

## **STOKE ST. MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **To all Members of Stoke St Michael Parish Council**

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Stoke St Michael Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business

**Kate Egan Clerk to the Council**

### **Agenda for the Meeting of STOKE ST MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL**

**To be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at Stoke St Michael War Memorial Hall, Stoke Hill, Stoke St Michael Starting at 7.30pm**

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman.**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Absent**
- 4. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**
  - (a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda**
  - (b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests**

Cllr Anna Mearns has a written request for dispensation in relation to the Millennium Wood for four years (expires September 2027). Cllr Amanda Taylor has a written request for dispensation in relation to Stoke St Michael Community Field, Stoke St Michael Community Events and Stoke St Michael Woodland Group for four years (expires January 2028)
  - (c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.**
- 5. Public Session.** The period designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 30 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes.
- 6. Somerset Councillor Reports**
- 7. To consider the approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025, previously circulated.**
- 8. Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the next meeting, they may be considered.**
- 9. Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council.**
- 10. To Be Resolved / Discussed**
  - (a) To consider the Parish Council Budget for 2026-2027**
  - (b) To consider the Precept for 2026-2027**
  - (c) To consider any Ear Marked Reserves for 2026-2027**
  - (d) To consider any further action on the clearance of Moonshill Green and improving the area of open space.**
  - (e) To consider the quotes for tree works on Moonshill Green – still awaiting quotes.**

- (f) To consider contacting the owner of the hedge along Green Lane to obtain permission to reduce the height of the hedges and to obtain quotes to carry out the works.
- (g) To consider removing the speed camera on Mendip Road as it is currently not working and the licence has not been renewed.

#### **11. Clerk / Councillors Report**

- (a) Following a request received in July from the developer regarding the naming of the new properties on land to the south side of Frog Lane, including a suggestion of "Whitstone Park," residents were consulted via social media and at community events. Two alternative names, "Fosse Meadow" and "Harridge View," were subsequently submitted to the developer. The developer has confirmed that "Harridge View" has been selected as the official address for the new properties

#### **12. Finance**

##### **Bank Balances as at: - 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Unity Current Account – £5,407.58

Unity Savings Account – £48,137.17

To note the Quarterly Budget Review

To consider the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

##### **Receipts**

- (a) Unity Trust Bank – Quarterly Interest – £287.23 – received 31.12.2025

##### **Payments**

- (b) Stoke St Michael War Memorial – hall hire - £45.00
- (c) SLCC – Annual Membership – still awaiting invoice
- (d) Clerks Salary / Expenses – December - £418.60
- (e) Ionos – Website Hosting - £13.80 – pd by DD
- (f) Unity Trust Bank – Monthly bank charges - £6.00 – pd by DD

#### **13. Correspondence**

Councillor Training Events Winter 2026 – forwarded 23.12.25

#### **14. Matters to report / items for next agenda**

- (a) Following the notification of a potential housing development off Fosse Road. Woodstock Homes will be holding a public meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February starting at 6pm. This will include an introduction to Woodstock Homes and details on the proposal. Time will be allowed for questions and answers.
- (b) Jackson Roofing have informed the Council that the repair to the roof on the Lychgate will commence on the 5<sup>th</sup> February with the scaffolding being erected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January.

#### **15. Date and time of next meeting:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 starting at 7.30pm, to be held at the. Stoke St Michael War Memorial Hall.