Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of South Stoke Parish Council

Monday 9th November 2026 at 7:30pm, South Stoke Village Hall
Members of the public and press are invited to attend all council meetings.
(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Councillors in attendance:
Vice-Chair Andrew Scrivener (AS), Vanda Scholey (VS), Tina Haslam (TH), Neil Proctor (NP), Dave Rawson (DR), SODC Council Leader Maggie Filipova-Rivers (MFR).

Public Forum: None

Meeting Started- 7:30pm

26.9.1 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given
John Verrill

26.9.2 Motion without Notice
AS was unanimously appointed Chair of the meeting

26.9.3 Declarations of Interest
None

26.9.4 To consider requests for dispensations
None

26.9.5 To approve the minutes of previous council meetings
Parish Council Meeting 12th October 2026
Unanimously approved

26.9.6 Chairman's Announcements
None

26.9.7 County and District Councillor Reports
Discussed with Maggie Filipova-Rivers (MFR) and received
Action- Clerk to set up a meeting with SODC Neighbourhood Plan team
Action -MFR to share contact info for Drainage Officer dealing with ongoing complicated flooding issues at Woodcote Rd crossroads

26.9.8. Committees and Community Groups

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

1. Park Project

Unanimously approved to authorise NP to discuss future of Castle Water contract with CGA

Action-Clerk to liaise with CGA, Paul Jenkins over stake purchases

2. South Stoke Community Shop

None

3. Amenities Charity

None

4. Slipway

DR to lead on investigation of what can be achieved without further approvals re: Erosion of side timbers/ erosion of banks/restriction of use, with a goal of improving facility for summer 2027

5. Graveyard extension

None

6. Water Meadows

AS reported a meeting had occurred with Savills. Christchurch are reviewing their portfolio and are not committing to decisions at the moment. The lease has been confirmed as being in a signable state. Discussions are ongoing about SSPC being released from obligations.

Action-Clerk to clarify position and timeframe with OCC for path applications including Path 1, the Water Meadow Path

7. Glebe land

Unanimously agreed for the clerk to send a letter on the Chair's behalf to the Diocese expressing SSPC's reservations over the proposed use of the South Bank Field for the Just-Grow project

26.9.9. Parish Finance and Administration

1.SSPC invoices were unanimously received and approved

2.The reconciled bank balances were noted

3. EMRs were discussed.

Action-Clerk to update and bring back to Council for discussion in December

4. It was approved for the Clerk to join the Oxfordshire Local Government Pension Scheme with effect from start of employment, Sept 14th

5. It was approved to appoint Theresa Goss as Internal Auditor for 2026/7

26.9.10. Planning

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

None

26.9.11 .Correspondence and miscellaneous matters:to receive items of correspondence and approve any required actions in response.

1. To receive items of correspondence and approve any required actions in response.
   None
2. To discuss the SSWCG plan for the Pond Appendix E
   Action- Clerk to compile responses from Councillors

26.9.12 .The Newsletter

To receive an update on the newsletter and agree list of items from this agenda to be included in the next edition.

Action- Clerk to write article on COSHAT traffic safety data

26.9.13. Matters for confidential discussion.

The updated Clerk's contract was circulated for approval

26.9.14. Matters for future discussion.

Budget 2026/7

EMR allocation

26.9.15. To confirm date of the next meeting

14th December 2026 7.30pm

Meeting ended- 9:25pm

Chair of the meeting 14th December 2026