

Stowford Parish Council



Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 10th March 2026

These minutes are provisional until they are signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council
Meeting No740

Present:- Cllrs Law(Chair), Alexander, Lorna St Louis, Terry.
Peter van Delft (clerk)

Meeting opened 7.35pm

1. Apologies – Cllrs Leroy St Louis, Chick, Jackson, Cllr Edmonds (WDBC),
2. Members of the public open forum – none present.
3. Dispensations & declarations of interest- Cllr Lorna St Louis item 14.
4. Minutes of previous meeting 739 were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Proposed Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander
5. Cllr Edmonds of WDBC reported via email. There is no significant parish news at the moment.
6. Finance –
 - 6.1 Payments were authorised for the following invoices; Peter van Delft – clerk salary (Feb/March) £370.30, HMRC – PAYE £0.20, P van Delft - Refund clerk expenses £173.98. Proposed Cllr Terry, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour
 - 6.2 R.F.O. reported a credit balance after payments of £3,884.57, proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Lorna St Louis, all in favour.
7. Dog fouling - Nuisance dog(s) / dog(s) off leads - Cllrs Law and Lorna St Louis had observed that some dogs were off leads around the church, M.L.O. report will follow at the next meeting.
8. Reports from Councillors – Cllr Law enquired if any information was forthcoming from Openreach regarding the completion of the new Fast Fibre Broadband. The clerk informed that voucher holders should have received an extension to supply FFB to customers, if they have not, customers should contact Openreach for an update.
9. Table Tennis – promotion and organisation. Cllr Lorna St Louis reported that the T.T. was very well supported with an average of 8-10 individuals participating on the evening events. Future dates will be advertised in the Newslink.
10. Parish Questionnaire – draft questions. Held over to the next meeting.
11. Highways reports – None reported.
12. Mobile phone training – Training programme for parishioners, update. Cllr Lorna St Louis reported that both of the bi-sessions had been very well attended and that the attendees had found the training most helpful.
13. V.E. Day 75yr commemoration tree – Cllr Terry offered to plant the replacement tree.
14. Correspondence – Letter from Stowford Parish Hall committee, ref – defibrillator future. It was resolved that since the whole parish could benefit from the availability of this vital equipment, then it would be reasonable for all parishioners to contribute a little for the maintenance and upkeep of the defibrillator. Cllr Lorna St Louis suggested and requested that the Stowford Parish Hall committee continue to monitor the equipment and report back to the parish council of any uses and if any pieces of equipment needed replacing. Motion proposed Cllr Law, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour (Cllr Lorna St Louis didn't vote)
The clerk provided an information sheet from Dr Pahdi Harpreet, Dr Harpreet heads with volunteers the local BASICS emergency pre-hospital health care. It was resolved to contact Dr Harpreet and ask if he would do a presentation at a p.c. meeting. The clerk to arrange.

Meeting closed 8.13pm

Date, time, place of next meetings;

Annual Parish Meeting & ordinary meeting- 14th April 2026, 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall.

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

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

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