

Stokeinteignhead Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the
Parish Council
held at the Village Hall, Stokeinteignhead
on Tuesday, 17 February 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

In attendance:

Andrew McKenzie – Parish Clerk
4 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

150. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Simmons.

Resolved that the apologies for absence be noted.

151. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor John declared a pecuniary interest in relation to planning decision 25/01801/LBC as this referred to her own property. The item was for noting.

152. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

A member of the public reported issues with the condition of Deane Road but questioned what could be done due to the continuously flow of running water.

At this juncture, Standing Orders were resumed.

153. MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 January 2026.

It was noted that the precept figure required amending.

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 January 2026 be approved and signed as a correct and accurate record subject to the amendment being made.

154. POLICE REPORT

In the period, 1st January 2026 to the 31st January 2026, there were 4 recorded offences in the Stokeinteignhead area, made to the Police.

- Burglary (residential property items taken) – 1
- Violence less serious (harassment with fear of violence) – 1
- Criminal damage (ongoing issues with neighbour) – 1
- Other notifiable crime (public order neighbour shouted at ap) – 1

Resolved that the report be noted.

155. ORGANISATION REPORTS

There were no organisation reports.

156. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's report.

156. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Stoneman raised concerns regards the soakaway adjacent to Apple Barn which required clearing. Further, that a concrete slipway near to Bramblewood had been broken up and should have been reinstated. It was **agreed** that these matters be communicated to the Neighbourhood Highways Officer.

Councillor Horton submitted that a sign highlighting that persons parking their vehicles in the car park at Pools Weir did so at their own risk should be installed in the not too distant future.

Councillor John advised she would be attending a briefing on 5 March regards local government reorganisation in Devon.

Councillor Pedersen advised that remaining salt at the Linhay would be distributed to the various grit bins within the parish and asked for volunteers to assist with this. Councillors Hobin and Horton put their names forward and would liaise individually on a suitable time to carry out the work.

Resolved that the reports be noted.

157. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

County Councillor Horner advised that:

- Potholes was a major issue for the highway's authority, with 2,900 cases outstanding and a further 1600 being logged in the past week. Over 600 cases were being assessed a day but many highways' resources had been redeployed to Slapton following the breach of the road there.
- The road collapse at Shaldon was approaching its 2-year anniversary and a public meeting was being organised. Works to reinstate was hopefully being scheduled for the summer.

Resolved that the report be noted.

158. CLERK'S REPORT

There was no Clerk's report.

159. PLANNING

- i. 26/00069/HOU – Kookaburra, Stoke Road – first floor rear extensions to include two new balconies and two front dormers.

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

To note recent Planning Decisions (for information).

- i. 25/01961/HOU – Middle Rocombe Far, Studio House – new lean-to porch and lobby – GRANTED
- ii. 25/01801/LBC – 1 School Cottages, School road – replacement of existing windows in the rear of the property – GRANTED

To note recent Planning Appeal decisions (for information)

None.

160. FINANCE

- i. Expenditure

Members considered the items for expenditure.

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

17/02/2026	John Finch Computers O365 Licences	£59.40
17/02/2026	Clerk's Salary (Feb)	£576.00

17/02/2026	Clerk's Expenses (Feb)	£24.00
17/02/2026	Hall hire	£31.00
17/02/2026	Domain name reg 2 years	£72.00
Totals:		£762.40

ii. Income

Resolved that the receipts and payments account be approved.

iii. Reconciliations

Resolved that the bank reconciliations for February 2026 be approved.

161. RBS YEAR END ACCOUNTANCY CLOSEDOWN 2026

Resolved that the RBS Year-End accountancy closedown service for the financial year 2024/25 be approved at a cost of £648.00 +VAT.

Resolved that the planning decision be noted.

162. THE LINHAY WORKING GROUP

The Chair of the Linhay Working Group advised that quotations were being sought from contractors to carry out the works and it was proposed that the working group meet prior to the March Council meeting to review and make recommendations to the Council as to the preferred contractor to appoint.

Resolved that the update be noted.

163. CHRISTMAS TREE ELECTRICAL WORKS

Members considered the quotations received for electrical works to Christmas tree sockets.

Resolved that JN Building Services be appointed at a cost of £522.05 plus VAT.

164. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Members noted the various options on the table for local government reorganisation in Devon.

Resolved that the Council determine its response to Government as part of the consultation at its March meeting, to be submitted by 26 March 2026.

165. ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

Resolved that the decision to nominate Councillor French as the Parish Council's submission to the Devon Association of Local Councils to attend the Royal Garden Party be ratified.

166. BIODIVERSITY

There was no biodiversity report.

167. HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES

There were no highways and hedges reports.

168. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the duration of the following items on the basis that the information to be disclosed would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

169. LINHAY GARAGE RENT REVIEW

Members considered the rent review for the Linhay Garage.

Resolved that the rent chargeable for the Linhay Garage be increased by the rate of CPIH¹ as at January 2026 as per the terms of the lease, with effect from 1 April 2026 until March 2027.

170. PARISH CLERK'S SALARY

At this juncture, the Clerk left the room at 20:36.

Members noted the successful completion of the BA (Hons) Community Governance qualification by the Parish Clerk and as per the terms of the contract of employment it was

Resolved to increase the Clerk's salary by one incremental point on the nationally agreed scale.

At this juncture, the clerk rejoined the meeting at 20:40.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:40.

¹ As detailed by the Office for National Statistics

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Cllr Carol French

CHAIRMAN – STOKEINTEIGNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL