

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2025
at 19:00 in the Lord St Audries Room, Victory Hall, Stogursey.
subject to approval at the next parish council meeting

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Minutes

PRESENT:

Cllr Sue Goss (Chair), Cllr Chris Morgan (Vice chair), Cllr Jenny Ody, Cllr Allan Searle,
Cllr Richard Ayres, Cllr Susan Jones, Somerset County Councillor Mr Hugh Davies
In attendance: Ann Corrigan, Parish Clerk, and two members of the public.

7.00 pm Public Forum

Questions raised about the status of the Playground equipment repairs and if the clear spaces could be put to better use, highlighting the grassed “hump” which had once been extremely popular. A suggestion was made to distribute a Parish wide survey/ questionnaire as to what young people would like to see there.
Concern was also noted about the state of the compound/ land at Paddons Farm which spoils the gateway to the village.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Chris Ford sent his apologies.

2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

No further declarations of interest were made.

3. **Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12.08.25.**

The draft minutes of the last Parish Council meeting, proposed by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Searle, were unanimously AGREED for signature by the Chair, Cllr Goss as a true and accurate record of the earlier meeting.

Note: The Parish Council did not hold a meeting in September.

4. **Somerset County Councillor Report - Cllr Hugh Davies**

Cllr Hugh Davies had supplied a written report prior to the meeting.

Winter Coat Exchange Scheme

Relaunched by Somerset Libraries whereby a coat can be donated to help people less fortunate. Coats of any shape or size, in a clean and good condition for adults or children are accepted. This was a successful charity operation with 2,000 coats donated and taken last year. Any surplus of coats was given to RAFT (Refugee Aid from Taunton)

Participating local libraries include: Minehead, Street, Williton, Burnham-on-Sea, Taunton, and Porlock.

Families First Partnership Consultation:

Somerset Council invites the public to help shape the future of children and family services.

This initiative aims to prove collaboration between social work, police, health, and education. services to promote child well being and safety.

Visit the Families First Partnership Consultation Page on Somerset Council's website.

5. **Long Term Action List - Items not appearing on the agenda.**

Paddons Farm: Pressure has been made to solicitors for an appointment with Strongvox.

Castle Street Flood scheme: No updates

Lime Street Development: Delays due to staff shortages at both Somerset Council Planning and Magna Housing.

6. **Hinkley Point Power Stations (General) – Cllr Goss**

- SSG meeting September a new Chair appointed.
- Reactor four fuel removal complete; transfer to Nuclear Restoration Service in 2026.
- Reactor three fuel removal scheduled by Autumn 2026.
- When all the fuel has been removed from both stations, the Civil Nuclear Police will withdraw Post decommissioning.

7. Finance – Clerk/RFO

- 1) To note bank balances as at 30.09.25
- 2) To Authorise payment of Invoices & note receipts.
- 3) To receive the Budget Monitoring Statement to 31.07.25

The list of invoices for payment and monies received, (Appendix 1) and the Financial Statement (Appendix 2) had been sent to members before the meeting.

The Financial Statement was noted, proposer CM, second AS, the Invoices for payment were unanimously accepted. All payments will be made online, by cheque or by debit card. ACTION: Clerk

8. Meeting Reports: LCN Cllr Morgan

Cllr Chris Morgan reported that he had been unable to attend due to health reasons. He expressed concerns about lack of support and funding.

9. Notification of Forthcoming Meetings: TBA

Main site forum Steart Marshes: November

Desborough Highways meeting: 21st October.

10. Administration

1. Asset List: Review in process, updates due next meeting.

2. S.I.D.s: Two radar speed indicator devices ordered and will be erected as soon as possible

3. Defibrillators:

- **Training:** Course scheduled for 22nd October 2025
- **Monitoring** with current Contractor:
The contractor withdrew. Members were asked to check units in their villages, to see if there is a green light, any other colour to be reported to the clerk -the batteries may not be working properly.
- **Unit** outside Stogursey Motors
The existing defibrillator (owned by SW ambulance) service agreement is ending at the end of October. It was agreed with S W Ambulances that SPC will take it over and keep it in the short term and look to replace in the next budget year.

4. Grant application from Stogursey Youth Club

Members considered the application from the Youth Club to help with its increasing costs.

J O proposed, R A seconded the proposal. All agreed.

5. Day Service Sunday 9th November

It was agreed that a wreath is to be ordered as in previous years.

Cllr Ody and Cllr A Searle agreed to lead.

12. General Village maintenance**Allotments:**

Cllr Searle reported the recent meeting was well attended. There are two plots left and three raised beds. The clerk asked for clarification of charges for plots for 2026.

Cllr Searle and Cllr Morgan said no charges were to be made, in 2026, for all plot holders, due to the disruption caused in 2025.

Burgage Playground

All the repairs and replacement parts completed. Cost to SPC over £11,000.00.

The clerk presented a quotation for a replacement swing basket of £1992.00.

The Parish council unanimously agreed for the purchase to be made.

Grit bins and responsibilities

All four bins have now been identified and status reported to Highways.

13. Parish Enhancements**Electricity Box (Gravel)**

S G has requested three quotes and will organise site meeting

Village bollards

Houses on the High street are experiencing cars pulling onto driveways to avoid ongoing traffic.

Where the responsibilities lie is unclear. Issue to be raised at the next Highways meeting.

14. Highways issues

Water Lane Closure: 24 October (3 days (Wessex Water)

Potholes & White Lining: In progress and should be completed before end of the year.

15. Public Rights of Way

Overgrown paths noted. Cllr R Ayres agreed to walk the areas and assess.

Overhanging trees/branched at the wells has been reported.

Cllr Searle has been in touch with the landowners.

It was noted a collapsed style had been reported on Sewerage Lane.

16. Planning Applications and Decisions

3/32/25/023	Objected
T/32/25/001	Supported
3/32/25/028	Supported
3/32/25/020	Supported
3/32/25021	Supported
3/32/25/024	Supported
3/32/25/025	Supported
3/32/25/026	Supported
3/32/25/027/028	Supported

17 The date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 7pm

There being no further discussions the meeting was closed at 9pm

Signed:

Date

Ann Corrigan

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