

## STOKE ST GREGORY PARISH COUNCIL



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

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025 in The meeting room. Williams Hall, Dark Lane, Stoke St Gregory at 7.30pm

Present: John Hardy (Chair) Jessie Cartwright (Vice Chair), Julie Monro, Lawrence Bostock, Janice Pearce, John Hembrow, Heather Venn, Ann Finn, David Fothergill and Sally Taylor (Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: None

237. Approve and sign minutes of the May meeting:

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

238. Declarations of interests and dispensations: None

239. Questions and comments from the public (limited to 15 minutes in total) None Present.

240 Planning

Application 36/25/0005 Extension to side and rear of No 3 Willey Road

JM and JC attended site meeting, however homeowners were not there just their daughter. Plans have taken on board previous comments made regarding setting further back. LB noted that it is making a small house a large house, but a precedent has been set already along that road.

The question of whether it is subservient enough to the main house will be considered by the Planners.

The ridge has been reduced and set back further from road in these revised plans.

**All agreed to support. ST to respond to Planning.**

ST reported that a resident of North Curry had e mailed to ask for the support of SSGPC in objecting to the travellers site on Oxen Lane.

The majority of Councillors agreed we should be seen to be supporting. There are implications being a neighbouring parish.

Somerset Council has not done enough in stopping the planning application as there was a permanent injunction.

There was provision at the time to relocate residents but there is no such provision now.

Have now filed with High Court for an injunction, but planning application still valid.

Taunton Deane cleaned up site at time and could have claimed ownership in return for cleaning up land. 30 different landowners on separate plots.

Planning Application shouldn't have been accepted. Common activity across the country.

**ST to draft and distribute asap send info on original application.**

JHa reported that he had received an e mail from N and J Waters Fuller.

This was regarding a report that doors had been attached to their car port and that ST was to report to Planning enforcement. This had been minuted. However, ST had observed that there were no doors and therefore withdrew the report, however this had not been minuted. This minute now confirms that no further action was required as the initial report of doors had been incorrect.

**ST to inform Mr and Mrs Waters Fuller**

241. Health and Wellbeing Projects/Grants - Approval of JC draft Survey

JC has circulated poster and survey all approved.

Poster and shop and paper versions

Can put through door new noticeboard outside pub

Chapel and church too

Surgery at NC

**ST to put on SSG Villagers FB page and arrange distribution as above**

**Timescale of 3 weeks to discuss at next meeting.**

242 Nomination for Somerset County Chair's Community Awards

Confidential discussion took place.

Nominated person agreed by all. Nominated by HV, seconded by AF

**HV to draft the official nomination**

243 CIL Return and update on remaining funds

ST updated, latest position is that £37,777.34 has not yet been distributed, however £30k of that is ring fenced for PP and £3,130 is committed for the SID post and equipment. £3,647.34 remains unallocated at present but may be used for Church paths.

First deadline for spend was achieved, the second is October 25 and will be achieved with PP expenditure. The final deadline for all expenditure is October 26

244 Approval and sign off of AGAR returns

**All agreed and forms were signed off by ST and JHa**

**ST to submit forms to the external auditors by 30 June.**

245 Somerset Councillor report

Report attached

246 Somerset Bus Partnership ( e mail 2-6-25)

**ST to put out on FB page but LB will do if no one else volunteers**

247 Highways

CIL post damaged. Possible to repair - AF awaiting a response.

Cut down without permission - Highways land and Highways property

Should have phoned highways rather than do themselves.

AF has contacted Kate Brown

**ST to write to KB to advise and to ask if HW will take action. Removed from HW land without permission OR risk assessment.**

DF commented that it is criminal damage.

Someone has admitted to cutting down the pole. We have paid for it and now it's been taken down.

Possible report to police as will need have police crime number - AF would have to do that. Will need if outcome is an insurance claim.

## 248 Footpaths

ST reported that the gates and stiles SE had been promised will not now be materialising. SE has met with new FP Officer who is progressing the repair of stiles where there have been accidents.

**AF will contact Phil Stone to see if he has any spare gates.**

Discussion around the bridge that IU has asked to be retained.

PH has advised it is not a public right of way the bridge was always there but was strengthened.

They are just removing the strengthening, not the actual bridge.

**ST to reply to IU to that effect**

## 249 Flooding

Nothing to report

## 250 Playing Field

No meeting so nothing to report.

## 251 Heart of the Village

Next meeting tomorrow so not much to report. Recruitment process has stalled as candidates who were in the running have pulled out. Other short term options for food offerings etc are being considered.

## 252 Councillor Training

Courses available and feedback from courses attended - nothing to report

## 253 Financial matters

**Payments to be authorised**

DATE	REFERENCE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1-6-25	SALARY May	SALLY TAYLOR	CLERK SALARY May 25	£327.77
5-5-25	INV-810 AND 812	NICK SLOAN	2 MONTHS WEBSITE ADMIN AND WEBSITE HOSTING	£354.46
5-5-25	INV-51	JOSH WILLIAMS	GRASS CUT MAY	£110.00
1-6-25	VE DAY COSTS	SWEET COPPIN	CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS COST OF VE DAY EVENTS	£50.00
30-5-25	SO-UK04386	ELAN CITY UK	SID EQUIPMENT	£2880.00
17-5-25	1602905	GALLAGHER INSURANCE	RENEWAL OF PC INSURANCE	£530.37
1-6-25	ICO-00010088127	SALLY TAYLOR	REIMBURSEMENT OF DATA PROTECTION FEE	£52.00
19-5-25	APM REFRESHMENTS	SALLY TAYLOR	REIMBURSEMENT	£29.00
23-5-25	INV-3613	G WAGEN AND JAMES	MAINTENANCE MAY	£167.40

## 254 Other items for discussion.

Defib - training starts at 10am on Saturday 14th. JP will get refreshments, ST will assist on the day

Keep repeating on Villagers to remind people

**9.10PM meeting closed.**

*The next meeting date will be as follows* **Monday  
14th July**

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