

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the meeting 14th April 2026

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Councillors Present:

Sue Goss -Chair, Chris Morgan-Vice Chair, Richard Ayre, Chris Ford, Jen Ody,
Allan Searle, Ian Corrigan, Michael Brooks, Stuart Lake,
Somerset County Councillor, Mr Hugh Davies
6 members of the public

1. 7 pm Public Forum (15mins) No matters raised

2 To Receive Apologies for absence: Cllr Sue Jones- The Council accepted.

3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th March

The draft minutes of the last parish council meeting, 10th March, were proposed by Cllr C F, seconded by Cllr A S and unanimously **AGREED** for signature by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

4 To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr C M declared an interest in Item 6 and agreed to leave the room during the discussion.

5. To Receive the Somerset County Councillor Report

Cllr Hugh Davies reported the launch of a three-year Crisis and Resilience Fund (from April 2026) to support residents on low incomes and replaces the Household Support Fund.

Additional support includes:

- Emergency Heating Cost assistance via Citizens Advice Somerset, (0808 278 7842)
- A £5m Enhanced Highways Maintenance program
- Continued support for the Slinky on-demand bus service in Sedgemoor South.
- Council Tax will increase by 4.99%, with the Band D rising to £1,950.30 per year.

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

3/32/26/010 – The Babbling Brook, Shurton Road, Stogursey, TA5 1QE

Cllr J O reported that this is a retrospective application for a car park extension.

Cllr C M left the room. Concerns were raised regarding increased traffic and excessive parking.

The Council did not support the application, however, would consider a re-submission limited to business hours, for guest and resident use only and free of charge.

Proposed Cllr S G, seconded Cllr C F

Cllrs Sue Goss, Jen Ody, Chris Ford, Ian Corrigan, Stuart Lake, Michael Brooks, Allan Searle, Richard Ayre, voted in favour for a re-submission, Cllr Chris Morgan voted against.

6 Finance – Clerk/RFO

1. Bank balances as at 27.03.26 were noted. Bank balances as at 27.03.26 were noted.

2. The Financial Statement and the Invoices for payment were proposed for acceptance by Cllr C F and seconded by Cllr M B. The resolution was carried unanimously.

3. All payments will all be made online or by debit card.

4. The clerk proposed that Richard Young be appointed as internal auditor and Cllr S G seconded.

7 Paddons Farm Cllr SG

Options discussed:

- Accept land as a car park on one plot as was originally proposed over 20years ago. (future maintenance noted)
- Accept the land transfer as a community green space (minimal maintenance)
- Decline transfer (possible S106 implications)

It was proposed that SPC take on the land and then decide the best use for it.

Proposed Cllr A S Seconded Cllr I C. All councillors agreed except Cllr C M who abstained.

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8 Meeting reports:

1. Cllr C M reported Police attendance noted. Concerns raised about rural crime especially Hare Coursing.

2. SSG meeting A&B Stakeholders

Cllr SG raised at the previous meeting, the issue of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary being disbanded and leaving the area. An agreement with the new site director, in discussion with Hinkley C, has agreed that the Civil Nuclear Police should remain. Cllr S G also confirmed that A & B station are to be amalgamated under one management team as there is no reason to have two separate ones whilst decommissioning.

9. Forthcoming Meetings:

- Transport Forum: / 25th June / 12th November 2026
- LCN meeting TBA
- Hinkley Point A&B SSG meeting Thursday, 4th June 10-12 noon
- Wessex Water Community Meeting, 28th April 10-12pm and 1-2pm, Bridgwater Library, Kings Square, Bridgwater, TA6 2AR

10. To receive reports and discuss Highways issues

Cllr S G reported that the fingerpost had been collected by Mr Paul Gower who has kindly repaired and restored it. The Council would like to thank Mr Gower for his public contribution. Concerning the flooding at Steyning's, Highways has agreed to re-dig the ditch and repair the bank. Farrington Road closed signs are being incorrectly positioned, this will be raised at the Highways meeting (16th)

11. Allotments

Cllr A S reported:

1. The water leak at the allotments has now been repaired
- 2 Only one raised bed available for rental
- 3 Plot holder addressing previously neglected plot

12. Public Rights of Way

Cllr R A **reported** a fallen tree across the path behind Plowright's Field
Cllr S L noted that the Increased number of cyclists using the Baileys Brook path (Babbling Brook to Shurton) has decreased since the pothole repairs have been carried out by Highways.

13. Speed D Indicator Devices

Cllr M B reported SID data showing high traffic volumes at times and some excessive speeding (over 70mph). The good news is that majority of vehicles are within the speed limit. Interesting is the traffic flow through Stogursey is steady slow build up of traffic and then remains steady during the day. Shurton is busiest in the morning, 147 vehicles at peak, and in the evening, over 207 vehicles recorded. Monitoring will continue.

14 Saint Andrew's Well

Cllr C F reported flooding occurs once or twice a year at the well. Ownership of the wells and buildings are unknown, lost in time. SPC has from time to time helped to maintain it, however SPC cannot support financially ongoing maintenance. It was suggested SPC invite residents to form a committee "Friends of the Well" to maintain it. To be discussed further.

15. Date of next meeting: 12th May 2026 - AGM at 7pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Ann Corrigan

Sue Goss

Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

Chair