To consider repairs to two gates from Stoke Hill to the community field.

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Background

The two swing gates from Stoke Hill to the Community Field are damaged. The two gates are a safety feature that prevent people from going straight through to the road or onto the field without taking a moment to open the gates one by one.

The roadside gate has dropped so that it no longer shut and so allows open access to the hill. The spring system to return the gates so people cannot go straight to the lane is inoperable. The gate will require rehanging.

The gate by the playground has a broken post, rotted away at ground level. It is now propped up by the fence. The gatepost will need replacing.

Update

Both gates belong to Somerset Council and have been reported via the portal.

The gate by the playground was not considered a health and safety risk and was dismissed, and the report on Explore Somerset says there are no issues for this asset.

The roadside gate was reported to Somerset Council on 28th August 2025 (reference number 83462). The issue was assigned to Daniel Gordon; no further information has been received.

Proposal

The proposal is to consider whether the Parish Council considers repairing or replacing the two swing gates from Stoke Hill to the Community Field.