

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

Present:

Cllr Sue Goss (Chair), Cllr Chris Morgan (Vice-Chair), Cllr Chris Ford
Cllr Richard Ayre, Cllr Susan Jones, Cllr Jenny Ody, and Cllr Allan Searle BEM.
Ann Corrigan (Clerk)
Somerset County Council: Cllr Hugh Davies
Twenty-eight members of the public

7.00pm Public Forum

Three representations were made by residents concerning planning applications.

25.8.1 To approve apologies for absence:

Mrs J Ody offered her apologies

25.8.2 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 12th

25.8.3 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.

25.8.4 Declarations of interest and dispensations:

Cllr Chris Morgan declared a personal interest with two of the applicants.

25.8.5 Update from Somerset Councillors a) Local Transport Plan

Cllr Hugh Davies had previously circulated to SPC Councillors, an update prior to the meeting including the Local Transport Plan (LTP). This sets out how the Council will plan and prioritise transport provision across Somerset for the next 20 years.

Key aims include promoting walking, cycling, and public transport, ensuring new developments prioritise sustainable transport. Somerset Council invite all to comment on the LTP before 7th September.

<https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/active-travel/copy-of-local-transport-plan-2025>

b) Development of proposals for a new Hinkley Point C campus to ease pressure on local housing. The new campus is proposed to be located near Huntworth, Junction 24 of the M5 Motorway. The new accommodation provision will be in addition to 2,500 rooms provided by the project's existing campuses plus 4,000 extra bedspaces created in the local private housing stock through the Hinkley Housing Fund. Around 12,000 people are currently working on the construction site, with a further 3,000 expected over the next year as the power station's fit-out phase accelerates.

25.8.6 Long term action list

a) Paddon's Farm

There has not been a response from Strongvox solicitors despite our solicitors chasing them. We will not take ownership of the land, in its current state, because of the cost of returning it to its original well maintained condition.

As agreed at the last meeting Cllr Goss met with an architect, who now has an outline of the layout of the site and is checking any environmental issues that may be raised.

b) Housing Needs

No change due to a lack of staff at Somerset Council and Magna Housing. When the project eventually begins, several of the twenty-seven houses will be for social uses and low-cost housing.

25.8.7 Hinkley Point power stations (general)

HPC and EDF are now considering the future re-instatement of the northwest corner of the site, next to Shurton Bars Beach where the jetty currently is. This will eventually be returned to the Fairfield estate, as HPC currently rent the land from them. EDF has invited SPC to early discussions about this in September. There will be a senior public rights of way officer and the environment agency in attendance. HPA and B are undergoing a public consultation, run by NDA which will be open until 24th September. SPC has been invited to meet with Cllrs from WYLFA and Oldbury, where there are proposals to build new nuclear power stations. SPC will meet with them to share experiences and relationships with the HPC team in shaping Community benefits and dealing with construction issues.

25.8.8 Finance a) Settlement of Invoices

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

c) Asset List,

The Clerk said that SPC should review the list and ensure that redundant items are removed and that the list is current and up to date.

d) Notice of Completion of Accounts

This will be displayed on noticeboards and online by 7th September and will run for one month. Should a member of the public wish to see a copy the charge will be £2.00. Applications for copies email the clerk.

e) Request for a new Office Printer

The Clerk requested a replacement for the old printer, which now needs retiring, newer models are less expensive to run i.e. electricity and inks. SPC agreed with the request.

25.8.9 Meeting reports a) Town and Country Parishes & Clerks

None reported.

b) Local Community Network (LCN)

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

c) Meeting with Police and Crimes Commissioners

Cllr Chris Morgan took both on a tour of the parish. He outlined the problems with electric scooters and bikes, drug use, speeding cars and noisy motorbikes throughout the Hamlets. He reported that they hope to have two more PCSO's who will be recruited within the next 6-12 months.

27.8.10 Notification of forthcoming meetings

To be advised

a) Allotments

Four new plots are already let.

A local request had been made for an ash tree on the allotment to be removed. After a recent site visit it was concluded it is perfectly healthy tree that did not currently adversely affect neighbouring properties or allotments. However, SPC recognise that if left it will grow into a large tree and may cause problems in the future.

Cllr Allan Searle proposed to leave the tree in situ for the time being and replace with a rowan tree. Time scales up to 2 years. All unanimously agreed.

b) Repair to the Electric Box on the gravel

The existing box needs attention and for a qualified electrician to rewire it. Cllr Goss said she will request quotations for the job to be completed.

c) Bollards

There have been changes to Somerset Highways policies concerning funding of bollards in villages. In future this work will be carried out by Highway contractors and the funding of this will now be the responsibility of Parish and Town Councils. As a small parish Council SPC does not have the level of funding to pay for such works and in future such requests for bollards may have to be funded by the applicant.

25.8.12 Highway Issues

a) The Operation Harold Emergency route through Shurton and Burton, to the junctions with Stogursey Lane and Stringston Lane, is included in the Highways re-lining scheme, to be completed by their contractors before the end of the year.

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

Two SID devices and five posts were bought, with grant funding by from Avon and Somerset Police funds. Unfortunately, the active SID Device at Clayland's corner, plus its post were destroyed, due to 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 vehicles and instances of speeding.

25.7.13 Public rights of way

Cllr Sue Jones reported there are no current outstanding issues.

25.7.14 Planning applications and decisions:**a) 3/32/25/016 on Land at Edware, Wick Lane, Stogursey**

Change of use of land for vehicle parking for Hinkley Point C workers.

The Parish Council strongly objected to this application which was made because of a Somerset Planning Enforcement action.

SPC considers this application has caused a minimum of one hundred extra daily vehicle movements using the narrows lanes in the hamlet of Wick. This is contributing to even more numbers of vehicles on the C182.

SPC is concerned that the various shift patterns of Hinkley workers, who drive along the narrow lanes at all times of the day and night, adversely affects the residents of Wick.

SPC agreed that this application does not comply with Policy OC1 of the West Somerset Plan, which only permits countryside developments in exceptional circumstances. This is not applicable in this case, as EDF/ Hinkley Point C are bound, because of the DCO, to provide transport to the HPC site for all their

employees and that they all given a HPC Park and Ride facility or a Bus Stop to enable direct transportation to and from the site.

3/32/25/017 Land at the Bungalow, Wick House Wick, Stogursey

Change of use of land for vehicle parking for Hinkley Point C workers, the host dwelling and siting of five touring caravan pitches for HPC workers.

The Parish Council strongly object to this planning application due to the same issues that apply to the application 3/32/ 25/016 also in Wick. Should this be approved, it would result in a minimum of forty extra vehicle movements per day, over a period of 24 hours.

b) 3/32/25/018 Wayside, Shurton Road, Shurton

Conversion of existing attached garage to habitable accommodation with erection of a first floor above including dormers, erection of a single-storey rear extension and erection of detached double garage SPC supported this application.

c) 3/32/25/019 27 Clayland Corner, Cockwood

Conversion and extension of former Bistro 27 into a single-storey one-bedroom residential dwelling SPC supported this application.

d) 3/32/25/020 Stogursey Motors, 7 High Street, Stogursey, TA5 1TB

Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) to amend design to improve privacy, fire safety and thermal efficiency and removal of Condition No's 3 and 6 of application 3/32/24/013 SPC supported this application.

25.7.15 Date and time of the next meeting:

There will not be a meeting in September.

The next meeting is Tuesday October 14th 2025, at 7.00pm at the Victory Hall, Stogursey.

All are welcome.

The meeting closed at 20.15pm

Signed: *Susan Goss* (Chair)

Date: 14th October 2025