Minutes of an
EXTRAORDINARY
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on
Tuesday 6th October 2026
at Stone Parish Rooms
at 7:00 pm

In attendance: Chair Cllr D Killingworth, Vice chair Cllr A Wakeman, Cllr P Hill, Cllr D Hine, Cllr R Vale, J Aston and District Cllr I Hardiman, Locum Clerk R Jefferies and one visitor.

1. **APOLOGIES – None**

2. Police Report: We are appealing for information following a burglary at a home on Worcester Road, Mustow Green, Stone.
The burglary took place between sometime between 7.18am and 7.29am 15th September 2026 when a small rear window was forced and access gained into the property. A quantity of cigarettes and car keys were stolen. It is believed that there were 2 males who scaled a fence at the rear/ side of the property and that their intention was to take vehicles from the driveway, which they didn't succeed in doing.

The Chair reported that he had spoken to the police following the removal of all posters advertising the church's Macmillan Coffee Morning from the Council's notice boards. It was noted that no other individuals had authorised access to the notice boards to remove these notices.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public reported that eight visits to the dog field on Barrs Lane had been recorded.

Action: Cllr Ian Hardiman to raise the matter with Cllr Marcus Hart.

The resident also expressed their appreciation that the hedge had now been cut and raised concerns that a stile providing access to the field was missing.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) - **None**
b) Other Disclosable Interests (ODIs) – **None**
c) Requests for New Dispensations - **None**

5. Minutes
Approval of the Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting 21st July 2026. –
Approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Planning
6.1 Planning Applications – **None**
6.2 Planning Approvals / Rejections from WFDC – **None**
Cllr D Hine attended a planning committee meeting AT WFDC.

7. Councillors' Reports
7.1 District Councillor's Report – A report from Ian Hardiman:
Local Issues:
We continue to attend to littering issues and fly-tipping reports across the Parish.
We have reported litter on the A448 at Stone Hill which we understand has now been attended.
We inspected the hedgerow by the cemetery in Butts Lane and whilst some trimming has been done suitably, a few metres run near the junction with the main road requires further attention. (your Clerk is pursuing this..)
We also inspected Barrs Lane regarding the hedgerow overgrowth and found that thankfully appropriate trimming had already been carried out satisfactorily.
Full report is available on our website.

7.2 County Councillor's Report – A report from Marcus Hart.
New Issues:

1. I had a manhole cover issue reported to me that was noisy and WCC highways have inspected and there are no safety issues, and the resident says the issue now appears to have resolved itself.

2. I have had a request for the criteria the police will use to carry out speed enforcement on the A448 at Mustow Green and indeed have a permanent camera installed. I am writing to West Mercia's Police's Road Safety team for a definitive answer.

3. I have been out with Dean and inspected overhanging hedges in Stanklyn Lane in the village part by the 90-degree bend. These have now been cut back.

4. The road works at the end of Stanklyn Lane have been completed and it is now open.

5. The road works at the end of Curslow Lane have been completed and were so ahead of schedule.

6. I have reported the overgrown hedge at Butts Lane to WCC for inspection.

Full report is available on our website.

7.3 Councillors' Reports
Cllr A Wakeman requested that a consistent 40mph speed limit be considered along the A448 from Mustow Green to Spennells, where the limit reduces to 30mph.

Action: Cllr D Killingworth to raise the matter with Marcus Hart.

Action: Cllr D Killingworth to contact John Campion regarding the possibility of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS).

Newsletter

Cllr A Wakeman has drafted a newsletter. All councillors were encouraged to submit further ideas and contributions to the Clerk and Cllr A Wakeman.

7.4 Clerk's Report – **Nothing to Report**

7.5 Report from Outside Bodies (CALC)
It was reported that CALC had discussed raising the subscription cap, although no decision had yet been reached.

CALC is also awaiting legal revisions to its Articles of Association.

NALC has objected to CALC charging for collecting subscriptions on its behalf.

A new CALC training programme is available, and all councillors were encouraged to attend relevant training sessions.

8. <u>STONE MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION</u>

8.1 Standard Documents:

8.1.1 Data Protection Policy - **Approved**
8.1.2 Privacy Notice – **Approved**
8.1.3 Records Retention Policy – **Approved**
8.1.4 Publication Scheme (FOI) – **Approved**
8.1.5 Complaints procedure – **Approved**
8.1.6 Reserves Policy – **Approved**
8.1.7 Lone Working Policy – **Approved**

8.2 Appointment of new Clerk. – **Approved to appoint Rachel Jefferies as the new Clerk and RFO.**

8.3 Captains Pool - Phoenix Angling Club – Trees – **No correspondence received. The clerk to prepare a grant funding scheme for consideration at the next meeting.**

8.4 Banking update – **Access has now been gained and compensation has been received for the delays experienced during the set up process.**

8.5 Website Review – **Updated**

8.5.1 To consider the offer from a local photographer to provide photographs of the parish, and to approve their use on the Parish Council website and other Council communications, with the photographer's permission and appropriate credit given. – **Approved**

8.6 Meeting Dates for 2027 – **Approved, all dates for 2027 are available on our website and notice boards.**

8.7 Purchase of new laptop – **Approved**

8.8 Remembering Stephen Clee – **The council took a moment to acknowledge the passing of Stephen Clee. It was agreed that a wreath would be sent to his funeral on behalf of the council.**

9. Financial Report and Actions

9.1 To receive schedule of payments and receipts from September 2026. – **Approved**
9.2 To approve Bank Reconciliation for the month ending September 2026.- **Approved**
9.3 Review quarterly budget – **Approved**

Payments:

CBGS NICHOLAS GOST	Lengthsman Scheme	£224.40
RJ ADMIN & BUSINESS	Clerk / administration	£806.97
CBGS NICHOLAS GOST	Lengthsman Scheme	£224.40
DEREK KILLINGWORTH	Notice boards	£153.02
SERVICE CHARGES REF:	Bank charges	£4.25

Receipts

LLOYDS COMPLAINT	Bank Reimbursement	£50.00
WORCESTERSHIRE CC 1	Lengthsman Scheme	£224.40
WFDC BACS	Precept	£10,171.00

10. An opportunity for Councillors to request an agenda item for the next meeting.

10.1 Purchasing a wifi hotspot, cost £95 and charger.

11. Date of Next Meeting – 10th November 2026 at 7pm.
Meeting ended 8.59pm.