Minutes of a Council Meeting of South Stoke Parish Council

Monday 10th June 2026 at 7:30pm, South Stoke Village Hall

Councillors in attendance:

Chair John Verrill (JV)
Vanda Scholey (VS)
Tina Haslam (TH)

Public Forum: MOPS 2
Meeting Started: 19:30

1. **To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given**
   Apologies received from Andrew Scrivener (AS) and Neil Proctor (NP) was absent.
   Resolved: Unanimously approved

2. **Declarations of interest**
   Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items.

3. **To consider requests for dispensations**
   TH husband is a member of the steering group for Mend the Gap, but he does not have ultimate authority.

4. **To Co-opt new Cllr to the Parish Council**
   Deferred to next meeting
   Resolved: Unanimously approved

5. **To approve the minutes of previous council meetings**
   - Parish Council Meeting, 13th April 2026
   - Annual Meeting, 11th May 2026

   Resolved: Approved

6. **Chairman's Announcements**
   No Updates

7. **County and District Councillor Reports**
   No Update, however in a previous email there was a link for Flood Warden and perhaps this is something someone in the village would like to take on. It was suggested that an emergency resources plan could be created and added to the

website.
It was also suggested that the flood warden be added to the newsletter as an article.

8. Committees and Community Groups

To receive any reports and updates since the last PC meeting and approve actions:

1. Park Project Committee
   - To receive an update
     Bore Hole invoice has been received. Further work is needed for the bore hole, these are 1) control gear needs to be protected from weather and vandalism approx. £400. 2) Maintenance regime needed to change the filters 3) Float for the pond is required.
     Resolved: Quotes and grant form is requested for these items, item deferred.
   - Discuss and approve any other actions

2. South Stoke Community Shop
   - Update and discuss and agree any actions
     Building is now underway, and advised this is on schedule, the wooden structure arrives on 24th June, and the ground works will need to be completed. Finances are looking good, with a minor shortfall budgeted at £2900. It is hoped that the shop will be open for the open gardens end of August.
     Resolved: Noted.

3. Amenities Charity
   - To receive any updates on AC matters and agree actions
     We would like to know who is paying for the pump electricity. It was decided to be deferred so that it can be part of the wider discussion.
     Resolved: Noted

4. Slipway
   - Update and agree actions
     TH has a meeting with a contractor tomorrow 9th June, at the slipway to discuss what can be done and costs as a starting point.
     Resolved: Noted.

5. Graveyard extension

- Update and discuss actions
  Grant has been requested of £247.50
  Resolved: grant was approved

6. Water Meadows
   - To receive any updates
     No Update at present, there is no agreement on the licence from Savills
     Resolved: Noted

9. Parish Finance and Administration

- To receive and approve SSPC invoices for payment.

Date	Payee	Amount
26.06.26	CLERKS WAGES	£742.14
26.06.26	HMRC	£54.52
09.06.26	Mowing	£300.00
31.05.26	Service charge	£7.00
09.06.26	Royal Mail PO box	£499.80
09.06.26	Newsletter	£290.00
09.06.26	web hosting	£274
21.04.26	Bore Hole	£15888

Grant Request

04.06.26	Church tree survey	£247.50

June Receipts

01-Jun	Chickens	£20

Resolved: Noted

- To receive the internal auditors report
  Resolved: Deferred to 29th June
- Annual governance statement 25/26 review
  Resolved: Deferred to 29th June
- Year-end accounts & accounting statements 25/26
  Resolved: Deferred to 29th June and to appoint a locum for the meeting only.
- To review the EMRs
  Resolved: To defer until July's meeting when all Cllrs are present.

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10. Planning

To consider current planning applications and approve response to planning authority.

- None

11. Correspondence and Miscellaneous Matters

1. To receive items of correspondence and approve any required actions in response.
   Mend the Gap – waiting on funding refund confirmation.
2. Silted footpath update
   Clerk still waiting an update as to whose responsibility the bridge is and to maintain it. Action Clerk to chase again.
3. Memory plaques updates for D Kennedy and R Small
   Resolved: quote received for a 10x15cm metal plaque £60 +VAT
   Action: Clerk to purchase a plaque with the spending power of up to £100.
   Simple font times new roman or arial.

12. The Newsletter

To receive an update on newsletter and agree list of items from this agenda to be included in the next edition.
Flood Warden
Asking for helpers for the emergency plan document.
Shop update for the newsletter.

13. Matters for confidential discussion.

Ashmont works are looking untidy and a MOP has complained.

14. **Matters for future discussion.**

EMRS
High interest rate bank account

15. To confirm date of the next meeting

29th June 17:30
13th July 19:30

Meeting Closed: 21.00

Cllr J Verrill
Chair

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