STOKE FLEMING PARISH COUNCIL
Clerk: Sharon A Whelon
Email: clerk@stokefleming.org
A monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 in the Ron Harris Room, Stoke Fleming Village Hall at 7pm.
MINUTES

The following Parish Councillors attended the meeting of the Parish Council:
Cllr John Belli (Vice-Chair – Chairman of this meeting), Cllr Tim Moseley, Cllr Jay Floyd, Cllr Bella Johnston, Cllr Belinda Duffy, Cllr Keith Duberley, Cllr John Potter
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.

61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr Tilly Crowther, Cllr David Harris

62. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 5th August 2026, AND PLANNING SITE MEETING NOTES. Were signed by the Chairman of the meeting as true and correct records.

63. 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.

64. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. No public present.

65. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
- Slapton Line still a big issue, work on back roads progressing. Land purchases: ecology reports awaited.
- Slapton village should be access only.
- Extra funds invested in roads, including prevention. Pot hole hit team available, contact is via county website portal to repair, including potholes in vicinity
- 4 unitaries planned for LGR, but proposed mapped not practical, solutions are currently being lobbied
- Maternity services in North Devon. Secretary of State has been asked for help.
- Childrens services, now adequate. SEND, still some improvements needed. Inclusion hubs in local schools planned.

66. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
- Hort and Sport was a delight to attend
- LGR warding interim arrangements have been made, currently discrepancies in number of electors so will be reviewed. Dartmouth will be single ward, with one representative. This parish will be included with surrounding villages, should be ready for election in 2027.Transformation boards will be available to make this as smooth as possible. Judicial review at county is planned, alterations to wards expected.

67. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
a) Proposed new car park.
i. Report from sub-committee. BT to be chased. Action: TM

68. FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEERING sub-committee report

69. COMMUNITY
a) Donation request – 5 year lease Devon Libraries at the Village Hall. Currently on hold.
b) BT callbox update. Now complete. Photos and names of people to thank request for Voice publication. Cllr Duffy to send details to clerk. Action:BD/clerk
Future purchase of bench discussed.

70. ROADS & TRANSPORT
a) Slapton Line. 2028 expected start date for works to repair A379. Works on back lanes to take eight years in total.Partnership meetings have been cancelled for the time being. First rock drop 17th October. Local businesses are being affected due to road closure.

71. MAINTENANCE
a) Annual Assets inspections reminder. List will be circulated to council when complete.
b) Late item – SHDC play area agreement £250+vat **Approved.**
c) Late item – request to delay cut and maintenance greenkeeping. **Approved.** Action: DH
d) Play equipment damaged at recent event reported to Cllr Harris. Action: DH

72. COUNCIL AND ACTIONS REGISTER
a) New councillors. Clerk to resend info sheet, new councillors have registered their interests with SHDC.
b) Cotton estate noticeboard posting for October agenda. Cllr Duffy volunteered. Action: BD

73. PLANNING: All noted.

APPLICATIONS

a) Reference: 2048/26/HHO
Proposal: Demolition of conservatory, erection of single storey side extension & front porch
Site Address: 1 West Park, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0RZ
b) Reference: 2285/26/TCA
Proposal: T1: Cherry Blossom Tree Prunus Serrulata - Completely remove
tree, it is dead and shedding limbs
Site Address: Stoke House Gardens Stoke Fleming
c) Application Number: 2190/26/CLP
Location Address: Development Site At Sx 862 483 New Road Stoke Fleming
Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine if proposed works approved under application 1910/22/FUL can be carried out beyond the application expiration date
Status: Under Consideration. Application Type: Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Use
d) Reference: 2275/26/HHO
Proposal: Demolition of existing rear extensions and replacement with full width single storey rear extension.
Site Address: Honeysuckle Cottage, Church Road< Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PZ
e) Home Bargains
Council to invite Home Bargains (Baker Estates) to pc meeting when planning project underway. Action: BD/clerk
f) Trees on land (wildlife refuge) encroaching on neighbouring property discussed. Action: TM

DECISIONS

a) Application Number: 1543/26/HHO
Location Address: 29 Deer Park Road Stoke Fleming TQ6 0QW
Proposal: Single-storey rear extension and replacement of existing porch
Status: Approved
b) Application Number: 1409/26/HHO
Location Address: 7 Bidders Close Stoke Fleming TQ6 0NZ
Proposal: Replace conservatory with 2 storey rear extension & new entrance porch
Status: Approved
c) Application: 2014/26/TCA
Proposal: T1: Holm Oak – reduce to 5-6m monolith, Ganoderma fungus present, significant bark loss. T2: Holly – fell, limited canopy, extensive deadwood.
Location: Stoke House Gardens, Stoke Fleming, TQ6 0PE
Decision: No Objection

74. FINANCE

a) BALANCES at 26th August 2026:
Treasurer's account: £9,521.37
Savings account: £25,720.92
95 day notice savings account £70,564.28
(£60,732.95 allocated to ear marked reserves for specific projects)

b) PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL AND RECEIPTS

02/09/2026				
For Payment	FP/DD	Reason	Amount	VAT
Clerk Salary	FP	salary	687.20	
HMRC	DD	NI & Tax	40.53	
Clerk expenses	FP	Amazon external hard drive	30.90	
Stoke Fleming Village Hall	FP	Room booking July	19.00	
Laurenjade Ahearn	FP	cleaning bus shelters	50.00	
Service Charge	FP	Lloyds Bank	4.25	
British Gas Lite	DD	Electricity Birdwalk	21.90	1.04
British Gas Lite	DD	Electricity Pavilion	18.22	0.87
J&S Cleaning	FP	Toilet cleaning School Rd + materials	195.60	32.60
K Ellis	FP	Play park maintenance & repair	1692.00	
Arccas	FP	Grounds Maintenance play, field, village, paths, verges	432.00	119.00
TOTAL			**£3,191.60**	**£153.51**

c) To approve LGA clerk pay review raise of 57p per hour backdated to April 2026 **Approved.**

75. Clerk's Report. Urgent items must be submitted to the clerk prior to the meeting.

. **Date of next meeting 7th October 7pm**

Meeting closed: 7.43pm