



# STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Starcross Parish Council held in Starcross Pavilion on Tuesday 16 June 2026 at 7.30pm

**Present:**

Cllrs Hopper (Chairman), Allen, Cadbury, Coupe, Lovell, Pegg, Phillips, Rastall & Williamson

**Also present:**

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), District Cllr Taylor and two members of the public

## RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME

The Chairman invited questions/comments from residents.

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**160626.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Cllr Chase
- Cllr McNally
- County Cllr Connett

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**160626.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

Members were reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and invited to state whether they have any interest in the items to be discussed during this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

Unforeseen requests for a Dispensation to be considered at this point only if there was no way a Councillor would have been aware of such before the meeting.

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

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**160626.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES**

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2026.

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** by those members present that these minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of that meeting.

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**160626.04 CRIME REPORT**

In the period, 1 – 31 May 2026, there were 2 recorded offences in the Starcross area:

- Criminal damage (threats to cause damage to neighbours vehicle) x 1
- Violence less serious (victim reporting historic financial and emotional abuse) x 1

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**160626.05 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Taylor informed members that he is very happy to support the Parish Council's bid for the match-funding for the multi-use pump track. Whilst not involved in the decision-making process, he has recommended to officers that they support the bid.

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**160626.06 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

(Cllrs Hopper, Chase, Rastall, Coupe, Phillips & Williamson)

6.1 **Financial Report** – members received and noted the financial report 12 May – 15 June 2026 and were asked to approve the payments listed (copy attached).

*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Cadbury*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** that the payments listed are made.

- 6.2 Proposal: To approve the proposed Committee membership and Working Parties  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Lovell*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve Committee membership and Working Parties, as proposed.

**Committee Chair Report:**

- 6.3 General Report/Question & Answers  
None

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**160626.07 PLANNING**  
**(Cllrs Pegg, Cadbury & McNally)**

**Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)**

7.1 **New applications/appeals**

- 7.1.1 26/00787/TPO – Southbrook, Orchard Court Road From Old Toll House To New Road, Starcross  
T1 Holm Oak - Pollard to 6m T2 Holm Oak - Re-pollard to 6m T3 Holm Oak – Pollard to 6m T4 Holm Oak - Pollard to 6m T5 Holm Oak - Pollard to 6m T6 Western Red Cedar - Fell

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to raise no objections.

7.2 **Decisions:**

- 7.2.1 26/00617/LBC – Brunel Tower, The Strand, Starcross  
Repairs and alterations to building exterior including repointing and crack repairs, repairs to Heavitree stone walling, repairs to limestone dressings, new weatherings and flaunchings, new parapet coping to chimney tower, replacement of guttering and rainwater goods, replacement of windows and doors and removal of other detracting features  
Construction of boundary raised planters

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional listed building consent.

- 7.3 General Report/Question & Answers  
None

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**160626.08 PAVILION & SPORTSFIELD**  
**(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, Phillips & Coupe)**

- 8.1 Proposal: To reimburse Cllr Rastall £34.94 for a new kitchen sink bowl in the Pavilion and refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Allen*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to reimburse Cllr Rastall £34.94, as proposed.

ACTION: Clerk to refund  
FUNDING: Pavilion Maintenance

- 8.2 Proposal: To reimburse Cllr Williamson £69.35 for prizes for the school competitions  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Coupe*

**AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to reimburse Cllr Williamson £69.35, as proposed.

ACTION: Clerk to refund  
FUNDING: Projects

Cllr Williamson expressed how positively the children had responded to her and Cllr Coupe when they visited the school to talk to them about the proposed multi-use pump track.

### **Committee Chair Report:**

- 8.3 General Report/Questions & Answers  
None
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**160626.09 PARKS & GARDENS**  
**(Cllrs Chase, Lovell & Allen)**

#### **Committee Chair Report:**

- 9.1 General Report/Question & Answers  
The Chair advised that he had written to TDC about the land on The Strand. There are two pieces of land involved. One from the white gate up to the cross pathway. The Parish Council had enquired about this with TDC about a year ago and await response. The second is from the car park north to the cycle path which the Chair suggested, by email to Councillors a short while ago, that the Parish Council considers. But on reflection, because it would involve landscaping and tree management, he considered it would be too difficult at this stage.
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**160626.10 WORKING PARTIES, EXTERNAL PROJECTS & NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS**  
**(Updates and Action Reports)**

- 10.1 **Traffic & Speedwatch (Cllr McNally)**  
No report
- 10.2 **Highways & Pavements (Cllrs Hopper, Phillips, Lovell & Allen)**  
Rhys Andrews (Devon Highways) has promised an update on matters previously raised.
- 10.3 **Communications & PR (Cllrs Williamson & Hopper)**  
This will be discussed in the Finance & Governance meeting tomorrow.
- 10.4 **Technical (Cllr McNally)**  
There are questions around the current capacity of the Outlook mail boxes which Cllr McNally will look into. It was also noted that some members are having difficulties sending emails from Apple products. Cllr Phillips offered to follow this up with the email/website support company.
- 10.5 **Bike Track (Cllrs Hopper, Coupe, Rastall, Phillips & Williamson)**  
The Working Party is working on a second grant application.
- 10.6 **Library (Cllr Lovell)**  
Some of the less-used books are going to be removed to free up space for new books.
- 10.7 **Boat Park (Cllrs Pegg & McNally)**  
No report
- 10.6 **Exe Estuary Partnership (Cllr Coupe)**  
No report
- 10.7 **Flood (Megan Debenham)**  
No report
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**160626.11 RESIDENTS' CORRESPONDENCE**

- 11.1 Members received and noted an email from a resident concerning the proposed bike track. They also noted the response from Cllr Coupe.
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**160626.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14 July 2026** in the Pavilion commencing at 7.30pm.

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SIGNED:  
Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 14 July 2026

*Note: Where a document or paper is referred to on the Agenda, this document will be available on request from the Clerk by emailing [starcrossp for cclerk@gmail.com](mailto:starcrossp for cclerk@gmail.com)*

## Starcross Parish Council Finance Report – 16 June 2026

<b>Summary of Bank Balances at 15 June 2026</b>	
Current (C)	£58,277.32
Pavilion Trading (P)	£6,610.86
Allocated Reserves (A)	£72,163.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>£137,051.49</b>

<b>Income: 12 May - 15 June 2026</b>		
Pavilion hire	£130.50	P
Bank interest (29 May)	£48.70	A

<b>Payments for approval</b>		(includes VAT when applicable)	
Clerk	Salary & disbursements (May)	£639.67	C
Plant Tech	Grass cutting & maintenance (May)	£1244.16	C
V Williamson	Reimbursement for prizes for school competitions (item 8.2 June)	£69.35	C
Orchard Memorials	Renovation and cleaning of war memorial (final 50%)	£833.40	C
S Rastall	Reimbursement for kitchen sink bowl and APM refreshments (item 8.1 June)	£34.94	P
T Greenslade	Pavilion - cleaning, fobbing, supplies (May)	£237.61	P
Tamar Security	Fire risk assessment and report	£432	P
South West Water	Pavilion water	£183.29	P
S Rastall	Reimbursement for metal shelves approved in May	£35.78	P
ServiceMaster	Pavilion carpet cleaning	£222	P

<b>Direct Debit: 12 May – 15 June 2026</b>			
Bankline (15/5)	Banking fees	£26.30	C
Talk Talk (15/5)	Pavilion telephone & broadband	£35.92	P
Biffa (26/5)	Waste bin at Pavilion (rental & collection)	£45.88	P

<b>Clerk (May)</b>	Salary	Tax	Net	Disbursements
Salary	£591.50	-	£591.50	
Telephone and Internet	-	-	-	£5.00
Using home as an office	-	-	-	£8.67
Mileage @ 45p per mile	-	-	-	£15.30
Quickbooks	-	-	-	£19.20
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£639.67</b>