Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of South Stoke Parish Council

Monday 13th July 2026 at 7:30pm, South Stoke Village Hall

Councillors in attendance:

Vanda Scholey (VS)
Tina Haslam (TH)
John Verrill (JV)
Andrew Scrievener (AS)
Neil Proctor (NP)

Public Forum: MOPS 2 plus District Cllr Maggie Filipova-Rivers
Meeting Started: 19:34

1. **To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given**
   None

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

   VS to remove her interest in the CGA , as she does not have a plot nor involvement of the CGA.

3. **To consider requests for dispensations**
   None

4. **To Co-opt new Cllr to the Parish Council**
   No update

5. **To approve the minutes of previous council meetings**
   - Parish Council Meeting, 10th June 2026
   - Extra Parish Council Meeting 29th June 2026

   Resolved: Approved and signed by the chair

6. **Chairman's Announcements**

   To note the resignation of the clerk, to thank her for the hard work. It is noted that the

Clerk's last day will be the 14th of September. It was noted to thank the outgoing clerk for her time with the PC.

7. County and District Councillor Reports

The Planning framework is changing, there will be no more planning committees, and it is important to consider a neighbourhood plan and other policy documents. The neighbourhood plan will form part of a legal document and will be taken into consideration by planners when making decisions.

Electric buses are now in Oxford city, and these are starting to move out of the city.

Drainage works in South Stoke should be happening soon. Keep reporting these issues as these are now being looked at.

The speed limit on the road from Goring to Wallingford through the village is being reviewed.

Waste solutions will need streamlining, the data is currently saying fly tipping is not going up, please report any fly tipping. Evidence is required to strengthen the case in order to look at resolutions.

Resolved: Noted. Report has been circulated. The PC is very appreciative of the support of our District and County Councillor.

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 :

- **CGA**- noted their thanks for mowing the field
- **Water supply** – there is a stand pipe that runs to the Community Garden. This is currently only being used for the orchard trees. It is now being looked at to change the water system to add a tap off the bore hole to give free water to the orchard and help with the maintenance.
- **Quality of Build** - wooden shed and electrical fittings for bore hole.
  The current installation is very safe, it complies to safety standards, but it needs a cover. It is thought that a cover can be built with simple materials and it does not need to be a complicated structure.
    - The shed roof ridge is sagging.

- **Electricity usage** -The CGA now has access to the app and needs to work with the amenities charity to work out the actual cost of running the bore hole.
- **The plastic shed**- it is only to stay for this season.
- **Pond filling apparatus**-the valve for the water can consume significant quantities of water. This will be monitored for electricity usage- it is likely that the parish council will pay for the usage for this.

- **Discuss and approve any other actions**-None

2. South Stoke Community Shop

Update and discuss actions

Resolved: No Update

3. Amenities Charity

To receive any updates on AC matters and agree actions

Resolved: No update

4. Slipway

Update and agree actions

Resolved: No Update

5. Graveyard extension

Update and discuss actions- Tree survey has been completed; the PC made a grant towards the tree survey. There is an area identified on the survey in which there are some trees that could be unstable. We cannot have burials within a 10m diameter of these trees. The only outstanding point is the aquifer. It is also noted that more people are being cremated, and that the spot under the shady tree might be a good place for future interment of ashes.

Resolved: Noted, the PC is still happy to facilitate the graveyard extension, however any further requests for grants will need to come back to the PC. Unanimously approved

6. Water Meadows

To receive any updates

There would be no agricultural rights grants, as confirmed by Mend the Gap

A plan has been put forward to get grants for equipment for where the paths need to be mowed. It is to be noted that there are no current plans for development or selling off of assets in South Stoke. Christ Church would like all communications to come via the PC and not other stakeholders from within South Stoke.

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Resolved: Noted

9. Parish Finance and Administration

9.1. To receive and approve SSPC invoices for payment.

Date	Payee	Amount
26.06.26	CLERKS WAGES	£707.21
26.06.26	HMRC	£43.53
14.07.26	Mowing	£300.00
30.06.26	Service charge	£7.00
14.07.26	Newsletter	£290.00
14.07.26	Frank p Matthews	£173.00

Grant Request:

09.07.2026	telephone box - AC	£895.00

Payments received:

01.07.2026	Chickens	£20

Resolved: Unanimously Approved, to approve the payments but to defer the grant application of £895 to the AC,

9.2. To review the EMRs

Deferred

9.3. To discuss using a high interest account for savings.

Deferred

10. Planning

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

- P26/S2136/HH- Single-storey extension in-line with existing rear porch lean-to, 1.25m extension to existing side outrigger, and solar PVs to south-facing roof slopes
  The Granary Ferry Road South Stoke Reading RG8 0JP
  Resolved: No Comment
- P26/S2438/FUL -The installation of a ground based solar photovoltaic array of 27 panels positioned in three rows of 9 panels, with battery storage.
  Cavendish Cottage Ferry Road South Stoke Reading RG8 0JP
  Resolved: unanimously approved to support the comments made by College Farm house in determining the application,
- P26/S2178/HH - Rear / Side Conservatory

Bright Ravens Wallingford Road South Stoke Reading RG8 0HY
Resolved: No Comment

11. Correspondence and Miscellaneous Matters

To receive items of correspondence and approve any required actions in response.

1. Eroded Thames footpath update
   Deferred
2. Memorial plaque updates for D Kennedy and R Small
   Deferred
3. To approve and note the resignation of the Parish Clerk, and to agree the recruitment process for a new Parish Clerk.
   Resolved: To accept the resignation of the clerk and approve an OALC advertisement and an advert in the newsletter. Clerk to draft something for approval.

12. The Newsletter

To receive an update on the newsletter and agree list of items from this agenda to be included in the next edition.
Cash Flow for Advertising and discount on yearly rates.
Dogs barking

13. Matters for confidential discussion.

None

14. Matters for future discussion.

Local Plan/Neighbourhood plan team.

15. To confirm date of the next meeting

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Meeting Closed: 21.40

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Chair