

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 9 June 2026 at 7.00pm in the Lord St Audries Room,
Victory Hall, Stogursey

266 Page 1 of 3

Councillors present: Chair Cllr Brooks, Vice Chair Cllr Goss, Cllr Ayre, Cllr Corrigan, Cllr Ford, Cllr Lake, Cllr Morgan, and Cllr Searle.

In attendance: The Clerk.

Public Forum

Three members of the public were present.

- Concerns once again were raised against roadworks signage being left behind. Cllr S G informed that these could be logged as complaints with Somerset County Council, it is anonymous and photographs can now be uploaded.
- Paddons Farm was raised again by a resident and was updated to the status. (see item 5)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Jones and Cllr Ody and were accepted unanimously.
2. **Minutes of previous meetings:** The Council considered the minutes of the Parish Assembly and Parish Council meetings held on 14 April 2026, the Annual General Council Meeting held on 12 May 2026, and the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 May 2026.
The minutes of 14 April 2026 were approved, proposed by Cllr S G, and seconded by Cllr S L.
The minutes of 12 May 2026 were approved, proposed by Cllr A S, and seconded by Cllr I C.
3. **Declarations of interest and dispensations:** None were received.
4. **Somerset Councillor updates:** No updates were received. Councillor not in attendance.
5. **Long-term action list: Paddons Farm**
Cllr M B reported that Strongvox was keen to complete the outstanding Paddons Farm works. Subject to transfer, Strongvox will clear debris, hedgerows, and undergrowth, treat weeds, add topsoil, seed the area and install secure fencing. Work may begin in early July.
6. **Planning applications and decisions:** The following planning matters were noted and discussed.
3/32/26/010 – Formation of hardstanding to be used as an extension to the car park, retention of works already undertaken, at The Babbling Brook, Shurton Road, Stogursey, TA5 1QE.
The application has been granted, with a restriction limiting use to pub opening hours.
3/32/26/012 – Erection of a two-storey side extension with conversion of garage and attached stable into an annexe/art studio at 4 Chapel Cottages, Gorpit Lane to Chapel Cottages, Stogursey, TA5 1TW.
The Council had no objection in principle to the conversion/annexe but noted that the site lies within a flood zone.
3/32/24/001 – Siting of one caravan for occupation as temporary Hinkley Point C worker accommodation, retention of works already undertaken, at Idson Farm, Idson Lane, Stogursey, TA5 1TR.
The application had been refused twice and has now been sent to appeal.
The Council agreed to respond to the appeal, noting the previous refusals, lack of need for further HPC worker accommodation and concern that the proposal could become a permanent rural dwelling.
3/32/24/014 – Land off Lime Street. The Council awaits detailed plans as the matter is at an early stage.

7. Finance and Administration:

7.1 The Clerk/RFO had circulated the bank balances, financial statement and receipts and payments records as of 30 May 2026.

Invoices were approved for payment online or by debit card.

Proposed by Cllr C F, seconded by Cllr S G ; all in favour.

7.2 Internal Auditor's report 2025-2026

The meeting received and noted the Internal Auditor's report. There were no issues brought to their attention

7.3 AGAR Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025-2026

Members considered and unanimously approved the Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 (AGAR Section 1) and this was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

7.4 AGAR Section 2 Accounting Statement 2025-2026

Members considered and unanimously approved the Accounting Statements 2025/26 (AGAR Section 2) and, having previously been signed by the Clerk, was duly signed by the Chairman. Members noted the details of the publication of the notice of public rights and publication of unaudited AGAR.

7.5 Expenses:

Mileage for Cllr C M's weekly parish checks was approved and will be reviewed in 2027.

Proposed by Cllr I C, seconded by Cllr S L; The majority agreed with one objection.

7.6 Change of Bank details

It was agreed that the Clerk should change the bank statement contact details from Richard Wand to the Clerk on all accounts.

7.7 Credit Card

The Council agreed to the Clerk's request for a Council credit card with a £500 limit to support smaller purchases and VAT reclaim. All were in favour.

7.8 Councillor training was discussed and approved.

The Clerk will advise councillors of available training dates.

8. Meeting reports: Cllr Morgan had no updates to report.**9. Forthcoming meetings:** The following meetings were noted.

- Transport Forum 25th June, 2026 6pm Cannington
- Main site forum 2nd November,
- Transport Forum – 25 June 2026 and 12 November 2026, Cannington.

10. Allotments update: Cllr A S r

Complaints had been received concerning plots that were overgrown with weeds and seeding.

Cllr A S was confident the issue could be resolved. Cllr R A suggested the formation of an allotment association.

Actions: Cllr A S agreed to speak with V L.

It was noted that plot holders should use watering cans and the trough, not hosepipes.

The Clerk will check the existing contract, and Cllr A S will replace the tap connectors.

11. Village maintenance: Lengthsman, BRPA and closed churchyard:

The Castle Street to school footpath was discussed and agreed to be a Public Rights of Way matter.

Action: Cllr S L agreed to report the matter via the Somerset Council website.

12. Village enhancements**1 Installation of electrics on the Gravel**

The Council agreed to obtain quotes to make the cable into the metal box compliant.

Proposed by Cllr I C and seconded by Cllr C F. All were in favour.

2 Update concerning Parish notice boards

Recycled plastic was considered the preferred option for parish notice boards.

Action: Cllr I C will provide costings. Proposed by Cllr Corrigan and seconded by Cllr Ford. All agreed

3 Permanent Flagpole on the Gravel

Cllr C M will check whether planning permission is needed and obtain costings.

Proposed by Cllr C F, seconded by Cllr I C.

13. Hinkley Point A, B and C updates: Cllr S G**HPB: offsite emergency planning arrangements**

The Council noted changes to HPB emergency planning arrangements following removal of nuclear fuel from the site. Public meetings were scheduled for 17 and 29 June at the Village Hall

HPC: longer-term legacy and landscape restoration

The Council noted proposals to remove the bund and trees near the northwest boundary, restore the land, make the pipework safe, and carry out replacement planting.

14 Highways issues:

It was noted that large trailers and tractors had been dangerously speeding throughout the parish. Concerns were raised about tractor speed, size, noise, and the use of mobile phones by drivers.

15 Speed Indicator Devices monitoring update:

Cllr M B reported continued SID monitoring across the parish.

Recorded speeding: Shurton 5% both directions; Tower Hill 5% inbound and 8% outbound.

Priory Hill 1.5% inbound and 1.2% outbound.

Cllr M B suggested that a new Community Speed Watch group be set up.

Action: The Clerk will publish a request in Stogursey News to attract volunteers.

16 Public Rights of Way: Cllr R A

Paddon's Lane remains overgrown and deteriorating.

Action: Clerk to ask Strongvox whether scalping's from the waste land could be used.

The broken latch at the Hinkley emergency exit, reported by Mrs L A, was noted as the responsibility of EDF and should be reported directly to them.

Cllr M B confirmed signage on the Hinkley escape route to the C182. Cllr S G queried whether EDF had installed the signs without Public Rights of Way permission.

He also noted that Ben Hole Lane unofficial signage states no horses; however, this is classed as a Green Lane and is open to all including horses.

17 Parish Council meeting dates to May 2027

The Council agreed unanimously not to meet in August.

Action: The clerk to upload the Parish Council's calendar to the website

18 Date of next Parish Council meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 14 July 2026 at 7.00pm at the Victory Hall, Stogursey.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.27pm

Signed:

Ann Corrigan

Clerk

Date: 18th June 2026

