

# Stoke St Mary Parish Council

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You are hereby summoned to attend a **Stoke St Mary Parish Council Meeting**, to be held at Stoke St Mary Village Hall on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7.30pm**

Sarah Fisher – Clerk to the Council

## Annual Parish Council Meeting Agenda

Before the meeting there will be a public session to enable the people of Stoke St Mary to ask questions of the Parish Council and make comments (in accordance with Standing order 1 (e)). This session shall not exceed 15 minutes (Standing Order 1f) and, in accordance with Standing Order 1(g), a member of the public shall not speak for more than 5 minutes. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question or may appear as an Agenda Item for the next meeting.

Unitary Councillors are invited to give written or oral reports on matters affecting Stoke St Mary.

### 26.22 Attendance and Apologies

### 26.23 Declarations of Interest

### 26.24 Minutes of Last Meeting

- to receive and approve the Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026, a draft has been circulated with the summons to this meeting

### 26.25 Finance

#### a) Balances (as at 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026):

Current a/c: £2,447.93

Deposit a/c: £9,205.14

95 Day notice a/c: £7,167.76

The bank reconciliation has been circulated with the summons to this meeting.

#### b) Expenditure approval:

|                                                    | £      |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| i. Parsons Landscapes inv 18823                    | 129.10 |
| ii. Parsons Landscapes inv 18886                   | 252.48 |
| vi Parish Online annual subscription website/email | 336.00 |

### 26.26 Discussion of Local Government Association Civility & Respect document “Bias & Predetermination” pg 45 – Cllr Graeme Watt

### 26.27 New Town/Taylor Wimpey – to discuss concerns raised about potential development of former Crown Estate land, and to consider a request from Save the Blackdown Vale campaign for a financial contribution. To review status of two Freedom of Information requests submitted to SC.

**To discuss the following resolution:** “*Stoke St Mary Parish Council considers that the HELAA/consultation process has been designed to exclude proper scrutiny by the people affected by development.*”

- *The delay in publishing the HELAA, scheduled for September 2025, but not published until the last possible day in June 2026, enabled developers to push forward their plans while we were left ignorant*
- *The publication of a 500+ page set of documents with a five-week window of consultation is designed to preclude any but professional opinion*
- *A questionnaire designed to produce answers fundamentally favourable to large-scale development will, if anyone responds, be illegitimate before the results are published.”*

**26.28 Clerk's report/action list from previous meeting:**

- Update re reinstating of planning enforcement notices
- Consider request for parcel delivery box in SSM

**26.29 To receive reports from Parish Council Portfolios:**

Staff  
Drainage/flood control  
Highways  
Traffic/speed management  
Rights of Way  
Play Area  
Village Hall  
Police  
Local Community Networks (LCNs)/devolution  
Half Moon Inn  
Taunton Garden Town

**26.30 Planning – Cllr Rob Hossell**

No new planning applications received

**26.31 To confirm revised IT policy (carried forward from May meeting):**

An amended draft has been circulated with the summons to this meeting

**26.32 Date of next meeting and Items for Agenda**

**Attachments:**

Draft Minutes from meeting on Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Bank reconciliation

Local Government Association Councillor Code of Conduct "Civility & Respect"

Revised IT policy document