

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7pm
Lord St Audries Room, Victory Hall, Stogursey.

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Present:

Cllr Sue Goss (Vice Chair), Cllr Chris Morgan, Cllr Richard Ayre, Cllr Jenny Ody,
Cllr Allan Searle, Cllr Chris Ford, Cllr Stuart Lake, Cllr Ian Corrigan
Ann Corrigan (Clerk)
Somerset County Councillor Hugh Davies
Two members of the public

Minutes

7.00pm Public Forum.

Speeding and the increased amount of traffic through the parish was raised again.

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr Susan Jones and Cllr Michael Brooks – the Council accepted their apologies.
2. **Approval of minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th June 2026.
The draft minutes had been circulated and were unanimously AGREED as a true record.
Cllr C F proposed and Cllr I C seconded.
3. **Declarations of interest and dispensations:**
Cllr A S declared an interest in Stogursey Flower Show.
4. **Updates from Somerset Councillor Cllr Hugh Davies**
 1. Somerset Council is consulting on the new Local Plan for the next 20 years and invites comments.
 2. A six-month leave of absence for Cllr Rosemary Woods, requested by Cllr Diogo Rodrigues for health-related reasons, has been granted.
Cllr C Morgan raised concerns about the sale of Somerset Council assets.
5. **Review of the Long-Term Action List** - items not appearing on the agenda.
Paddons Farm: A new solicitor, at Pardoe's, has been assigned to handle the exchange of contracts, after 20 July, on her return from holiday. The Clerk will follow up.
6. **Discuss planning applications and decisions** – Cllr J O
Cllr J O agreed to write to Cllr Diogo Rodrigues about Somerset Council planning and enforcement issues.
7. **Finance and administration** Clerk/RFO
 1. Invoices, June receipts and the Financial Statement had been circulated. The Financial Statement was noted.
Invoices were approved for payment by online transfer, direct debit or debit card.
Cllr C F proposed, Cllr A S seconded. All in favour.
 2. The clerk explained the advantages of updating SPC accounts software and recommended Scribe accounts software. This was approved unanimously. ACTION: Clerk.
 3. A grant application for Stogursey Flower Show was approved unanimously, proposed by Cllr C M and seconded by Cllr J O
 4. Discussion concerning the purchase of a water hose and reel purchase. Cllr C F recommended SPC to fund a water reel and two 30ft hoses for the Gravel as his own personal ones are end of their usefulness. He recommended that they could be stored at the Old Dog Pound. A key safe should be added to the gate for access. Estimated cost: £200.
Proposed by Cllr C F, seconded by Cllr C M. All in favour.
 5. Costings for a new solar panel for the SID battery unit.
It was agreed that a solar panel for the SID battery unit would reduce labour.
LLEstimated cost: £510 all unanimously agreed for the purchase to go ahead.
8. **To receive meeting reports:**
The LCN AGM was postponed until September, when Chair and Vice Chair elections will be held.
Cllr C M raised concerns about limited rural public transport.
Concerns reported over refusal of drivers to reverse. Hinkley driver reversing instructions need clarification following access issues involving a bus and ambulance. Action: Cllr CM to progress with EDF and their contractor

9. Notification of forthcoming meetings:

1. LCN AGM September – date to be confirmed
2. Main Site Forum – 1 November
3. Transport Forum – 12 November 2026, Cannington.

10 Allotments update

Cllr A S will replace the taps, as soon as possible to disable the use of hoses.
The two available plots have been taken up, leaving one raised plot available.

11 Village Maintenance update – Lengthsman, BRPA, and closed churchyard Cllrs A S and I C

A parishioner reported that the vegetation growing on the church wall is overgrowing. The council agreed that this is the Church's responsibility and not the Parish Council.

Cllr I C said the lengthsman were doing a good job, especially around the playground.

12 Village Enhancements**1. Review of the status of installation of electrics on the Gravel – Cllrs I C, C F and A S**

Cllr I C reported that two companies had viewed the project. One quote has been received and the second is awaited.

2. Update concerning parish notice boards – Cllr I C

Notice boards required: three single boards for Wick, Burton and Shurton, and one triple board for Stogursey.

Cllr C F proposed a budget cap of £5,000. Cllr I C seconded and all were in favour.

3. Discussion regarding the flagpole on the Gravel – Cllr C M

Cllr C M reported that he had obtained a new quotation for a flagpole, estimated at between £700 and £800. He then left the meeting at 7.45pm, proposing that the Council consider the brochures he had provided in his absence. Cllr S G advised that this item should be carried forward to the September meeting.

4. Discussion concerning the way forward regarding St Andrew's Well – Cllrs C F and A S

Overhanging branches remain the main issue. ACTION: Cllr A S to ask neighbours to cut them back. It was also suggested that SPC put a notice out for volunteers for regular maintenance.

The Council thanked Roger Nicholls for removing a large tree root that had blocked the drain and caused the recent flooding.

13. Hinkley Point A, B and C updates Cllr S G: None**14. Highways issues** Cllr S G

1. Parking on Shurton Road near Ben Hole Lane is causing access issues for residents. Two or three cars park opposite driveways and residents cannot safely get out of their drives as the cars cause visibility issues. It also causes problems for buses and large farm vehicles.
Cllr S G to contact Highways for an appropriate solution to the problem.
2. An unauthorised dam, built across Bailey's Brook-near the Shurton Ford was reported and has since been removed.

15. Public Rights of Way – Cllr R A

The visibility splay at Farringdon Lane/C102 is overgrown and should be reported to Highways.

The Paddons Farm road remains blocked. Cllr S G reported that Somerset Council has downgraded the road and it will not be cleared by them as it is not considered dangerous.

16. Date of next Parish Council meeting: 8th September 2026, 7pm at the Victory Hall, Stogursey.

Please note that there will not be a meeting in August.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed: Ann Corrigan *Ann Corrigan*
Clerk to Parish Council

Sue Goss - vice chair
Date: 8 July 2026

