

STOKE CANON PARISH COUNCIL

**A meeting of Stoke Canon Parish Council was held in The Bridge
on Thursday 4th September 2025 at 7.30 pm.**

Those present were Cllr Kate Scott-Clarke (Chair), Cllr James Maunder (Vice Chair), Cllr Derek Boustred, Cllr Mike Kemp and Councillor Nat Vanstone (DCC)

AGENDA

Meeting commenced at 19:30pm

58/25 Apologies - To receive any apologies for absence.

Cllr Fabian King (EDDC) has tendered his apologies for absence. These were accepted.

59/25 Declarations of Interest Under the Code of Conduct

Councillors are reminded of the requirement to declare any interest, including the type of interest, and reason for that interest, either at this stage of the meeting or as soon as they become aware of that interest.

None

60/25 Minutes

To adopt the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd July 2025.

PROPOSED: Cllr Derek Boustred **SECONDED:** Cllr James Maunder **RESOLVED.**

61/25 Public Question Time

Up to 5 minutes **Public Question Time** for members of the public to bring forward any issues not on the agenda (where a matter is already on the agenda members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak when that item is considered, within the framework of the Council's standing orders). Where a decision is required, the issue will be placed on the following agenda.

None were present

62/25 Lead Councillor Updates

To receive an update from the Lead Councillors on the following:

- Finance – Chair and Clerk – Precept and P3 monies have been received. No big outgoings on the horizon.
- Highways- Cllr Derek Boustred. Updating of traffic control in village has finished no problems. Several potholes in the village have been marked up but after a

month still not filled. Grass cutting has been minimal due to hot weather. Path to and from Rewe is due for a trim. Contractor in next 2 weeks. Planters for River Close were constructed by the probation service. They have been completed and ready to be put in place. Bench by the Mill has been installed. 20mph is plenty speed limits were considered at the DCC Highways meeting today. This action was carried forward hopefully in the future funding will be available. Wait to see what the criteria to apply is.

- Play Park-Cllr Kate Scott-Clarke – Outdoor equipment is not currently on insurance the extra cost to add is £41.92 for the rest of this year's premium. Approval sought to add this to the premium. Approved by all Councillors. Table tennis table has been added to the playpark.
- Footpaths -Cllr Mike Kemp – Cllr Vanstone will report overgrown pathway by bridge on portal. Get quotes and Clerk to ask Cllr Vanstone and Gent to support a Community grant. From bridge to the Mill footpath is very shabby so needs to be looked at. Richard Spurway has provided maps. Clerk to email Nat Vanstone with details.
- Planning -Cllr James Maunder
Nothing to report

63/25 Planning Matters.

To discuss any planning applications received since the last meeting. No applications have been received.

64/25 Financial Matters

To receive the accounts summary to 31st July 2025 (previously approved by Cllrs Maunder and Scott-Clarke).

- 1 x Payments to North Devon payroll for wages (July salary)
- 1 x Payment to PCC for hall hire £14.00 (08.07.2025)
- 1 x Payment to Yu Energy for electricity £0.66 (09.07.2025)
- 1 x Payment to DCW Polymers for a bench £468.00 (08.07.2025}
- 1 x Payment to Samuel Dunbar for grass cutting £920.40 (15.07.2025)
- 1 x Payment to EDDC for dog bins £998.40 (29.07.2025)

To **NOTE** the following payments were approved remotely in accordance with Financial Regulations :

Note: Payments approved by Councillors K Scott-Clarke and Cllr J Maunder in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

The bank balance as at 31st July 2025 was £10,308.81

65/25 EDDC Update

To receive an update from Cllr Fabian King, East Devon District Council.
Cllr King could not make the meeting but his report has already been circulated.

66/25 DCC Update

To receive an update from Cllr Henry Gent and Cllr Nat Vanstone, Devon County Council.
Cllr Gent's report has been distributed to Councillors. Cllr Vanstone was present and gave Councillors an update.

67/25 Other information/correspondence received for possible action/discussion/attendance

- The NJC have agreed a payrise for all Local Government Workers backdated from April 2025. The Clerk has requested that this be honoured. **PROPOSED:** Cllr K Scott-Clarke **SECONDED:** Cllr J Maunder **RESOLVED.**

68/25 Date of the next meeting(s)

Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 6th November 2025 at 19:30hrs—
The Bridge.

Meeting closed 20:20