



STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors are summoned to a meeting of Starcross Parish Council to be held in Starcross Pavilion on **Tuesday 8 September 2026 at 7.30pm.**

County Councillor Connett, District Councillor Taylor & Community Police Officers are also invited.

Members of the press and public are welcome.

Signed: *S Hughes* (Clerk)

Dated: 2 September 2026

RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME

(20 minutes)

Residents are invited to make representations to the Council or to ask questions.

AGENDA

080926.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

080926.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Members are 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 member would have been aware of such before the meeting.

080926.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

To approve, sign and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 July 2026

080926.04 CRIME REPORT

4.1 To receive either a written or verbal report by Devon and Cornwall Police representative

4.2 To note the offer of a 50-minute cyber awareness presentation for Parish Councils and residents at no cost to the Parish Council

080926.05 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

To receive reports from County Cllr Connett and District Cllr Taylor

080926.06 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

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

6.1 Financial Report from Responsible Financial Officer

To receive a financial report and approve list of payments

6.2 Proposal: To ringfence the final CIL payment of £2842.65 due to the Parish Council and allocate it to the bike track project

Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: tbc

NB: CIL receipts and expenditure are available to see on the Parish Council's website

6.3 To note that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached an agreement on the new rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2026 (+3.3%). Clerk's salary will be backdated accordingly.

Committee Chair Report:

6.4 General Report/Question & Answers

080926.07 PLANNING
(Cllrs Pegg, Cadbury & McNally)

Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)

7.1 New applications/appeals

7.1.1 26/01049/FUL - Land At Ngr 297273 81384, Staplake Lane, Starcross, EX6 8QT
Agricultural storage shed/shed shelter to replace existing storage container

7.2 Decisions:

None

7.3 General Report/Question & Answers

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080926.08 PAVILION & SPORTSFIELD
(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, Phillips & Coupe)

8.1 Proposal: To reimburse Cllr Hopper £34.79 for purchase of butter portions from Makro
Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: tbc

ACTION: Clerk to refund
FUNDING: Pavilion Cafe

8.2 Proposal: To reimburse Cllr Hopper £14.00 for costs of Land Search re sports field
Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: tbc

ACTION: Clerk to refund
FUNDING: Administration

8.3 Proposal: To replace damaged dog bin on sports field: cost of bin £255.19 (+ VAT), labour £114.58
Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: tbc

NB: In the absence of a formal vote and due the urgency, this was approved via email with councillors and clerk

ACTION: Clerk to issue PO
FUNDING:

8.4 Proposal: To accept quote of £20 from Zen Maintenance to secure library shelves
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Rastall

ACTION: Clerk to issue PO
FUNDING: Pavilion Maintenance

8.5 Proposal: To accept quote of £30 from Zen Maintenance to repair the loose slab on Pavilion pathway
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Rastall

ACTION: Clerk to issue PO
FUNDING: Pavilion Maintenance

8.6 Proposal: Gasology to repair inflow to blocked gas ring on Pavilion cooker - £70.
Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: Cllr Hopper

NB: Urgent repair to ensure no gas leak

ACTION: Work completed
FUNDING: Pavilion maintenance

8.7 Proposal: To purchase three fire extinguishers and three containers for the Pavilion as outlined in the recent Fire Assessment. Supplier: Safelinks 3 x P50 water mist @ £156.48; 3xUFDFS1R stand @ £19.08. Freight £5. Total £531.68
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Rastall

NB. We await approval of this purchase from MGC Services

ACTION: Clerk to arrange payment
FUNDING: Reserves

8.8 Proposal: To accept the cleaning of the hard floors in the Pavilion, i.e. changing areas, lobby, disabled toilets and officials room. Rogers Carpet Care £350
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Rastall

ACTION: Cllr Rastall to progress order
FUNDING: Pavilion maintenance

- 8.9 Proposal: To carry out annual maintenance on Pavilion shutters and to repair inoperable side window shutter
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Second: Cllr Rastall

ACTION: Invoice submitted
FUNDING: Pavilion maintenance

NB. Maintenance quote in hand and as there was a security risk, brought forward to enable repairs to side window shutter within the same visit at no additional cost.

- 8.10 Proposal: To accept quotation from Steve Swift for cutting sports field hedges inside and out - £408
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Second: Cllr Rastall

ACTION: Clerk to raise PO
FUNDING: Sports field hedge cut

Committee Chair Report:

- 8.11 General Report/Questions & Answers
To report any other matters

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**080926.09 PARKS & GARDENS
(Cllrs Chase, Coupe, Pegg, Lovell & Allen)**

- 9.1 Bonhay Park Community Corner (Cllr Coupe)
Business plan - for discussion and vote (copy circulated)
Proposer: Cllr Coupe; Second: Cllr Hopper
- 9.2 Proposal: To accept quotation from Zen Maintenance for renovation, repair and refinishing of wooden bench slats followed by painting with wood preservative. Two days labour plus materials £193.79
Proposer: Cllr Coupe; Second: tbc
- 9.3 Proposal: To accept quotation from Zen Maintenance to apply preservative to Bonhay Gardens fence. Total cost £449.31 (*Retrospective approval*)
Proposer: Cllr Coupe; Second: tbc
- 9.4 Proposal: To accept quotation from Zen Maintenance to apply timber preservative and steel preservative paint to Rhino Trim Trail equipment as referenced within the 2026 ROSPA report for Bonhay Gardens. Total cost £218.75
Proposer: Cllr Coupe; Second: tbc
- 9.5 Proposal: To accept quotation from Zen Maintenance to paint the play equipment to address minor concerns within the 2026 ROSPA report for Bonhay Gardens. Five days labour plus materials. Total cost: £492.99
Proposer: Cllr Coupe; Second: tbc
- 9.6 Proposal: To accept quotation from Zen Maintenance to repair rubber matting to play equipment where damaged and/or uneven to address concerns of trip hazard within the 2026 ROSPA report for Bonhay Gardens. Three days labour plus materials and security fencing to prevent trip hazard. Total cost £890.97
Proposer: Cllr Coupe; Second: tbc

Committee Chair Report:

- 9.7 General Report/Question & Answers

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**080926.10 WORKING PARTIES, EXTERNAL PROJECTS & NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS
(Updates and Action Reports)**

- 10.1 Traffic & Speedwatch (Cllr McNally)
- 10.2 Highways & Pavements (Cllrs Hopper, Phillips, Lovell & Allen)
- 10.3 Communications & PR (Cllrs Williamson & Hopper)

10.4 Technical (Cllr McNally)

10.5 Bike Track (Cllrs Hopper, Coupe, Rastall, Phillips & Williamson)

10.6 Library (Cllr Lovell)

10.7 Boat Park (Cllrs Pegg & McNally)

10.7.1 Proposal: To accept a quote of £100 from Zen Maintenance to erect boat park sign
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Pegg

ACTION: Clerk to issue PO

FUNDING: Pavilion maintenance

10.8 Exe Estuary Partnership (Cllr Coupe)

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080926.11 RESIDENTS' CORRESPONDENCE

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080926.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 13 October 2026

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Note: Where a document or paper is referred to on the Agenda, this document will be available on request from the Clerk by emailing starcrosspcclerk@gmail.com