



Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 13th January 2026

These minutes are provisional until they are signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council
Meeting No739

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

Meeting opened 7.35pm

1. Apologies – Cllr Law.
2. Members of the public open forum – One member present
3. Councillor vacancy – Mr Simon Jackson wished to be considered for the position of councillor. Cllr Lorna St Louis resolved to propose Mr Jackson on to the council, the motion was seconded by Cllr Alexander, motion carried, Mr Jackson was duly co-opted onto the council.
4. Dispensations & declarations of interest - none
5. Minutes of previous meeting 738 was signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting, proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Lorna St Louis, motion carried.
6. Planning app. 3268/25/HHO – Householder application to redevelop the rear lean-to extension to Form a family bathroom & extend the kitchen space & redevelop the garage. Rose Cottage, Sprytown, PL16 0AY
Council decision – Support- Proposed Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander, motion carried
Planning app. 3141/25/LBC – Listed building consent to redevelop the rear lean-to extension to form a family bathroom and extend the kitchen space. Rose Cottage, Sprytown, PL16 0AY
Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Terry, seconded Cllr Alexander, motion carried.

7. Finance –

7.1 Payments were authorised for the following invoices –

Peter van Delft – clerk salary (Nov/Dec)	£334.10
HMRC – PAYE clerk pay	£ 36.40
Refund clerk expenses	£ 88.49

Proposed Cllr Chick, seconded Cllr Jackson, motion carried.

- 7.2 R.F.O. reported a combined credit balance of £4783.76 after payments, a motion was proposed by Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander, carried.
- 7.3 Draft budget for 2026-27 – Approval of anticipated receipts and expenses. After providing a detailed expenditure and receipts forecast it was resolved to request and set a precept of £4059, motion proposed Cllr Leroy St Louis, seconded Cllr Lorna St Louis, motion carried.
- 7.4 The following grant applications were approved - Stowford Church – Graveyard maintenance £100.00, Lewdown Residents Assoc.- Newslink printing costs £250.00. Motion proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Laura St Louis, motion carried.
8. Cllr Edmonds of WDBC reported that no significant information had been released since the Christmas break.
9. Reports from Councillors – Cllr Alexander reported that he recently inspected the grit bins around the parish, due to recent weather conditions some usage had occurred, he would re-order replacement sacks to top up the bins. Cllr Chick also confirmed that grit had been used in the village, Cllr Lorna St Louis requested some grit sacks for Townleigh.
10. Councillor training – The chair suggested that councillors may wish to attend courses for ‘planning’ and ‘new councillors’. Councillors would benefit from training so that they are ofay with the latest planning legislation reviews.

Councillors: Leroy St Louis (chair), Judy Law (vice chair),

Richard Alexander, Allana Chick, Simon Jackson, Lorna St Louis, Nigel Terry

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11. Table Tennis – promotion and organisation. The chair reported that 6 successful evening events had taken place, with more people attending the evening sessions every time. adverts will go in the Newslink and Facebook page for future events.
12. Parish Questionnaire – The chair informed that 90% of the questions had been drafted, the questionnaire should be ready for the next meeting.
13. Highways reports – The clerk reported that D.H. had inadvertently issued the wrong details on recent work near Stowford Cross A30.
14. Dog fouling
 - 14.1 Nuisance dog(s), dog(s) of leads - no new reports since last meeting
 - 14.2 Mobile Liaison Officer report – This service will be continued for the time being.
 - 14.3 Dog fouling in church grounds – no reports since last meeting.
15. Mobile phone training – Training programme for parishioners. The chair informed that around 15 parishioners expressed an interest. Devon Learning the training provider will provide dates for the training sessions soon, once the dates have been agreed, the chair will place an advert in the Newslink.
16. V.E. Day 75yr commemoration tree – Replacement of existing dead tree. The chair suggested that the replanting should take place in March.
17. Correspondence – None received.

Date, time, place of next meeting; 10th March 2026, 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall.