

# STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2026

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**Date:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Time:** 7pm

**Venue:** St Audries Room, Stogursey Victory Village Hall

**Councillors Present:**

Sue Goss -Chair, Chris Morgan-Vice Chair, Richard Ayre, Chris Ford, Jen Ody, Allan Searle, Ian Corrigan, Michael Brookes, Stuart Lake,

Somerset County Councillor Mr Hugh Davies

3 members of the public

**7 pm Public Forum (15mins)**

Parishioners raised concerns about deteriorating road conditions across the Parish, attributed to increased Hinkley -related traffic, buses, HGVs, and heavy agricultural vehicles. Cllr C.M. confirmed ongoing discussions with Highways and noted that initial works have begun as shown by newly placed yellow markers in Stogursey High Street and Shurton.

A parishioner enquired about future Council's plans for the land at Paddons Farm. The Chair advised that the matter will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting, including whether a public consultation is required.

**1. To Receive Apologies for absence:** None given

**2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February**

The draft minutes of the last parish council meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> February, were proposed by Cllr C M, seconded by Cllr C F and unanimously **AGREED** for signature by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

**3. To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None

**4. To Receive the Somerset County Councillor Report** Cllr Hugh Davies

Cllr Davies updated the Council on Somerset Council's request for Exceptional Financial Support: £25m to address the budget shortfall and £5m to support service transformation. The remaining gap will be met through a Capitalisation Direction, enabling day to day costs to be funded through borrowing or asset disposal.

Council Tax will increase by 4.99%, with the Band D rising to £1,950.30 per year. This remains below the average for unitary authorities and lower than Dorset, Wiltshire, and Cornwall.

In response to Cllr C M, Cllr Davies confirmed that Nether Stowey Fire Station will remain open.

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## 5. To discuss Planning Applications and Decisions (Cllr J O)

Somerset Council is almost up to date with the backlog of outstanding planning applications.

### Current applications are:

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| 3/32/26/006 - Priors Cottage, Gorpit Lane, Stogursey, TA5 1TW. | - supported |
| 3/32/26/008 Knighton Farm, Knighton Lane, Stogursey, TA5 1QD   | - supported |
| 3/32/26/009 Knighton Farm, Knighton Lane, Stogursey, TA5 1QD   | -supported  |
| 3/32/26/007 Dawlea Farm, Tower Hill, Stogursey, TA5 1PR        |             |

**Action:** Cllr C M requested a site visit for later in the week

## 6. Finance – Clerk/RFO

1. Bank balances as at 31.02.26 were noted.
2. The Financial Statement and the Invoices for payment were proposed for acceptance by Cllr J O and seconded by Cllr A S. The resolution was carried unanimously.
3. All payments will all be made online or by debit card.

## 7. Review the Long-Term Action List

### Paddons Farm Cllr SG

The land transfer remains with the Council's solicitors pending a final decision on long-term use of the two pieces of land. Options will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting. Strongvox agreed to remove recent fly tipping at the request of Parish Council. A response from Strongvox is still awaited, regarding the removal of contractor's rubble and compound materials.

## 8. Meeting reports: None

## 9. Forthcoming Meetings:

- a) Transport Forum: 12th March / 25th June / 12th November 2026
- b) LCN meeting 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2026
- c) Hinkley Point A&B SSG meeting Tuesday, 17 March at 09:30 from 09:00 am
- d) Wessex Water Community Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> April 10-12pm and 1-2pm, Bridgwater Library, Kings Square, Bridgwater, TA6 2AR

## 10. To receive reports and discuss Highways issues Cllr SG

1. The damaged Fingerpost at the C182 Shurton junction:  
The driver's details and an incident number have been received from Avon & Somerset Police, enabling an insurance claim. Due to its weight, arrangements are needed for safe removal and storage until restoration.  
Action: Cllrs S G and AS Searle to coordinate. Cllr S G to contact Andrew Cockcroft (HPC) and inform the clerk of costings for insurance purposes.

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### 2. Flooding at Steyning's Cllr J O

The removal of contaminated ditch soil has left a flat verge contributing to flooding. Highways added tarmac to the area, worsening surface water retention.

**Action:** Cllr R A and Cllr J O to report the issue via Highways portal with supporting photographs.

### 11. Public Rights of Way Cllrs SJ, RA

A deteriorating kissing gate behind the Victory Hall is causing safety concerns near a field with horses.

**Action:** Cllr R A to contact the landowner.

Increased number of cyclists using the Baileys Brook path (Babbling Brook to Shurton Ford) despite "No Cycling" signage, is creating risks for pedestrians.

**Action:** Cllr S G To be raised at the next Transport meeting.

### 12. Date of next meeting:

14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - AGM at 7pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting

**Meeting closed at 7.55pm**

**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.

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