

Stokeinteignhead Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the

Parish Council

held at the Village Hall, Stokeinteignhead
on Tuesday, 10 March 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

In attendance:

Andrew McKenzie – Parish Clerk
3 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

171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

172. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

173. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

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

A member of the public reported issues at the Labrador Bay layby. It was agreed the Council would contact the Director of Highways, and Shaldon Parish Council.

A member of the public advised they were in correspondence with Highways regards the condition of the road below Ridge Road and she would keep the Parish Council updated as to progress.

At this juncture, Standing Orders were resumed.

174. MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 February 2026.

It was noted that the precept figure required amending.

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 February 2026 be approved and signed as a correct and accurate.

175. POLICE REPORT

In the period, 1st February 2026 to the 28 February 2026, there were no recorded offences in the Stokeinteignhead area, made to the Police.

Resolved that the report be noted.

176. ORGANISATION REPORTS

There were no organisation reports.

177. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised that:

- A barn covered in scaffolding at Commons Lane could be seen to have windows on the inside at the site of Blackleigh Farm. It was agreed this would be reported to Teignbridge Planning Enforcement.

Resolved that the report be noted.

178. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Councillor Stoneman advised:
 - a length of hedge had been reduced to ground level which had six oak trees at a cost of £150 each. The road was a minimum of 15ft wide and was straight with no curves. This was extremely disappointing.
 - At the bottom of his road, a concrete grip was installed in 2002 however the current owners had since removed it. This meant water flowing across the road and sandbags were not having the required affect. The owner was now placing road cones on top and was therefore restricting the highway. It was agreed that the matter be referred to Devon Highways.
- Councillor Horton requested installation of an advisory sign at Pools Weir, stating that those parking in the car park did so at their own risk.
- Councillor Hobin noted that no parking signs had been placed outside of Victoria Farm. It was agreed this would be reported to Devon Highways.

- Councillor John advised she had attended a neighbourhood planning webinar which gave good examples and recommended a consultant to assist with the formulation of a plan. She would make contact to find out more and report back.
- Councillor Pedersen advised that:
 - DRIP would be coming back to the village to film following their flooding works in the Parish – a date was yet to be confirmed.
 - Residents had been digging out the bank close to the grit bin on Forches Hill due to the leak which had resulted in properties losing access to their water supply. South West Water had yet to respond to the Parish Council’s submission.
 - Mr Travis, a local villager who had been involved in setting up the Village Shop and Village Hall had recently passed away.

Resolved that the reports be noted.

179. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS’ REPORT

District Councillor Clarence advised that Teignbridge had approved its budget with a 2.99% increase on its level of the council tax for an average band d property. It was currently in process of reviewing its local plan; currently it was required to build 720 new homes each year however the current government had required a new plan to be commenced which would emphasise house building with a potential target of 1086 homes per year.

The County Councillor’s report had been previously circulated.

Resolved that the report be noted.

180. CLERK’S REPORT

There was no Clerk’s report.

181. PLANNING

None.

To note recent Planning Decisions (for information).

None.

To note recent Planning Appeal decisions (for information)

None.

182. FINANCE

i. Expenditure

Members considered the items for expenditure.

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

17/02/2026	O365 Licences	£59.40
26/02/2026	DALC – Neighbourhood Planning	£42.00
10/03/2026	Clerk’s Salary (Mar)	£576.20
10/03/2026	Clerk’s Expenses (Mar)	£24.00
10/03/2026	Hall hire	£31.00
Totals:		£732.60

ii. Income

Resolved that the receipts and payments account be approved.

iii. Reconciliations

Resolved that the bank reconciliations for February 2026 be approved.

183. LINHAY STRUCTURAL WORKS - QUOTATIONS

Members considered the four quotations received to undertake remedial works to the Linhay.

Councillor Hobin thanked members of the working group for their work. Options included changing the use of lap joints to mortice and tennon joints.

Resolved that Oak Homes Joinery Ltd be appointed the contractor for the works at a cost of £7,427 plus VAT with the mortice and tennon join being used. Councillor Hobin to liaise with the planning authority regards permissions.

184. STANDING ORDERS

Members reviewed the Council’s Standing Orders.

Resolved that the Council’s Standing Orders be readopted as set out.

185. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2026/27

Members considered the proposed schedule of meetings for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Resolved that the schedule of meetings for the 2026/27 municipal year be approved as set out

186. BIODIVERSITY

Councillor Simmons advised the working group had not met recently. It was recommended that hedgerows should not be cut between 1 March and 31 August.

Resolved that the update be noted.

187. HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES

Councillor Stoneman reported that the stream adjacent to Tudor Cottage was becoming impeded with kerb stones and other detritus and required cleaning. It was agreed this would be reported to Highways and Teignbridge Coastal team.

Resolved that the report be noted.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:27.

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Cllr Carol French
CHAIRMAN – STOKEINTEIGNHEAD PARISH COUNCIL