane still an issue - should be dug out by the landowner. The issue is in North Curry but affects SSG residents.

ST will assist SC as required

207 HOTV CIL Grant, proposed change of use of part of grant (e mail 23/3/25)

ST reported that an official request had been received from HOTV to use the money from CIL originally planned for some kind of disabled lift to the function room for installation of fire doors.

AF raised accessibility need for disabled to be able to use the upstairs room. This is ongoing as the right solution has not been found.

JC noted that if the building doesn't have the right doors then the building wouldn't be accessible therefore it is an accessibility issue.

JHe noted that the correct procedure has been followed in requesting the change.

**All in favour of accepting the diversion of the funds.**

208 Levels and Moors LCN Meeting 31-3-25

AF reported back that the meeting had a presentation on The Greater Sedgemoor Landscape Recovery project - sustainable farming, water management, community access for health and wellbeing. It covers West Sedgemoor towards Aller although Currymoor or Stanmoor are not included.

209 Somerset Councillor report  
Report attached.

210 Broomfield Park  
Nothing to report

211 Highways

JH reported that Mr Wyatt had asked the PC to call a meeting with all interested parties regarding parking around the School/Willey Road.

ST had confirmed with SALC that it does not have the power to call a meeting and can only make decisions on matters it has the power to vote on and is included on a PC Agenda.

All agreed that the PC would send a representative should he convene a meeting.

## **212 Footpaths**

**Already covered above**

## **213 Flooding**

**Already covered above**

## **214 Playing Field**

**Nothing to report, no meeting since last PC meeting**

## **215 Heart of the Village**

**JM reported that first interviews for vacancies were being held.**

**First Community Lunch is fully booked.**

**Marketing has been improved by the appointment of AVP who has taken this task on.**

## **216 Councillor Training**

**Nothing to report**

## **217 Financial matters**

**Payments to be authorised**

DATE	REFERENCE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1-4-25	SALARY Mar	SALLY TAYLOR	CLERK SALARY Mar 25	£327.77
17-3-25	INV-1358	SDH GROUNDWORKS	FOOTPATH CLEARANCE	£780.00
1-4-25	MS SUBS	SALLY TAYLOR	MICROSOFT SUBSCRIPTION	£84.99
2-4-25	INV-576	WILLIAMS HALL	ROOM HIRE Q1	£45.00
24-3-25	INV-12	JOSH WILLIAMS	GRASS CUT MARCH	£105.00
2-4-25	INV-808	NICK SLOAN	WEBSITE MARCH	£120.00
2-4-25	INV-806	NICK SLOAN	WEBSITE FEBRUARY	£120.00

**ST reported that she has not been able to add any other payment authorisers as she doesn't have the correct permissions.**

**A visit to the bank is needed to try to resolve this.**

## **218 Other items for discussion.**

**JHe suggested that the PC should at some point prepare a housing plan/strategy that could be referred to when planning applications are received.**

**AF asked if there is still a Planning Envelope - it was suggested that there is.**

**JHa reported that an email had been received from the applicant for the new building on Woodhill which was refused last year. He is preparing a new application and to offset phosphates if he were to replace a septic tank for another property in the Parish he would be more likely to get an approval.**

**VE Day: AM has asked for £150 to help fund the village breakfast on 10th May for VE**

**Day. Profits from event will go to Project Play.**

**JHe said he thought the PC should be supporting the VE Day events in some way, and proposed a donation of £100. Seconded by LB and agreed by all**

*The next meeting date will be as follows **Monday 12th May***

***2025 at 7.30pm at The Williams Hall, Stoke St Gregory.***

***The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm, and the regular monthly meeting will follow.***