

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2025 7pm
Lord St Audries room, Victory Hall, Stogursey.

Present:

Cllr Sue Goss (Chair), Cllr Chris Morgan (Vice-Chair), Cllr Richard Ayre,
Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Jenny Ody, and Cllr Allan Searle BEM.

In attendance: S Taylor (retiring Clerk) Ann Corrigan (Clerk)

Somerset Cllr Rosemary Woods

Two members of the public

7.00pm Public Forum

Mr T Law suggested that it may be of benefit to both the Parish Council and the allotment holders if a liaison group was formed. Mr Law offered to be a representative between the two parties. Cllr Searle agreed to set up a meeting with Mr Law to progress further. The clerk confirmed that there are nine ½ plots available.

25.7.1 To approve apologies for absence: None.

25.7.2 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on June 17th

The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting had been circulated and **unanimously agreed** for signature by the Chair as true and accurate records of the meeting.

25.7.3 Declarations of interest and dispensations:

Cllr Searle declared his interest in the Stogursey Flower Show

25.7.4 Update from Somerset Councillors

Cllr Rosemary Woods had previously circulated to SPC Councillors, an update prior to the meeting including:

Boundary review draft proposals published.

This says that Watchet and Williton will become one division with the rest of Stogursey and Watchet Division being created as the Quantock Vale. This will not happen before 2027 earliest.

25.7.5 Appointment of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

The Chair confirmed the appointment of Mrs Ann Corrigan as Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer as of 1st July 2025.

27.7.6 Long term action list

1. Paddon's Farm

It was noted that the Council is still waiting for the Legal Agreement from the Solicitors despite several chases.

Cllr Goss confirmed that a pre-application meeting was not needed as the layout of the car park had already been approved by the planning officer at that time saving SPC £600.

Quotations have been sent at to our list of architects, as recommended by planning, and are awaiting their responses. She also confirmed that R K B's quotation for the building work has been confirmed and agreed with no increases.

Action: Cllr S Goss agreed to set up meetings with the architects to draw up plans and arrange site visits.

2. Housing Needs

A planning application went ahead for twenty-seven houses to be built on Lime Street. Nothing has happened and no work has taken place. Contact has been made with the Development Officers for Somerset Council and Magna Housing who said there had been issues because both planning officers, who were dealing with it, have left and not yet been replaced. It will still go ahead at some point.

3. Castle Street Flood Scheme

No Change

25.7.7 Hinkley Point power stations (general)

Cllr Goss reported that Hinkley B decommissioning is continuing as planned and 75% of defueling has now been completed. They hope to have completed the process at the end of the year.

Over three hundred lorries of spent fuel have been sent to Sellafield which means less traffic on the C182. HPB report they are immensely proud that there have been no safety issues at the station during the last 18 years and have set record for the nuclear industry.

25.7.8 Finance

The list of invoices for payment and monies received in June (Appendix 1) and the Financial Statement (Appendix 2) had been sent to members prior to the meeting and are attached to these minutes. The Financial Statement was noted.

It was **resolved unanimously** that the Invoices for payment were to be settled.

All payments will be made online, direct debit or by debit card.

Action: Clerk

25.7.9 Meeting reports**1. Town and Country Parishes & Clerks**

None reported.

2. Local Community Network (LCN)

Chris Morgan (SPC) has been appointed Chair of this group and has cancelled all future planned meetings until he can meet with the members.

27.7.10 Notification of forthcoming meetings

To be advised

27.7.11 Correspondence & Discussions**1. New plastic Greenhouse**

A plastic greenhouse was bought as agreed by SPC and is sited in the Old Pound. This has been provided to help volunteers to grow seeds/ plants for the village planters.

2. Weed growth.

It was noted that the area around the War memorial and the track leading to the wells are covered in weeds and need attention.

Action: A Searle to arrange with SPC's licensed Contractor to spray the areas.

3. Stogursey flower show - Cllr Searle left the room.

The council agreed a £400 grant towards the costs of the Flower Show.

It was agreed to fund two new presentation cups for next season as some of the cups need replacing.

Action: Cllr Seale to provide costings for agreement.

4. Allotments

Work has started on the redundant /abandoned plots to return them to a useable space. Our contractor has been clearing the plots of weeds and intends to cover with a membrane to prevent further growth. It has been a difficult project as a large amount of debris, equipment etc. has been left by earlier holders. There are nine half plots currently available which will be rotavated prior to the signing of a letting agreement.

It was agreed that a liaison group to be set up with a representative feeding back issues and recommendations.

Cllr Searle agreed to meet with the proposed representative at the allotments and invite existing and potential new allotment holders.

Action: A Searle, Tim Law

5. Request to fell a tree in the allotment.

After a recent site visit to assess the condition of the tree it was concluded that it appears to be perfectly healthy and does not impact in any way on neighbouring properties.

25.7.12 Highway Issues

1. Incorrect management of Contractor Diversion signs

During the work conducted by Wessex Water, incorrect management of the diversion signs have caused untold inconvenience to traffic users. The matter will be raised at an upcoming meeting with Highways, in September, to see how this can be resolved. ‘

Action: Sue Goss

2. Displays on the C182 at the junction with Hinkley Point Road

The grass here has grown so tall it is difficult to see oncoming traffic resulting in we instructed our Contractor who have done an excellent job at SPC's cost! The matter needs to be raised with Highways as it is the same all the way along C182 and posing health and safety hazard. This will be raised at the next Highways meeting.

3. Speed Information Devices (S.I.D.)

Two SID devices and five posts were bought, with grant funding by HPC.

Unfortunately, the active SID Device at Clayland's corner, plus its post, were destroyed after a car accident after its first deployment. Within two days, its partner post at Idson Lane disappeared without trace.

The remaining unit is successfully registering the number of vehicle, and speeding instances.

25.7.13 Public rights of way

It was confirmed that the 5-bar gate next to Swallow Cliffe, accessing the public right of way, was still padlocked and had been reported to the County Council. The family have agreed to pass the message onto the owner that the gate must not be locked.

25.7.14 Planning applications and decisions:

Members noted the outstanding planning applications.

25.7.15 Date and time of the next meeting:

Tuesday August 12th, 2025 at 7.00pm at the Victory Hall, Stogursey.

The meeting closed at 20.20pm

Signed: (Chair)

Date: