

STOKE CANON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Stoke Canon Parish Council was held in The Bridge on
Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 7.30 pm.

MINUTES

Those present were Cllr Kate Scott-Clarke (Chair), Cllr Derek Boustred, Cllr Mike Kemp (Vice Chair), Cllr Kevin Wraight Cllr Fabian King (EDDC), 3 members of the public and the Clerk. Neighbourhood Beat Manager Dan Toomey (Devon and Cornwall Police) was also present.

The Meeting commenced at 19:30pm

45/26 Present – Kate, Mike, Derek, Kevin, Fabian, 3 members of the public and the clerk. Neighbourhood Beat Manager Dan Toomey (Devon and Cornwall Police) was present.

46/26 Apologies - To receive any apologies for absence. None were received.

47/26 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 were declared.

48/26 Minutes

To adopt the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 7th May 2026 as a true record.

PROPOSED: Cllr D Boustred **SECONDED:** Cllr M Kemp **RESOLVED.** The Chair signed the Minutes as a true record.

49/26 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.

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Dated:

- Neighbourhood Beat Manager (Dan Toomey) – The Police are aware of the recent problems with stealing from the local shop by teenagers coming from Exeter on the bus then going to Brampford Speke and breaking into a garden and causing damage. He has taken some more details and will speak to the owners of the shop. Some work to do behind the scenes but will come back to us with any updates..

People gave details of other local problems which Dan took details of.

- Some MOPs were asking about a campaign about changing the speed limit. Clerk to email Highways and DCC Councillors regarding can we do this?. 40mph between SC and Rewe. Rumble strips being put back in.

50/26 Lead Councillor Updates

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

- Highways- Cllr Derek Boustred – 30mph on Stoke Hill has been rejected. Road surface at bottom before bridge is very dodgy. Bridge has not been cleared. Needs to be done asap. Community probation team cannot do it. They have done a great job with clearing debris and culverts. Planters in River Close are looking lovely and thank you to all the volunteers for watering them. Network Rail have been working on their draining system under the railway line. Beyond the halfway point in Chesnut Close it is blocked Highways Officer needs to be chased again to get this done. Clerk to chase.
- Play Park – Cllr Kate Scott-Clarke – grass has been cut. The broken piece of equipment will be dismantled and taken away by Cllr Kemp. Cllr Scott-Clarke has sourced some replacements which are over £10,000. Will update us as we get further down the line. Table tennis table is free for all to use. There is also adult exercise equipment for people to utilise.
- Footpaths and Planning -Cllr Mike Kemp – Survey form still to be completed. The probation team have been strimming the first part of the footpath to Brampford Speke. We have a volunteer to take over from Cllr Kemp as footpath warden. This will be organised.
Sandy Lane has also been cut. New contractors come on the 15th of every month.
- Finance – the Clerk – Has been a busy month this month with paying for the new website and also had to retain the old domains.

51/26 Planning Matters.

To discuss any planning applications received since the last meeting.

25/2649/FUL - Oakhay Barton Stoke Canon Exeter EX5 4ED – Amended plans – no objections raised.

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25/2650/LBC - Oakhay Barton Stoke Canon Exeter EX5 4ED – Amended plans – No objections raised.

26/0640/FUL - Stoke Cottage Stoke Canon Exeter EX5 4AT - Partial demolition of outbuilding; single storey extension on south elevation; loft conversion including raising of ridge line and chimneys with installation of dormers and roof lights; construction of two storey outbuilding with incorporated car port; creation of new access – No comment

52/26 Financial Matters

To receive the accounts summary to 30th June 2026 (previously approved by Cllrs Maunder and Scott-Clarke).

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

- 1 x Payment to B Hurkett for grass cutting for £165 on 12.05.2026
- 1 x Payments to North Devon payroll for wages on 29.05.2026
- 2 x Payments to Yu Energy for electricity charges total £9.25 on 26.05.2026 and 09.06.2026
- 1 x Payment to Santander for bank charges of £9.98 on 20.05.2026
- 1 x Payment to Exeter Garden Services for £192.00 on 22.05.2026
- 1 x Payment to Vision ICT for website services of £305.44 on 16.06.2026
- 1 x Payment to Aubergine for new website of £670.80 on 16.06.2026

No payments were received:

The bank balance as at 30th June 2026 was £12939.07

53/26 EDDC Update

To receive an update from Cllr Fabian King, East Devon District Council. A lot going on about the environment and water in East Devon. Housebuilding and affordable homes - the government are still pushing for more to be built. They are now threatening to take powers away from County Councils with regards putting planning through.

East Devon Local Plan. – having to be rewritten as an extra provision of 200 new homes per year has been put in place by the government. Marlcombe the new town outside of Exeter is still going ahead.

Local Government Re-organisation – hoping for a decision before the 16th July.

54/26 DCC Update

To receive an update from Cllr Henry Gent and Cllr Nat Vanstone, Devon County Council. Cllr Gent sent his report and this was distributed to Councillors.

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55/26 Other information/correspondence received for possible action/discussion

- Email from a Bramford Speke Parish Council councillor regarding anti-social behaviour and theft from youths in BS and SC – this is with the Police.
- Email from MOP regarding road markings. Clerk to email Highways Officer
- Hedge at end of the school has not been done – Clerk to chase the school.

56/26 Date of the next meeting(s) The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 19:30hrs– The Bridge.

Meeting closed @ 20:45pm

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