

**MINUTES OF A MONTHLY MEETING OF STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 1st APRIL 2025 7.30 P.M.
AT THE VILLAGE HALL SANDY LANE
TO ALL PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Present: Chairman: Mr J Hudson Vice-Chairman: Mrs L Richardson
Mr D Harding, Ward Councillor. Mr I Batchelor, Mr D Marchant. Mr G Lewis.
Clerk: Mrs J Bragg.

1. Public Participation: Overflowing Rubbish Bin Upper Stanton Drew by School: A request has been made for this bin to be emptied at least once a week as it is continually overflowing. Clerk has been informed that a large amount of general rubbish is being put in the bin including rubbish from their Dog Bins. Member of public has asked if a new litter bin can be located by the Cricket Pitch. Clerk will follow up with B&NES and ask if there is now any funding for new bins.

2. Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs S Cran, Mr M Jones, Mr G Lewis.

3. To receive notification of any Members' personal or prejudicial interest in any item on the Agenda: There were no interests to note.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025: After being circulated and read the minutes were proposed (IB) and seconded [(LR) as being a true and accurate record.

5. Updates from Ward Councillor Mr Dave Harding: It was reported that B&NES will be opposing the expansion of Bristol Airport.

The Clean & Green Team now have funding. Issues can be reported via Fix My Street. A meeting had been undertaken with Avon & Somerset Police representatives to discuss speeding problems across the Valley.

6. To receive updates on current matters: a) Allotments: The rental of 4 plots remains outstanding. Clerk to follow up regarding the Plot for the Primary School. Clearing of the paths will be arranged and undertaken.

b) Play Area: A recent site visit had been undertaken with GB Sports and advice sought regarding current equipment. It was agreed for minor repairs to be carried out where necessary. It was agreed to replace the Goal Posts. It was agreed to ask for the removal of the Fence from the Inspections.

c) The Causeway: B&NES are in discussions with the contractor and their specialist subcontractors. They will be looking to close the road in full during daytime hours subject to discussions on vehicle access and site storage. In advance of the works a meeting with the local community will be undertaken to explain the works and minimise disruption. Clerk to reply and suggest the Village Hall as a location for the meeting.

d) Bridge Brook Cottage – Grade II Listed Bridge: No update

e) Emergency Plan: Defer to June Meeting.

7. Matters for Discussion/Decision: a) Policies/Policy Wording: A review of all Parish Council policies was discussed. Agreed to add to the May Agenda for adoption. Clerk to seek a Risk Assessment Template from ALCA.

b) Expression of Interest for Community Asset Transfer: Parish Council agreed to respond to B&NES that they are committed and wish to proceed with the 15 year term of the lease at the Play Area and as soon as the Local Plan is ready to be submitted to the Inspector will then review their Neighbourhood Plan and at that point be happy to initiate a local housing need assessment at the time. The updated EOI (Expression of Interest) will also be sent.

c) A368 Speed Review & further works: Clerk to reply to Ward Councillor with comments from the Parish Council regarding solid white lines on the A368.

d) To agree ALCA Councillor Training Date: It was agreed to confirm Saturday 24th May.

8. Reports: a) Clerks Update Report: Training for Councillors: Clerk has circulated dates for training from ALCA. As per item 7d) It was agreed to confirm Saturday 24th May 10am-12pm. The cost for the training will be £ 275.00 plus £10 for travel expenses.

The Causeway: See item 6c.

Bridge at Brook Cottage: A further chase up e.mail has been sent.

Stanton Drew & Stanton Wick Road Signs: Parishioner who reported the signs has been advised to put the details on Fix My Street.

Parish Council Cemetery: Clerk liaising with the Clerk at Whitchurch regarding Fees for the next Financial Year.

Richard Jones Foundation: The next meeting of the trustees takes place on Wednesday 16th April 2025. The date for applications is now closed.

Audit 2024/25: Clerk has received all of the information in order to start the Audit process.

Precept: We have received our first Precept Payment of £9,686.00 for 2025/26

Somer Valley Links: The Parish Councils comments were submitted and have been included as part of the public consultation.

Planning Application - 25/00687/FUL – Land at rear of Carpenters Arms Wick Lane. Site visit made and response submitted and circulated.

24/02838/TPIP The Orchard - item will be called to the 09/04 April committee.

Defibrillator: Current guardian has asked if someone can take over the checking of the Defib. It will also need new paediatric pads in October.

Chew Valley 10K: Organiser has e.mailed asking if the PC would like to make a donation to the Chew Valley 10K this year. £200 donation is being asked for. Chew Valley 10K is in its 13th Year. It's a not for profit event and proceeds go to local schools, star scheme charity and the NICU support. The decision was made not to make a donation as the donation would not be for the benefit of our Parishioners.

9. Planning: Planning Applications Received: 25/00994/FUL Church Farm Church Lane Stanton Drew. Construct a small, wooden stable block, change of use to equestrian to the stable area. Parish Council to arrange a site visit.

Planning Outcomes Received: None to note.

10. Financial: Payments to be authorised over £100.00 Proposed (DM) Seconded (IB)

Mrs J Bragg	Salary	844.29
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Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	23.99
HMRC	Clerk NI & Tax	157.70

Receipts to note:

M Rowe	Funeral Directors – Burial	1590.00
Allstone Memorials	Monumental Masons – Stradling	257.00
Allotment Rentals	Tenants	420.00

11. Items to carry forward to next meeting: Policies: Causeway: Bridges: Allotments: Defibrillator Guardian: Parish Council Vacancy: Play Area CAT

12. To Note Future Meetings: DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7pm.

This will be the Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council & Monthly Meeting.