STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Sharon A Whelon
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A monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on
Wednesday 3rd June 2026 in the Ron Harris Room, Stoke Fleming Village Hall at 7pm.
MINUTES

The following Parish Councillors were present at the meeting of the Parish Council:
Cllr David Harris (Chair), Cllr Tim Moseley, Cllr Tilly Crowther, Cllr Jay Floyd, Cllr Bella Johnston
Also invited: County Cllr Julian Brazil, District Cllr Simon Rake, Clerk S A Whelon

Members of the public may raise any points or matters that they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council in Public Question Time via email or letter to the Clerk 48 hours in advance of the meeting at clerk@stokefleming.org. For the purposes of accuracy the meeting will be recorded.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr Belinda Duffy, Cllr John Belli (Vice-Chair), Julian Brazil, S A Whelon

17. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 6th May 2026, AND PLANNING SITE MEETING NOTES.
Were signed by the Chairman of the meeting to sign as true and correct records

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Parish Councillors are invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interest, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. They are also reminded to consider whether any items within their Register of Interests should be updated. Cllr Harris item 22a

19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

20. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – No report Councillor Brazil's arrival delayed beyond end of meeting

21. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Significant changes in planning process are expected as a result of change in government policy on a National Scheme of Delegation limiting the projects on which Planning Committees can overrule Planning Officers. Local Government Re-organization announcement expected in July Re-organization will be impacted by recent elections. Handover of Southhams leisure centres to new manager Parkwood has gone smoothly. Issue of repairs to wall on Venn Lane was highlighted. Owner is working with a contractor to repair a wall in danger of collapsing but is being thwarted by excessive Council requirements to close pavement

22. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
a) Proposed new car park. Members with interest to withdraw. Exclusion of press and public for this item.
i. Report from sub-committee. Cllrs updated on Landowners strict limit on duration of lease and scheduled meeting between sub committee(TM+TC) and Land Agent scheduled for following day

23. FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEERING sub-committee report Work progressing slowly on telephone box

24. COMMUNITY
a) Soapbox Event proposal. A member of the public outlined a proposal for a soapbox style go-kart race to be held in May 2027. Proposed course would be from the School to the Post office. Organizer have practical support from Dartmouth Music Festival Committee. Topics discussed included: Insurance, Health and Safety, Road closure (2 days) Organizers are about to begin community engagement. Sponsorship is being arranged and no financial support was requested from the council. Council was in principle supportive of the project subject to positive community response and proper address of any objections. May Day Bank holiday was preferred to avoid clashing with other events

25. ROADS & TRANSPORT
a) Slapton Line – meeting report (TM) Cllr Moseley gave an update on activities of the Parish Council Alliance in highlighting the need for a temporary solution to re-opening A379 at Torcross including meeting with the local MP.
b) New solar powered speed sign quote. Elan City's quote for new solar powered speed sign at £3107.99 was unanimously accepted, TM to progress matter on clerk's return
c) Replacement batteries for existing speed sign. Agreed, existing speed sign to be moved between Venn Lane and School Road. Action TM

26. MAINTENANCE. Replacement of Perspex dome with Perspex sheet on play module in progress. Cllr Harris is investigating suitable tree in memory of the former @Hort & Sport Show Secretary. It was agreed that the new area created by the new wall should be landscaped with much possibly by arrangement with the Loam Rangers.

27. COUNCIL AND ACTIONS REGISTER – None

28. PLANNING:

APPLICATIONS
a) Reference: 0919/26/FUL
Proposal: Erection of agricultural building to roof over yard
Site Address: Lower Ash Farm, Ash, TQ6 0LR
b) Reference: 0920/26/FUL
Proposal: Erection of agricultural building to roof over yard
Site Address: Lower Ash Farm, Ash, TQ6 0LR

DECISIONS
a) Application Number 0609/26/NMM

Location Address: Land At Sx 855 508 Violet Drive Dartmouth
Proposal: Non-material minor amendment to planning consent 0278/24/ARM for changes to the location of the EV charging points & updates to the proposed materials
Status: Approved Application Type: Non Material Minor Amendment

WITHDRAWN

None.

29. FINANCE

a) BALANCES at 20th May 2026:

Treasurer's account: £19,005.36 (£10,000 tfrd to savings account)
Savings account: £25,688.88
95 day notice savings account £70,209.31

(£60,732.95 allocated to ear marked reserves for specific projects)

b) PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL AND RECEIPTS

For Payment	FP/DD	Reason	Amount	VAT
Clerk Salary	FP	21/4/26 - 20/5/26 inc 5 hours overtime 25/26 minute ref 147i + PAYE tax rebate £65.80	838.90	
HMRC	DD	NI & Tax	-12.39	
Clerk - sainsburys	FP	Tea Coffee biscuits APM	10.03	
Stoke Fleming Village Hall	FP	Room booking Apr	19.00	
Laurenjade Ahearn	FP	cleaning bus shelters	50.00	
Service Charge	FP	Lloyds Bank	4.25	
British Gas Lite	DD	Electricity Birdwalk	21.20	1.01
British Gas Lite	DD	Electricity Pavilion	16.63	0.79
J&S Cleaning	FP	Toilet cleaning School Rd + materials	245.40	40.90
A J Gallagher	FP	Insurance renewal 1st June 2026	1804.36	
TOTAL			**£2,997.38**	**£42.70**
Remittances				
Total Remittances			**£0.00**	

Payments approved

30. Clerk's Report. Urgent items must be submitted to the clerk prior to the meeting.
Please see items 127 and 128 on Actions Register.

. **Date of next meeting: 1st July 7pm**