



Draft Minutes of the Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council Meeting
held at The Bayford Mission Hall, Bayford Hill, Bayford, Wincanton
Thursday 12th of March 2026, 7pm.

Present:

Cllrs: N Linsley (Chair), J Garrett, F Harvey, M Rushe, R Webb-Bowen.

In attendance:

Clerk: K Fullerton, Somerset Council Cllrs Lucy Trimnell and Tom Power, eight members of the public.

i. Public Forum:

- Love Lane parking – request for the existing lines to be remarked, consider a re-design of the lines and potential installation of double yellow lines. Request due to delivery vehicles parking across the junction (opposite Bayford v/hall).
- Bayford Inn Benefits Society (BIBS) – a representative spoke in support of their grant request (on the March agenda – item 7d). The Chair of the parish council declared a personal interest in this item. The Clerk explained that clarity was required regarding the current ownership of the pub, because the parish council was prohibited from giving a grant to a privately owned business, directly or indirectly.
- The applicants of a recent planning item introduced themselves as the landowners and said they wanted to reassure the parish council and public of their intentions regarding the planning proposal.

ii. To receive reports from Somerset Council Councillors.

The Somerset Council councillors had circulated their report ahead of the meeting.

7:30pm Meeting opened.

1/25/078 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Grant sent apologies.

2/25/079 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllrs Linsley and Webb-Bowen declared an interest in item 7d, as they owned shares in the BIBS.

3/25/080 To agree the Minutes as a true representation of the matters discussed at the parish council meeting held on the 8th of January 2026.

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes as a true and accurate record of matters discussed.

4/25/081 Planning Matters

a) *To approve the planning meeting minutes for the planning meeting held on the 3rd of February at 7pm, regarding the following planning applications:*

- 26/00045/PAMB – Land at Cucklington, Wincanton, Somerset - Prior Approval Notification for change of use and conversion of existing steel framed agricultural barn into 1no. dwelling.*

RESOLVED: To approve the planning minutes of this planning meeting.

b) *To consider new planning applications:*

- i. 26/00206/REM – Land Os 4276, Devenish Lane, Bayford, Wincanton, Somerset – Reserved Matters application for the approval of the appearance, landscaping and scale relating to 22/02238/OUT; outline application with some matters reserved except for access and layout for the erection of two bungalows and one double garage.

RESOLVED: To object to the application due to access concerns.

- c) To consider any recent planning applications from Somerset Council (South), received in the days after the agenda had been circulated and prior to this meeting. Interested public and parish councillors: please refer to (South) Somerset Council planning portal for full details of planning items that might be discussed under this item:
<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>
None.
- d) To note any planning decisions from Somerset Council.
26/00045/PAMB – application permitted with conditions.
25/063093/LBC – application permitted with conditions.
25/03092/HOU - application permitted with conditions.

5/25/082 Highways

- a) To discuss any issues with the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and any maintenance work required.
None.
- b) Bayford Hill parking - feedback from the meeting with Wincanton Town Council.
The Clerk was waiting for Wincanton Town Council to confirm if they would be happy to consider supporting the parish council's request for double yellow lines on Bayford Hill.
ACTION: Clerk
- c) To note any road safety concerns.
Cllr Harvey volunteered to report a number of road safety concerns to the Highways contact provided through the LCN meeting. This to include the Love Lane junction parking issues discussed in the public session of this meeting.
ACTION: Cllr Harvey

6/25/083 Footpaths – to receive a report from Cllr Garrett.

Members noted receipt of Cllr Garrett's comprehensive footpath update for March and thanked her for her continued efforts in this regard.

7/25/084 Financial and Regulatory Matters

- a) To note the arrangements for the internal audit of governance and accounts year ending 31st March 2026.
Noted.
- b) To review and approve the Privacy Statement and Privacy Policy.
RESOLVED: To adopt the Privacy Statement and Privacy Policy.
ACTION: Clerk
- c) To consider a grant request from Citizens Advice Somerset.
RESOLVED: To grant the sum of £250.
ACTION: Clerk
- d) To consider a grant application from Bayford Inn Benefits Society, for funding towards the renovation and running of the Bayford Inn.
The item was deferred, awaiting clarification on ownership of the public house.
- e) To receive a bank reconciliation for all parish council accounts.
Received and approved.
- f) To seek a resolution to make the following payments:
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| i. K Fullerton – Clerk salary Jan 2026 – PAID | £ 390.49 |
| ii. Somerset Council Pension Fund – Pension Jan 2026 - PAID | £ 143.59 |
| iii. K Fullerton – Clerk salary Feb 2026 - PAID | £ 390.49 |

iv. Somerset Council – Pension Fund Feb 2026 - PAID	£ 143.59
v. K Fullerton – Clerk expenses Feb-March 2026	£ 186.98
vi. SALC – Training FH Inv 1727 – 2571	£ 50.00
vii. Premier Landscaping – Ranger December 2025	£ 604.27

RESOLVED: To make the above BACS payments.

ACTION: Clerk, Cllr Linsley

8/25/085 Defibrillator – to receive a report from Cllr Garrett
Cllr Garrett informed members that new batteries were required for the Defibrillator.
ACTION: Cllr Garrett

9/25/086 LCN Matters – to receive a report on any LCN matters since the last parish council meeting – Cllr Harvey
Cllr Harvey provided an emailed report on the meeting.

10/25/087 Ranger Work – to list potential work for the Ranger and agree upcoming schedule of hours
Upcoming work to include works detailed on Cllr Garrett’s current list. Clerk to arrange for the Ranger to visit 8 hours/2 men after the 1st of April. Clerk still awaiting a date.
Additional task: to paint the bench.

ACTION: Clerk

11/25/088 Grass Keep – to review offers received for the 2026 licence and to consider a multiple year agreement in principle.
The Clerk had posted the grass keep advert in the Blackmore Vale. One offer had been received, with the closing date approaching soon (25th of March). Due to time constraints, the Clerk would, once the closing date passed, circulate anonymous offers to members via email, with councillors deciding by email ahead of the 1st of April 2026.
ACTION: Clerk

12/25/089 To review the parish council submission for the newsletter (if available) – Cllr Harvey.
Cllr Harvey said she would arrange for the Annual Parish Meeting invitation to be included in the April newsletter.
ACTION: Cllr Harvey

13/25/090 To set the date for the Annual Residents Meeting (1st of March – 1st of June).
RESOLVED: To hold the Annual Residents Meeting on the 14th of May, 7pm, Bayford Village Hall. The Clerk would not be in attendance due to being on annual leave.

14/25/091 To consider changing the May meeting date to the 21st of May 2026.
RESOLVED: To move the meeting from the usual meeting date of the 14th of May to the 21st of May 2026, to work around the Clerk’s leave.

15/25/092 To note correspondence received

- SALC Councillor training events – Spring 2026.
Noted.
- SPARK and SALC Community Health and Wellbeing Roadshow.
Noted.
- Grant request from Crimestoppers
Noted. Clerk to invite them to present locally and share promotional items.
ACTION: Clerk
- Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)
Noted.

16/25/093 To note items for the next agenda

- Internal Audit
- Year End Accounts 31st March 2026.
- AGAR
- Asset List
- Website

ACTION: Clerk

17/25/094 To note the date of the next meeting

Annual Residents Meeting – 14th of May 2026, 7pm, Mission Hall, Bayford.

Annual Parish Council Meeting - 21st of May 2026, 7pm, Mission Hall, Bayford.

Meeting closed at 21.10.