



Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 2nd September 2025

These minutes are provisional until they are signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.

Meeting No 737

Present:- Cllrs Leroy St Louis (Chair), Law (Vice chair), Alexander, Chick, Lorna St Louis, Terry.
Cllr Chris Edmonds (WDBC), Peter van Delft (clerk)

Meeting opened 7.35pm

1. Apologies – Cllr Govett
2. Members of the public open forum – no members present
3. Dispensations & declarations of interest - none
4. Minutes of previous meeting 736 were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting, proposed Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander, motion carried.
5. Finance –
 - 5.1 Payments were authorised for the following invoices

Peter van Delft – clerk salary (July - August)	£449.75
HMRC – PAYE for clerk	£ 0.00
Stowford Parish Hall – hall hire April – Sept	£ 48.00
P. van Delft – Admin expenses – April – Sep	£ 97.07
 - Proposed Cllr Terry, seconded Alexander, motion carried.
 - 4.2 R.F.O. reported a combined credit balance after payments of £3,973.86. Proposed Cllr Chick, seconded Cllr Law, motion carried
6. Cllr Edmonds of WDBC reported that no council meetings took place in August
7. Reports from Councillors – Cllr Govett tendered his resignation, the chair wished to acknowledge his and the council's appreciation for Cllr Govett's contribution to the council and community.
8. Table Tennis – promotion and organisation. The chair informed that the first session was arranged for 30th September with the following session be on 14th October. Cllr Law offered her help to make arrangements.
9. Replacement bench located at Stowford Cross Bus stop. This has now been installed and bolted down on site with the help of a parishioner.
10. Parish Questionnaire – The chair produced a draft for council feedback, another review to be provided at the next meeting. -
11. Highways reports – Stowford Cross – missing finger sign has been reported to D.H. The chair suggested that better informed signage was required when leaving the Stowford Junction on the A30, the existing signage was thought not to be providing wide vehicles of the width restrictions on the bridge entering the village. Chair to action.
12. Dog fouling
 - 12.1 Nuisance dog(s), dog(s) of leads – no news available for the meeting.
 - 12.2 Mobile Liaison Officer report and update – no news available for the meeting.
 - 12.3 Dog fouling in church grounds – Cllr Chick informed that nuisance dogs have been seen in the grounds, the M.L.O. will be informed.

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13. Mobile phone training – Training programme for parishioners still being arranged with 'Devon Learning', the chair informed that the training may help parishioners with 'NHS and shopping 'apps' etc. Once dates have been arranged the chair will arrange advertisements in the Newslink, facebook and the council newsletter.
14. V.E. Day 75yr commemoration tree – Replacement of existing dead tree. It was resolved that councillors consider an appropriate alternative tree to replace the dead Oak tree.
15. Correspondence – Nalc – Local government pay agreement for the clerk, details have been circulated to councillors.

Meeting closed 8.42pm.

Date, time, place of next meeting; 11th November 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall.

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