

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2026 7.30 P.M.
AT THE VILLAGE HALL SANDY LANE**

Present: Chairman: Mr G Lewis.

Mrs L Richardson, Mr I Batchelor, Mr D Marchant, Ward Councillor Mr D Harding.

Clerk: Mrs J Bragg.

1. Public Participation: There were no members of the public present.

Parish Council had received a letter from a Member of the Public raising concerns regarding Parking issues during recent Summer & Winter Solstice celebrations.

Parish Council agreed to add this to the April Agenda for further discussion.

2. Apologies for absence: Were received from Mr J Hudson, Mrs R Atkin, Mr M Jones.

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 3rd February 2026: After being circulated and read the minutes were proposed (LR) and seconded (IB) and duly signed as a true and accurate record.

5. Updates from Ward Councillor Mr Dave Harding: Updates were given. The Council budgets had now been set. An increase of 4.99% rise in Council Tax charges.

No risk to changes in Bin collections. WECA bus funding has been extended to the end of July.

6. To receive updates on current matters: a) Play Area/Play Equipment: Clerk to ask for details of the play area inspections.

b) Solicitor: No further update. Clerk to chase as a matter of urgency.

7. Matters for Discussion/Decision: a) Response to complaint: A final draft response had been put together. This will now be held on file.

b) Annual Meeting: It was proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be an opportunity to consult with Members of the Parish regarding the Play Area & new equipment. All in attendance agreed.

c) Bleed Kits: Clerk had contacted Defib Warehouse who are arranging to send prices.

d) Wooden Bench in Parish Council Cemetery: The bench is beginning to look worn and weathered. It was agreed for LR & JH to progress this.

8. Reports: a) Clerks Update Report: Richard Jones Foundation: The next meeting takes place on 15th April 2026 at Newton St Lowe.

Belluton Narrows Road Closure: Belluton Narrows will be closed for all through traffic scheduled from 7th April for up to three weeks. This is to facilitate work on a culvert beneath the carriageway. A signed diversion will be in place and warning signs will be put up at least 2 weeks prior to work starting. The aim of this work is to replace the culvert through the narrow section. The outcome will not immediately resolve the drainage issues through here, but it means that we will be able to return to undertake future works under a less disruptive form of traffic management.

Parish Liaison Meeting: The next meeting takes place on the 18th March, 6.30 pm in the The Training Room, Keynsham Recycling Centre, Pixash Lane. Clerk has the agenda for those wishing to attend.

Chew Valley Forum Meeting: Clerk circulated notes from the Chew Valley Forum Meeting held on Wednesday 11 February 2026.

Rotary Club Community Award Nomination Request: Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club are now seeking nominations for the nomination for the 2025-2026 Community Award.

Nomination deadline is 31st August 2026.

Parish Precept: Acknowledge of our Parish Precept Requirement Form for 2026/27 has been received. Setting the precept for 2026/27 at £19,502.00. The first payment of

£9,751.00 will be received during the first week of April 2026, and a second payment of £9,751.00 during the first week of October 2026.

Grade II Listed Bridge: Clerk reported back to B&NES concerns that although the coping stones have moved is there a concern they could fall into the river. This point was also taken up by the Ward Councillor. B&NES replied "When I visited with the contractor the copings appeared stable, no movement, can only assume the lime mortar bed had adapted to the change. Lime mortar is quite flexible and can form new bonds to the stone, unlike Ordinary Portland Cement. I will pop out again and check the copings, I certainly would not want to lose them into the river."

Fix My Street Issue: The road surface from the bridge to the Nursing Home was reported to B&NES. A site visit was made and the decision for no further action at present was made.

9. Planning: Planning Applications Received: 26/00568/FUL Stanton Court, Bromley Road, Stanton Drew. Removal and rebuilding of stone boundary wall including remedial and repair works.

Planning Outcomes: 26/00168/TCA Harbord House Church Lane. Proposal: T1 - Eucalyptus Gunnii - Fell to ground level and grind out remaining stump T2 - Acer Negundo - Crown reduce by 2M all around to leave height of 8M and radial spread of 6M T3 - Pyrus domestica - Fell to ground level and grind out remaining stump.T4 - Quercus ilex - Crown reduce by 2M all around, leaving height of 7M and radial spread of 4M. **No Objections.**

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

Mrs J Bragg	Salary (SCP 21)	844.29
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Payments to be authorised:

Mrs J Bragg	Clerk Imprest	23.50
HMRC	Clerk NI & Tax	157.90
GB Sports	Inspection Play Area – September 19433	84.00
GB Sports	Inspection Play Area – December 19432	84.00
Allotment	Rental	60.00

Receipts to note:

11. Items to carry forward to next meeting: Annual Meeting, Allotments, Play Area, Solicitor, Bleed Kit, Wooden Bench, End of Year Financial.

12. To Note Future Meetings: DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 7.30pm