

STOURPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on 13th October 2026 in the Village Hall at 7pm.

PRESENT: Cllr P Partridge, (Chairman), G Cowie, M Farwell, J Jakes, D Meaden, A Woodland.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs J O'Connell (Clerk), 1 Members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Dorset Councillor Sherry Jespersen, Cllr S Norman.

1. **Declarations of Interest:** None received.
2. To Approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2026: The PC approved the minutes which were signed by the Chairman.
3. To consider any matters arising from the September Minutes: None raised.
-Dorset Councillor Ward Report: No current update.
4. **-Democratic Period:**
-A resident requested that the allocated area for dogs on Drapers Field be extended, Cllr Norman had stated that he would check the deeds to establish what changes can be made to the field. This matter to be raised with the Village Hall Committee.
6. **-Planning and development matters:** P/FUL/2026/02001: (Land North of Bottom Road): Erect 5 bungalows with associated parking and access plus landscaping: Cllr Meaden reported that this application has been approved. The related online information made reference to surface water and drainage and widening the entrance to the site but did not mention the access issues further down Bottom Road.
7. **-Reports:**
-Neighbourhood Watch: The police are hosting a Community Contact point in M&S car park on Friday 16th October.
-Highways: The hedges have been cut, but the issue of vegetation growing over the pavements still needs to be addressed by DC Highways.
-Flood Prevention and Protection: We await survey reports from WSP who are investigating and surveying site that have flooded in and around Dorset, which includes Stourpaine.
-Trailway and Rights of Way: No current update.
-Play Areas:
-HAGS play have confirmed that they will be carrying out the repairs to the Typhoon Play equipment on the 21st October 2026.
-Village Hall: SPC are expecting a representative from the VH Committee to attend the November meeting with figure and proposals for the plans for the VH.
-The PC agreed a grant in principle for towards the mowing of the grass on Drapers Field.
8. **-Finance:**
- The Clerk had issued the Financial Statement for September 2026.
The following payments were approved by SPC. Clerks wage/ PAYE at agreed rate, Bank Charges £4.25, Village Hall Hire £22.00, Grant Gardening Club £350.00/ T Thorne Bus stop clean £87.50/ DC Grit bin refill £79.30/ P Partridge exp £11.98/ Iwerne Grass cutting £348.00/Dorset Council White lining VH carpark £ 2,748.00.
-The Clerk confirmed that the second payment of the precept has been received into the Bank Account.
-The Clerk confirmed that she has commenced the budget process and will circulate a draft copy before the November meeting.
9. **-Any other business:** The Remembrance Service will be held on Wednesday 11th November at the Tommy Memorial at 10.50am..
-There will also be a Remembrance service at the church on November 15th at 6.30pm.

Date of next meeting: 10th November 2026, 7pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm

Chairman: Stourpaine Parish Council:

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