



Chair Matt Garner

Clerk Wayne Lewin

Minutes of Stratton Parish Council Full Council Meeting Tuesday 13th May 2025 starting at 7:00 pm in Stratton Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs Matt Garner, Simon Joslin, Gill Slade, and Ali Tong
6 members of the public,
Dorset Council Councillor David Taylor
Police Community Support Officer Sarah Pilcher

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1. Co-option of new Member for Stratton Parish Council

Rosie Barfoot was proposed, seconded and duly coopted as a Member for Stratton Parish Council.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Pimm sent apologies.
Cllr Joslin had sent a message of late arrival.

3. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

No declarations were made.

4. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th March 2025

These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Parish Council matters arising

There were no matters that were not on the agenda.

6. Update from the Chair and correspondence

Cllr Garner had no further updates to the Annual Village meeting briefing.
He wished to thank Jan Grocott for the upgrade to the planters in the village.

7. Parish Councillor updates

Cllr Slade will attend the Village Hall Committee Meeting, where a major discussion point would be storage and the use of the changing rooms for that purpose.

Cllr Tong noted that one of the noticeboards did not lock.
It was agreed to speak to Mr Hutchins in the first instant.

8. To receive a report from the Dorset Council

Cllr Taylor had no matters to report, despite trying to contact Neil Turner from Dorset Council who is the project lead.
It was noted that a new CEO for Dorset Council had just been appointed.

9. Public participation period

There were no matters (other than those to discuss at agenda item 12).

10. Planning

There were no new applications to discuss.



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11. Financial update

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **12** payments (**PV's 1-12**), totalling **£ 1372.16**, that were approved and authorized for payment.

The Clerk confirm the VAT rebate had been paid and that the bonds were now closed and transferred to an instant access saver account paying 3.6%

12. Matters from the Annual Village Meeting

The first suggestion was for the purchase of a community wheelchair.

Cllr Slade took forward this project with a view to a specification and storage.

Next it was asked for a defibrillator at the south end of the village. This would include the installation of electrics.

Members agreed to create a specific defibrillator reserve, starting with £3000.00

It was mentioned that the trees were becoming some what overgrown on the Village Green.

Cllr Joslin agreed to write a specification with a view to getting some quotes.

The idea of a brick-built BBQ for the Village Green was suggested.

Cllr Slade will take this forward, to look at costs, location and H&S liabilities.

13. Further updates on A37 concerns

There were no further updates to brief on.

14. Closure of VE Day 80 specific reserve

No funds had been spent, therefore the specific reserve was closed and returned to the General Reserve.

15. Procurement of new play equipment

4 quotes had been received, and the cost and designs been distributed to Councillors and shown to members of the public.

By far the preferred design with the public was that with **School Playground Specialists (SPS)**.

The reasons being that it provided maximum play activity for the age group in question.

Resolution was passed to proceed with SPS, noted that the final design and cost needed a little bit of refinement.

The Clerk would contact all providers.

16. s106 grant policy review

Historically, the Parish Council had a policy not to spend the capital (or accrued interest) on funding delivered through s106.

The Chair wished to thank previous Council's on their financial diligence and prudence.

However, the time had now come to release the capital as stipulation in the s106 agreement as matters that the funding was destined for (Village Green and Playing Field maintenance / improvements), now needed attention (see agenda item 15).

The Parish Council therefore passed resolution to revoke the previous policy s106 funding.

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17. Community discussion

The question of a permanent Christmas was again raised.

The Clerk confirmed that the matter was closed until a confirmed location had been found.

It was asked if all costs for the play park renovations could be shared on the community FB page.

This was agreed.

18. Items and date for next meeting

A37 improvements

Items brought forward from Village Meeting

Procurement of Play Park renovations

Grass Cutting Contract

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 08th July 25, with a 7pm start time.

There being no further business,

Meeting closed at 20:35

Matt Garner

Chair

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