



Draft Minutes of the Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council Meeting
held at The Bayford Mission Hall, Bayford Hill, Bayford, Wincanton
Thursday 8th of January 2026, 7pm.

Present:

Cllrs: N Linsley (Chair), J Garrett, F Harvey, M Grant, M Rushe

In attendance:

Clerk: K Fullerton, Somerset Council Cllrs Lucy Trimnell and Tom Power, no members of the public.

i. Public Forum:

No public session items.

ii. To receive reports from Somerset Council Councillors.

The Somerset Council councillors notified members of the current consultations on the boundary review, budget, and food waste.

7:10pm Meeting opened.

1/25/063 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Robert Web-Bowen sent apologies.

2/25/064 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

3/25/065 To agree the Minutes as a true representation of the matters discussed at the parish council meeting held on the 13th of November 2025.

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes as a true and accurate record of matters discussed.

4/25/066 Planning Matters

a) To consider new planning applications:

- i. 25/02617/LBC – Ivy House, Bayford, Wincanton, Somerset BA9 9NL – Addition of sixteen integrated solar panels to the rear roof slope of an outbuilding garage located within the curtilage of a listed building. Deadline passed for comments – to note in the minutes only.*

RESOLVED: No comment.

- ii. 25/03092/HOU & 25/03093/LBC – Ivy Barn, Bayford, Wincanton, Somerset BA9 9NL – Demolish conservatory and outbuildings, relocate loose box, erect single storey extension, and form new internal partitions, replacement doors, and windows to include 2 no. dormer windows, and remove hardstandings.*

RESOLVED: No comment.

- b) To consider any recent planning applications from Somerset Council (South), received in the days after the agenda had been circulated and prior to this meeting. Interested public and parish councillors: please refer to (South) Somerset Council planning portal for full details of planning items that might be discussed under this item:**

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

None.

- c) *To note any planning decisions from Somerset Council.*
25/01961/FUL – application permitted with conditions.

5/25/067 Highways

- a) *Horse Safety signs – to note installation and discuss recouping any costs from the member of the public who offered to part-fund the signs.*
Members agreed to request the contribution of 50% of the final costs, being £125.00. The Clerk will email the resident.

ACTION: Clerk

- b) *To discuss any issues with the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and any maintenance work required.*

None.

- c) *To discuss the safety issue with the parking on Bayford Hill.*

Cllr Linsley raised a concern about the limited vision splay on Bayford Hill. Parked cars reduce the width to one lane traffic, but you are unable to see far enough along the road as to whether it is clear in the other direction, before pulling out around the parked cars towards Wincanton. Cllr Linsley suggested the need for double yellow lines for a short distance up to the bus stop. With the yellow lines providing a clear way further up the hill, drivers would be able to see far enough along, that the road was clear, before pulling out around the parked cars towards Wincanton.

RESOLVED: To request a site meeting with the Wincanton Town Clerk to explain the concern and potential remedy.

ACTION: Clerk

- d) *To note any road safety concerns.*

Several potholes were reported to Somerset Council online.

6/25/068 Footpaths – to receive a report from Cllr Garrett.

Members noted receipt of Cllr Garrett's comprehensive footpath update for January and thanked her for her continued progress in this regard.

7/25/069 Financial and Regulatory Matters

- a) *To review and approve the Privacy Statement and Privacy Policy.*
Item deferred to March.

ACTION: Clerk

- b) *To receive a bank reconciliation for all parish council accounts.*

Received and approved, showing a capital balance of £41,796.87 as of the 31st December 2025.

- c) *To agree the precept figure for 2026/27.*

RESOLVED: To request a precept sum of £11,000. This being a reduction of 7.75% to the average Band D property, a reduction of £5.17 annually.

- d) *To seek a resolution to make the following payments:*

<i>i. K Fullerton – Clerk salary Nov 2025 – PAID</i>	£ 390.49
<i>ii. Somerset Council Pension Fund – Pension Nov 25 - PAID</i>	£ 143.59
<i>iii. K Fullerton – Clerk salary Dec 2025 - PAID</i>	£ 390.49
<i>iv. Somerset Council – Pension Fund Dec 2025 - PAID</i>	£ 143.59
<i>v. N Linsley – Plants Galore (Xmas tree lights)</i>	£ 13.95
<i>vi. K Fullerton – Clerk expenses Dec-Jan 2026</i>	£ 93.44
<i>vii. RBLI – Poppy wreath</i>	£ 22.00
<i>viii. St. Andrews Church, Stoke Trister – Churchyard grant</i>	£ 500.00

RESOLVED: To make the above BACS payments.

ACTION: Clerk, Cllr Linsley

- 8/25/070 Defibrillator – to receive a report from Cllr Garrett**
Cllr Garrett asked Members to consider reimbursing the resident who is supplying electricity, via their home supply, to the defibrillator. Cllr Garrett will ask if the resident would like reimbursement.
ACTION: Cllr Garrett
- 9/25/071 LCN Matters – to receive a report on any LCN matters since the last parish council meeting – Cllr Harvey**
Cllr Harvey said the meeting was brief and a ‘setting up’ meeting only. Very little business discussed.
- 10/25/072 Ranger Work – to list potential work for the Ranger and agree upcoming schedule of hours**
Upcoming work to include works detailed on Cllr Garrett’s current list. Clerk to arrange for the Ranger to visit 8 hours/2 men after the 1st of April.
ACTION: Clerk
- 11/25/073 To review the parish council submission for the newsletter (if available) – Cllr Harvey**
Cllr Harvey has spoken with the newsletter editor about the parish council providing a regular piece for the newsletter. The first piece will inform readers of the regular parish council meeting dates for the year. Clerk to provide the list of dates to Cllr Harvey.
ACTION: Cllr Harvey, Clerk
- 12/25/074 Parish Council noticeboard refurbishment, Stoke Trister**
Cllr Garrett informed members that the noticeboard repairs are complete. Members sent their thanks to the kind public member who carried out the repair.
- 13/25/075 To note correspondence received**
- Somerset Council Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Programme. Noted.
 - SALC Community Health and Wellbeing Programme. Noted.
 - Grant request from Arts Engagement and Outreach Manager, on behalf of Octagon Theatre and Westlands Entertainment Venue. Members rejected this grant request.
 - Somerset Council - Letter from the Leader of Somerset Council. Noted.
 - Somerset Council – to receive a list of Highways contacts. Noted.
- ACTION: Clerk**
- 14/25/076 To note items for the next agenda**
- Privacy Statement and Policy.
 - Grass Keep – multi-year agreement?
 - Annual Residents Meeting (1st March – 1st June).
 - Internal Audit arrangements.
 - Year End Accounts 31st March 2026.
- ACTION: Clerk**
- 15/25/077 To note the date of the next meeting**
12th of March, 7pm, Mission Hall, Bayford
- Meeting closed at 20:38.**