

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th of November.
at 19:00 in the Lord St Audries Room, Victory Hall, Stogursey.

Minutes

PRESENT:

Cllr Sue Goss (Chair), Cllr Chris Morgan (Vice Chair), Cllr Jenny Ody, Cllr Allan Searle, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Richard Ayres, Cllr Susan Jones.
Somerset County Councillor Mrs Rosemary Woods
In attendance: Ann Corrigan (Parish Clerk), and four members of the public.

7.00 pm Public Forum (15mins)

A parishioner raised concerns about flooding at Babbling Brook, citing poor maintenance of waterways. They suggested using drones for surveys and creating a county-wide information network.

Response: Cllr C M noted this falls under Riparian owners and Waterways, outside the Parish Council's remit.

1. To Receive Apologies for absence

None

2. To Approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14.10.25.

The draft minutes of the last Parish Council meeting, proposed by Cllr C M and seconded by Cllr S J , were unanimously agreed for signature by the Chair, Cllr Goss as a true and accurate record of the earlier meeting.

3. To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

No further declarations of interest were made.

4. To Receive the County Councillor Report - Cllr Rosemary Woods

The report was circulated to all members prior to meeting.

Key points:

- External auditors raised concerns over financial resilience.
- Issues include reliance on legacy IT systems and rising staff costs despite redundancies.
- Rising staff costs and the ongoing use of agency staff despite recent redundancies.
- Strategic action is required to ensure long term stability.

5. Long-Term Action List

Paddons Farm: Cllr S G

A meeting held with Strongvox and a resident. Actions agreed for debris removal and site restoration before land transfer. Strongvox has applied for Easement rights for storm drain inspection.
Timeline pending.

6. Hinkley Point Power Stations (General) – Cllr S G

HPC has announced a new director for Hinkley C, Nicola Fauvel , who will take on the role after Christmas.

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7. Finance – Clerk/RFO

- 1) To note bank balances as at 31.10.25
- 2) To Authorise payment of Invoices & note receipts.

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 Cllr CF, second Cllr RA, the Invoices for payment were unanimously accepted. All payments will be made online, by cheque or by debit card. ACTION: Clerk

8. To Receive Meeting Reports: Cllr C M

LCN Report:

Cllr S G said the meeting was poorly attended (4 participants) and highlighted ongoing connectivity issues in rural areas. It was noted that several parish councils are withdrawing from LCN, due to insufficient support from Somerset Council.

After discussion, members agreed that although the LCN is a sound concept there are areas of concerns:

- Planning officers funded by Hinkley need to give improved service delivery.
- Connectivity causing problems in local areas.
- Social care issues unresolved

It was proposed that Stogursey Parish Council support LCN Highways group and Broadband issues
Proposed by Cllr CF and seconded by Cllr S G

Notification of Forthcoming Meetings:

LCN Meeting 10th December

Steart Habitat Creation scheme – public consultation Dec 9th Victory Hall

9. Administration: Clerk

1. Asset List

A discussion was had and input given to the clerk to update the list and circulate before the December meeting.

Action: AC to update and circulate

2. S.I. D's

Now delivered, meeting with Fosters and Highways to agree location.

Action: Cllr SG and Cllr CM

3. Defibrillator Training Course 22nd October 2025

This was a well attended practical course. SPC hope to be able to organise more in 2026.

10. General Village Maintenance

1. Allotments:

Cllr A S reported that there had been a strong interest following recent advertising; three half plots and three raised plots remain available, with one additional prospective tenant.

2. BRPA Clerk

The tall basket swing was flagged as high risk by the independent inspector in December 2024. SPC will follow professional advice on whether repair or replacement is required.

3. Lengthsman contract: Cllr Searle

Current contract ends in October; occasional tasks such as leaf clearance may still be needed, especially on the path to the church.

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11 Parish Enhancements

1. Electricity supply on the Gravel

Quotes for replacing the internal electricity box on the Gravel have been received; a decision will follow financial discussions later.

Action: Cllr SG

2. Bollards throughout the village: Cllr S G

Updates on village bollards are pending clarification from Somerset Council regarding policy and contractor responsibilities. We are waiting for information from Somerset Council to send a letter, /email to all parishes and highways to clarify their latest policy.

Action Cllr S G

3. Provision of Village Christmas Tree: Cllr A S and Cllr S G

Christmas tree (12-14ft) to be ordered for delivery first week in December.

Action: Cllr A S

12 To receive reports and discuss Highways issues- Cllr S G

Cllr S G had concerns during recent flooding events that the drains do get blocked with excess silt and leaves. Highways are meant to do this twice per year but to date only one has taken place.

White Lines are in process and a large pothole near two cottages at Stolford has been reported.

13 To discuss Public Rights of Way – Cllr S J, Cllr R A

Cllr R A reported two trees were down in Stogursey but would need a tractor to remove them.

Action: Cllr R A to liaise with the farmer

14 To discuss Planning Applications and Decisions – Cllr Ody

1) Application : 3/32/25/023 - granted

2) Application T/32/25/001 - granted

3) Application 3/32/25/028 Peadon Farm, Peadon Lane, Stogursey, TA5 1JH

4) Applications 3/32/25/024,3/32/25/025,3/32/25/026,3/32/25/027 - granted

5) Application 3/32/25/028 granted

7) Application 3/32/25/020 - granted in September

There was no further business to transact and the meeting closed at 8.45pm

The date of next meeting - **Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 7pm**

N.B Meetings are open to members of the public and press. Members of the public are welcome to attend the whole meeting but may only speak and ask questions during the Public Forum on matters listed on the agenda. For further information regarding meeting arrangements please contact the Clerk.

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Signed:

Date 5th November 2025