Stone Parish Council
Minutes of a

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on
Tuesday 10th November 2026
at Stone Parish Rooms
at 7:00 pm

Attending: Chairman Cllr D Killingworth, Vice chair Cllr A Wakeman, Cllr P Hill, Cllr R Vale, Cllr D Hine and Cllr J Aston, District Cllr R Drew. Clerk R Jefferies.

1. APOLOGIES – NONE

2. Police Report – No Report

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – NONE

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) – Call for sites LOCAL PLAN - Cllr R Vale
b) Other Disclosable Interests (ODIs) – NONE
c) Requests for New Dispensations – NONE

5. Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the previous Extraordinary Parish Council meeting 12th October 2026. – **Approved and signed by the Chair.**

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications – **None**

6.2 Planning Approvals / Rejections from WFDC – **None**

7. Councillors' Reports

7.1 District Councillor's Report – Councillor Robin Drew provided an update on the new National Scheme of Delegation for planning applications. He explained that Helen Hawkes, Head of Planning, provides a list of planning applications every two weeks for review. These discussions are minuted.

Parish councillors were encouraged to contact Councillor Drew with any relevant local information or concerns regarding planning applications so these can be raised and considered during discussions. Parish councils should also continue to submit their formal comments through the usual planning consultation process.

Local Issues:

We have reported fly tipping and litter across the Parish.

7.2 County Councillor's Report – A report from Cllr M Hart was circulated prior to the meeting.

New Issues

1. I have received a complaint from residents in Butts Meadow regarding stalled Severn Trent work as a result of not being granted a permit from WCC. I am investigating.

2. I received a compliant regarding hedges at Stone Hill being overgrown and I have personally inspected in the last week. There is very minor obstruction but actually before Stone Hill on the left coming from Kidderminster which I have reported.

3. I have reported the blocked gullies across the parish for a full inspection and requested they send the jetters out asap.

Full update is available on our website.

7.3 Councillors' Reports - **None**

7.4 Clerk's Report –

7.4.1 The notices of vacancy have been advertised, and if no election is called, the Council will have the opportunity to fill the vacancies by co-option.

7.5 Report from Outside Bodies (CALC) – Cllr D Killingworth reported that the Worcestershire CALC AGM will be held on 26th November 2026 at Worcestershire's Young Farmers Headquarters.

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

8.1 Newsletter – **The newsletter was approved. Cllr A Wakeman will obtain a printing quote and forward it to the Clerk to place the order, with the aim of delivery before Christmas. Councillors will then distribute the newsletters.**

8.2 Notice Board and seats. – **It was approved for Cllr D Killingworth to contact Wyre Forest District Council to seek permission for the new noticeboard and arrange payment of the associated fee. Cllr D Killingworth reported that another bench had been renovated. Councillors expressed their thanks to the workman for his excellent work. It was noted that all benches donated by the Parochial Church Charity required attention, and a further quotation would be sought for additional renovation works.**

8.3 To review and agree the budget and precept for 2027/28. – **It was resolved to freeze the precept for the 2027/28 financial year, maintaining it at £20,342.**

8.4 To consider Purchasing a wifi hotspot, cost £95 and charger. – **Approved**

8.5 To consider and approve the introduction of a Parish Council Grant Application Form. - **It was approved, with the addition of a note confirming that further space could be used if required. Bank details will be requested once the quotation has been approved.**

8.6 To review and confirm the independence and competence of the Council's Internal Auditor for 2026/27. – **It was resolved to appoint Ann Dobbins as the Council's Internal Auditor for the 2026/27 financial year.**

8.7 Vas sign and a grant contribution from Cllr R Drew. – **It was resolved to purchase a new solar-powered Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) with data collection capabilities. Councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr R Drew for securing a £500 grant towards the purchase.**

9. Financial Report and Actions

9.1 To receive schedule of payments and receipts from October 2026. - **Approved**

9.2 To approve Bank Reconciliation for the month ending October 2026. - **Approved**

It was noted that Councillor D Killingworth will complete the necessary paperwork relating to the former Clerk's pension and final calculations.

Receipts

WORCESTERSHIRE CC	Lengthsman Scheme	£224.40

Payments

ROBERT TAYLOR	Flag	£137.40
RJ ADMIN & BUSINESS	Clerk / administration	£1,228.90
SP POPPY SHOP	Poppy wreath	£27.50
CBGS NICHOLAS GOST	Lengthsman Scheme	£224.40
ROBERT TAYLOR	Flag	£5.94
FLOWERS OF KIDDERM	Flowers	£91.95
SERVICE CHARGES REF:	Bank charges	£4.25
HMRC ETMP	PAYE / HMRC	£142.33

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

10.1 Social media.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 12th January 2027

Meeting ended 20.56

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