

Stokeinteignhead Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the
Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Stokeinteignhead
on Tuesday, 13 January 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors French (Chairman), Pedersen (Deputy Chairman), Hobin, Horton, John, Simmons, and Stoneman.

In attendance:

Andrew McKenzie – Parish Clerk
5 members of the public

The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council and may be subject to change until that time.

Part I

125. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dennis.

Resolved that the apology for absence be noted.

126. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Simmons declared an interest in relation to planning application 25/01394/HOU - Orchard Farm, Stokeinteignhead by virtue of living in the adjoining property. She advised she would speak but not vote on the application.

127. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

At this juncture, Standing Orders were suspended to enable Members of the public to speak.

A parishioner asked whether a response had been received regards the road surface condition near their property – it had not. They requested to be present were a site visit to take place; this would be requested.

A parishioner noted the recent collision of a vehicle into the hedgerow near the junction of Fuzzy Dee road, and questioned whether a barrier was necessary

At this juncture, Standing Orders were resumed.

128. MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 December 2025.

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 December 2025 be approved and signed as a correct and accurate record.

129. POLICE REPORT

In the period, 1st December 2025 to the 31st December 2025, there were 2 recorded offences in the Stokeinteignhead area, made to the Police.

- Offender threatening resident (Nottingham knockers) 1
- Male going door to door selling things (Nottingham knockers) 1

Councillor John asked whether the Police had any dates for the protective marking of equipment and suggested they be offered to attend when the café was running at the Village Hall. This would be passed to the Police.

Resolved that the report be noted.

130. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked Matt Fearn for disposing of the postcards through Rendells which, after commission, had yielded £32.60 for the Parish Council.

She further thanked those parishioners involved in taking down the village Christmas tree at the previous weekend.

Resolved that the report be noted.

131. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Councillor Stoneman reported that a caravan had recently been broken in to with money being taken. It had been reported to the Police and was being investigated,
- Councillor Horton referenced upcoming local government reorganisation and hoped sufficient numbers of parishioners would stand at the forthcoming parish council elections in May 2027,
- Councillor Simmons noted that the pothole on Deane Lane was particularly dangerous and needed reporting. Upon looking at the highways reporting tool, it had been reported three times.
- Councillor John advised she would be attending training through DALC in March regards creating action plans and strategies for town and parish councils,

- Councillor Pedersen thanked Kevin Bowden for removing the defunct noticeboard at the Village Hall, and for installing the replacement board.

Resolved that the reports be noted and actions would be progressed.

132. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

There were no County or District Councillor reports.

133. CLERK'S REPORT

There was no Clerk's report.

134. PLANNING

- 25/01394/HOU - Orchard Farm, Stokeinteignhead – retention of wall mounted EV charging point, increased height of existing chimney stack, installation of new external flue boiler flue on rear elevation and internal works to heating system.

Resolved that this Council has **no objection** to the application.

- 25/01935/LBC – Orchard Farm, Stokeinteignhead – retention of wall-mounted EV charging point, increased height of existing chimney stack, installation of new external flue boiler flue on rear elevation and internal works to heating system

Resolved that this Council has **no objection** to the application.

To note recent Planning Decisions (for information).

- 25/01703/CLDP – Bramblewood, Stokeinteignhead – certificate of lawfulness for proposal to build a single storey side extension and front porch – NOT LAWFUL
- 25/01912/HOU – Coggins, School Road – removal of centre pillar on the front of the garage to create one opening and installation of new garage door to match colour and texture of existing doors of property – GRANTED

To note recent Planning Appeal decisions (for information)

None.

135. FINANCE

- Expenditure

Members considered the items for expenditure.

Resolved that the following items of expenditure be approved for payment:

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| 17/12/2025 | JF Computers – O365 licences | £59.40 |
| 27/12/2025 | CWS – Buddlehole clearance | £1,178.10 |
| 05/01/2026 | Parish Online | £75.60 |
| 06/01/2026 | SLCC Annual Membership 2026 | £83.30 |
| 13/01/2026 | Clerk’s Salary – Jan | £566.90 |
| 13/01/2026 | Clerk’s Expenses – Jan | £30.30 |
| 13/01/2026 | Hire of hall | £31.00 |

Totals: **£2,024.60**

Items of expenditure authorised under delegated authority

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| 18/12/2025 | JB Electrical SW Ltd – Xmas lights work | £96.00 |
| 21/12/2025 | Amazon – Heavy Duty Sandbags | £39.98 |
| 06/01/2026 | Noticeboard magnets 124 pieces | £16.88 |

Totals: **£228.46**

Resolved that the items of expenditure made under delegated authority be approved.

ii. Income

Resolved that the receipts and payments account be approved.

iii. Reconciliations

Resolved that the bank reconciliations for December 2025 be approved.

iv. Quarter 3 Budget Monitoring Report

Resolved that the Quarter 3 Budget Monitoring report be noted.

136. THE LINHAY WORKING GROUP

The Chair of the Working Group advised that quotes had been sought for materials which were in region of £1,500, with labour anticipated to be in the region of £5,000 plus VAT.

Members were asked to send suggestions for labour quotations to Councillor Hobin for further investigation.

Resolved that the planning decision be noted.

137. LINHAY RE-THATCHING

Members considered the updated quotation to rethatch one side of the Linhay including the ridge and hip at a cost of £17,160, with anticipated start of March 2026 if minded to approve.

Following discussion, it was

Resolved that the updated quotation and timeframe for works be accepted.

138. INITIAL BUDGET PROPOSALS 2026/27

Members noted upcoming works to the Linhay and how that might affect the Council's earmarked and possible general reserves, in addition to ongoing responsibilities for the Linhay, Pools Weir, and the War Memorial.

It was **resolved** to hold an additional meeting to set the budget and precept on 20 January 2025

139. BUDDLE HOLE CLEARANCE

Members reviewed the buddlehole clearance report which showed before and after photos of the 21 holes cleared within the parish.

Members commented on the success of the clearance and how well the holes appeared to be working. It was suggested that the

Councillor Stoneman noted that whilst the St Mary Church Road had been closed for the Solar Farm works, remedial works to the road generally should have been timed to coincide so as to reduce future disruption.

Resolved that the report be noted.

140. NOTICEBOARD AT STOKEINTEIGNHEAD VILLAGE HALL

Members noted that the existing noticeboard at the Village Hall (single-span) had collapsed and had been replaced with a new parish council noticeboard and installed by a parishioner.

Representations had been received suggesting the new board was out of keeping and should be rectified.

Following discussion, it was

Resolved that the Council's responds that it had fulfilled its responsibility by replacing the parish council's board with a new design and, should that not be

deemed acceptable, an alternative could be installed at the purchaser's expense.

141. BIODIVERSITY

There was no biodiversity report.

142. FEBRUARY COUNCIL DATE

Due to an annual leave scheduling error, the Clerk requested whether the February council meeting date could be rescheduled.

Following discussion, it was

Resolved that the February parish council meeting be rescheduled to Tuesday, 17 February 2026.

143. HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES

Members noted the planned overnight closure at the Torbay boundary with Teignbridge on Teignmouth Road to undertake works on surface deterioration 11-13 February 2026.

Members further considered submitting a road closure for Remembrance Sunday to ensure participants safety.

Following discussion, it was

Resolved that a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) be submitted to close the road for the duration of the Remembrance Sunday commemorations.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:52.

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Cllr Carol French
CHAIRMAN – STOKEINTEIGNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Appendix 1

County Councillor's Report

On Thursday 4th December I attended the Full Council meeting. This focused heavily on children's services, particularly the urgent need for more foster carers throughout Devon and the long-term reform of Devon's SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) system. Devon's SEND services needs an urgent overhaul after years of systemic challenges. With emphasis on:

- *Rebuilding trust with families*

- *Improving communication*
- *Laying foundations for long-term change*

My colleague, Cllr Robin Julian, has been appointed champion for fostering and as member of the Children’s Scrutiny will be working closely with Julian over the coming months.

Motions discussed at the meeting included:

- *Urgent Action on Pavement Vegetation, Neglect and Public Safety. The motion was carried and discussions are to be held with Town and Parish Councils. A survey will be designed and delivered to Parish Councils by Green Futures Devon CIC on the use of pesticides for weed management.*
- *Tackling the ADHD Crisis in Devon: A Call for Policy Reform and Accountability – this motion called for (a) the endorsement of the One Devon Neurodiversity Strategy for improving support for neurodiverse children and young people, (b) regular joint reporting to the SEND Strategic Partnership Board, from DCC and NHS senior officers, on the delivery of the Neurodiversity Strategy; and (c) the drafting of a joint letter from the Leader of the Council and NHS Devon to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, advocating for alignment between the national ADHD Taskforce and the SEND reforms to ensure that national policy and funding frameworks enable the Council, schools and local health services to work together to deliver timely, inclusive, and coordinated support. This motion was passed.*
- *Pavement Parking Enforcement – this motion called for pavement parking to be added to the report a problem pages, and to use such submissions to prioritize enforcement patrols in areas of enforcement and inform Civil Enforcement Officers, who can then record contraventions with direct observation and that the police be informed of reporting locations, so any appropriate action could be taken.*
- *Safeguarding Standards and Oversight in Devon’s Publicly Funded Services – this motion which concerns safeguarding of children at a recent Exeter library event was referred without discussion to the Cabinet for consideration as there was no time to debate the motion.*

Councillor Heather Horner