

**Minutes of the Stawley Parish Council Meeting held at Appley Pavilion at
7:30 pm on the 2nd March 2026**

Parish Councillors present: Chairman, Paul Musgrove (PM)
Pat Sweet (PS)
Olga Dawer (OD),
Sarah Jones (SJ)
Matt Vellacott (MV)

Others present:- Councillor Dave Mansell (DM)

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies for Absence Gwil Wren (Somerset Councillor)</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest – None</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of Last meeting The minutes have been published on the Stash website after acceptance as a true record by those present at the last meeting.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising not Covered Elsewhere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>5. Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current bank balance is £2,923 and the Unity Bank balance is £10,319.29 • PS will apply for a debit card • An invoice of £352 (incl VAT) for a new battery for the Shop defibrillator was accepted. 	PS
<p>6. Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35/26/0002 - Demolition and erection of enlarged free-range poultry (egg laying) unit with associated works at Newlands House, Thorne St Margaret Road, Greenham, Wellington . This extensive application had been studied by the Chairman prior to the meeting. The site of the new shed is such that it will not be very visible from any public area so the only considerations were traffic to and from the site and the possibility of exacerbation of the present flooding problems on the Greenham to Cothay road. <p>The Council agreed to support the granting of permission with the proviso that the flooding mitigation should be checked by the Lead Local Flood Authority and consideration be given to the construction of a buffer pond to take runoff in exceptional rainfall events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenham Cottage field. The planning officer has confirmed that he has issued an enforcement notice. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hedge appeal. This appeal is still outstanding. The Planning Inspectorate ‘lost’ the original appeal but still have it on their file with the rest of a large backlog. Somerset Council continue to chase them for an answer. 	
<p>7. Reports from Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads –. The issue of hedges growing into the road has been investigated. Section 52 of the Highways Act 1980 requires landowners to cut back if required to do so by Somerset Council. Locations with overgrown hedges will be reported to Somerset Council. • Footpaths – The footpath sign by Greenham Cottage has been delivered to the owners but not put up. The Council will arrange for this to be done by a contractor 	<p>PM</p> <p>SJ</p>
<p>8. Report from Somerset Councillor. DM reported that the enforcement within Somerset Council was still catching up. The Somerset Council budget was in a state of flux but still in the red and requiring assets to be disposed of in year to provide for running costs.</p>	
<p>9. Dates of Meetings in 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual Parish Meeting must take place between 1 March and 1 June. This year it will be held on the 28th April at 7:30pm in the Pavilion. There will be a meeting of the Council just prior to this at 7:00pm. • The following meeting will be on the 2nd June. 	
<p>10. Any Other Business –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been some vandalism in Conygore Wood in Greenham so a careful watch will be kept on the area. • There has been some fly-tipping on the road between the Meadowmere corner and Devon border. 	
<p>11. Date of Next Meeting See above.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8:47pm