

STOKE ST GREGORY PARISH COUNCIL

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



Minutes of meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026 in the meeting room. Williams Hall, Dark Lane, Stoke St Gregory at 7.30pm

Present: John Hardy (Chair), Jessie Cartwright, Julie Monro, Ann Finn, Peter House, John Hembrow, David Fothergill (from 8.15pm), Sally Taylor (Clerk) and three members of the public.

Apologies for Absence: Lawrence Bostock, Samantha Smith

All agreed to accept apologies

388. Approve and sign minutes of the March meeting:

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

389. Declarations of interests and dispensations: None

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

A member of the Footpath Group was in attendance to ask if the PC had heard anything from the County Footpaths Officer, as she has not received any contact from him. Nobody has had any contact, AF suggested she contact Peter Hobley, the Head of Rights of Way.

391. Planning

36/26/0003LB and 36/26/0004 relating to variations to previous application 36/17/0027 Crossways Farmhouse, Griggs Hill.

The applicant was in attendance to explain the variations and the reasons why.

All agreed to support. ST to inform Planning

392. Village Fete

A request had been made to provide financial support for the Fete. All agreed that the PC was in support of this event and would be willing to make a contribution. As the event is being

arranged by a group of individuals and not an organisation it was agreed that any financial transactions would need to be made by the PC.

It was agreed that a sum of up to £300 would be available. The organising group can arrange for something like a band/bouncy castle as in the past and the invoice should be made out to the PC to make the payment.

393. Church Clock Maintenance

ST advised that following a request for a parishioner to assist in the clock maintenance that Allan McGreal has volunteered, and has now been trained in regulating the day to day timekeeping.

394. Highways

There are still issues with drains being full of mud/silt. All members advised to keep on reporting to Somerset Council. Now we are in the new financial year there may be more activity.

395. Footpaths

Nothing further to report

396. Playing Field

Nothing further to report

397. Flooding

Nothing further to report

398. HOTV

JM reported that the new pub management couple have moved in and are currently in a transition/training phase.

399. Councillor Training

Nothing to report

400. Financial Matters

The CIL report has not yet been completed for 25/26, but will be done by end April.

All agreed to appoint Becky Goodchild as Internal Auditor for the 25/26 accounts.

ST advised that the VAT reclaim has been made and is up to date to the end of March 2026. This had to be manually submitted to HMRC as the online account remains inaccessible.

DATE	REFERENCE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
1-4-26	SALARY	SALLY TAYLOR	CLERK SALARY Mar 26	£338.51
5-4-26	INV-837	NICK SLOAN	WEBSITE MTCE MAR	£120.00
2-4-26	INV-32016304	SOMERSET COUNCIL	DOG BIN EMPTY JAN - MARCH 26	£78.00
1-4-26	INV-652	WILLIAMS HALL	MEETING ROOM HIRE	£30.00
20-3-26	INV-54	JOSH WILLIAMS	MOWING MARCH	£110.00
2-4-26	SSG/26-27	SOMERSET COUNCIL	DOG BIN EMPTY ANNUAL FEE 26-27	£405.60
5-4-26	CHEQUE 001063	HMRC	TAX COLLECTED	£1459.40

All payments were agreed.

401. Somerset Councillor Briefing

A [briefing sheet](#) is provided.

402. Any other business

ST requested volunteers to interview for the post of Parish Clerk.

Jha and JC agreed and shared availability. ST to confirm date and time and provide sample interview questions.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting Monday 11th May at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room, Williams Hall, Stoke st Gregory.

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