

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Members are required to attend a meeting of the Stogursey Parish Council

Date: Tuesday 13th January 2026

Time: 7pm

Venue: St Audries Room, Stogursey Victory Village Hall

The following business will be transacted:

Councillors Present:

Sue Goss -Chair, Chris Morgan-Vice Chair,

Richard Ayre, Chris Ford, Sue Jones, Jen Ody, Allan Searle

Somerset County Councillor Rosemary Woods, Clerk: Ann Corrigan

10 Members of the Public

7 pm Public Forum (15mins)

Issues raised by Parishioners:

Increased traffic and unsafe parking

Concerns were raised about rising traffic through Burton and Shurton, particularly Hinkley workers driving to the village and parking before catching buses.

Action: The Council will continue to challenge illegal parking sites and monitor relevant enforcement actions (SG)

Litter, bottles and overgrown vegetation

Reports of excessive litter, and vegetation overgrowth in multiple areas, attributed to workers cutting through on foot to get to the Hinkley site.

Action: SG to raise with Highways and at the next Hinkley Forum.

1. To Receive Apologies for absence:

None

2. Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting (9 December 2025)

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

Proposed: Cllr C F Seconded Cllr A S

3. To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None declared

4. Somerset County Councillor Report – Cllr Rosemary Woods

Somerset County Councillor's report was unavailable due to IT issues and therefore not circulated.

5. To Review the Long-Term Action List - Items not appearing on the agenda – Cllr S Goss

a) Paddons Farm

The long-standing issue regarding removal of the compound remains unresolved, with no date confirmed by Strongvox. Questions were raised about the need for a carpark and future maintenance. It was noted that the project was a previous (S106) agreement to help alleviate severe congestion, particularly during large village events and further compacted by additional rented properties for Hinkley workers.

b) Hinkley Point Power Station (General)

A new reactor has been delivered to site via sea and land.

Fire safety concerns have resulted in enforcement action being served - due to inadequate contractor arrangements, lack of control and monitoring.

7 Finance – Clerk/RFO

- Bank balances as at 31.12. 25 were noted.
- Invoices for payment in December (Appendix 1) and the Financial Statement (Appendix 2) had been circulated. The Financial Statement was noted.

Proposed: Cllr CF - Cllr SJ seconded, and unanimously resolved to approve all payments (online, direct debit or by debit card).

- The Clerk will circulate an amended budget including options to minimise any precept increase.

8. Meeting Reports:

Local Community Network (LCN) - Cllr Morgan

- Somerset Council has purchased new buses; the Slinky service now provides approximately 10,000 weekly journeys.
- Connectivity (internet and phone) remains poor across parts of the Parish, continuing to affect farmers and small businesses- this is an ongoing topic for LCN.

9. Notification of Forthcoming Meetings:

1. **Hinkley Community Forum:** 16th January
2. **Transport Forum:** 12th March / 25th June / 12th November 2026 Venue Cannington
3. **LCN Meeting:** 31st March Stogursey Victory hall 7pm
4. **Dowsborough LCN highways meeting:** Tuesday 27th January 2026, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm at Stockland Bristol Social Club.

10. Administration - Clerk

Parish update Speed Indicator Devices

Three devices are now installed within the Parish. Two new solar units will remain permanently in situ.

The Clayland Corner device will not be replaced.

Estimated saving: approx. £1,000 annually.

Co-option update

Vacancy notices have been published across all Parish notice boards, the Parish website, Stogursey News, Parish Facebook pages and Stogursey Pulse.

Closing date for applications 6th February.

11. General Village Maintenance- Cllr A Searle

a) Allotments

All plots are now occupied. Plot numbers will be affixed when weather conditions improve.

b) Parish Defibrillators - Clerk

Volunteers have been found for Stogursey, Stolford and Burton defibrillators.

A guardian is still needed for the Babbling Brook Defibrillator at Shurton.

c) Annual village maintenance contract for 2026

The existing contract will be reviewed, with consideration for a two- or three-year term.

Action: Clerk will circulate the existing contract and seek councillor input.

12. Parish Enhancements

a) Electricity Point working group

No recent meetings: the working party will reconvene in March

b) Bollard Update

No clarity given yet from Somerset Council. Further discussion with Highway Engineer planned at the upcoming meeting.

c) Parish Notice Boards

Existing boards are at end-of-life and difficult to open. Proposed Cllr CM seconded

Action: Clerk to research replacement options

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13. Highways Cllr SG

a) **Persistent flooding** between Clayland's Corner and Stenning Manor due to inaccurate drainage.

b) **Surface deterioration** at the corner of High Street/Lime Street reported

Action: SG will raise both matters at the forthcoming Highways meeting.

14. Public Rights of Way - Cllrs SG and R A.

A locked gate, near the C182, is restricting access along the South West Coast Path.

Action: SJ to inspect and confirm whether it can be unlocked.

15. Planning Applications and Decisions Cllr JO

Applications:

1. Brookville's Lane - withdrawn.
2. Pixies Field variation - extended to 2030.
3. Chestnut Tree Cottage - approved, compliance with good conservation practice noted.
4. Conversions of former dog kennels- received too late for inclusion in agenda; will be considered in accordance with the 21 day response requirement by Somerset Council.

16. Date of next meeting :10th February 2026

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Ann Corrigan
Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

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