



STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Starcross Parish Council held in Starcross Pavilion on Tuesday 13 October 2026 at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Also present:

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), Anne George (Westbank PPG) and five members of the public

RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME

The Chairman invited questions/comments from residents.

Anne George, representing the Westbank Patient Participation Group, gave a presentation at the meeting. PPGs are a requirement of all NHS contracts with GP services to ensure that the services being provided by GPs is right and appropriate for patients. This year is 20 years of PPG at Westbank and they are using this opportunity to celebrate the work the GP practices have done and provide a celebration event in Kenton Victory Hall on 22nd October, 12.30-13.30.

In summary:

- Serving our community together for 20 years to support 9089 patients across 7 villages and 3 hamlets
- 97% of patients report a Good overall experience compared to the national average of 75%
- Care Quality Commission recognized an 'outstanding level of mutual support between practice and PPG

UK National Recognition

- Westbank PPG selected by the Clinical Commissioning Group to create a national guidance resource. Shared with PPGs regionally and beyond
- Westbank PPG developed a pioneering model for non-attending members to participate in decision making
- Patient satisfaction scores consistently and significantly above national average – not a fluke, a pattern

Real Impact – The PPG listens and...

- Acts as a critical friend enhancing communication and support
- Engages with local healthcare providers to share Westbank patient voice
- Develops resources in response to patient requests

Why we succeed

- Practice manager/GP at every meeting
- Transparency regarding access to Practice Information
- Bi monthly engagement with patients at both surgeries
- Collaborative working to develop, enhance and provide resources

Next 20 years – Growing Together, Changin Patients Needs

- Ageing population – more patients with long-term conditions
- Increased numbers of unpaid carers
- Focus on prevention and well-being

The PPG's role in championing those needs

- Maintaining community connection as social change influences health and well-being
- Representing patient and carer voice
- Supporting vulnerable population through periods of change

The Chair thanked Anne for attending the meeting and for providing a useful and interesting update about the work of the PPG.

131026.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- County Cllr Connett
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131026.02 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.

131026.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2026.

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

131026.04 CRIME REPORT

4.1 In the period 1 – 30 September 2026, there were 4 recorded offences in the Starcross area:

- Criminal Damage (eggs thrown at house) x 1
 - Domestic (unwanted contact) x 1
 - Sexual offences (intimate images have been sent on line and now victim has been blackmailed) x 1
 - Vehicle crime (attempt theft of vehicle) x 1
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131026.05 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Taylor was pleased that the Parish Council's application to TDC for CIL match-funding towards the pump track (£20k) has been successful. He confirmed that Local Government Reorganisation has been paused and advised that TDC had spent £93k on preparing for this. He also announced that TDC has approved a £5 million major upgrade and refurbishment plan for Dawlish Leisure Centre.

131026.06 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

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

6.1 **Financial Report** – members received and noted the financial report 8 September – 12 October 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 circulated update of the Starcross Parish Council Complaints Procedure

Proposer: Cllr Phillips; Seconder: Cllr Williamson

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the circulated update of the Starcross Parish Council Complaints Procedure.

ACTION: Clerk to add to website and records

6.3 Proposal: To review the documents on the Parish Council's website and delete anything which is considered to be out of date and no longer relevant

Proposer: Cllr Phillips; Seconder: Cllr Williamson

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY that Cllr Phillips and the Clerk would review the documents to bring the website up to date.

Committee Chair Report:

- 6.4 General Report/Question & Answers
None
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131026.07 PLANNING
(Cllrs Pegg, Cadbury & McNally)

Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)

7.1 New applications/appeals

- 7.1.1 26/01498/TPO – Glebe Cottage, Road from The Strand to Cofton Cross,
Starcross
T1 Elm - Fell
Proposer: Cllr Pegg; Seconder: Cllr Lovell

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the recommendation of the Planning Committee to raise no objections.

7.2 Decisions:

- 7.2.1 26/01049/FUL - Land At Ngr 297273 81384, Staplake Lane, Starcross, EX6 8QT
Agricultural storage shed/shed shelter to replace existing storage container

Members noted that TDC has refused permission.

- 7.3 General Report/Question & Answers
None
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131026.08 PAVILION & SPORTSFIELD
(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, Phillips & Coupe)

- 8.1 Proposal: To request £50 from Starcross Parish Council towards refreshments at the Christmas party event on 5 December
Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: Cllr Lovell

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to that the Parish Council contributes £50 towards refreshments at the Christmas party event on 5 December

ACTION: Cllr Rastall to purchase
FUNDING: Pavilion Cafe

Committee Chair Report:

- 8.2 General Report/Questions & Answers

A question was asked about whether it would be viable to install a defibrillator at the Pavilion. It was agreed that Cllrs Pegg and Williamson would carry out some research about the most cost effective way of obtaining an exterior unit.

131026.09 PARKS & GARDENS
(Cllrs Chase, Coupe, Pegg, Lovell & Allen)

Committee Chair Report:

- 9.1 Proposal: To purchase a selection of shrubs to fill gaps where plants have died and to prevent access to the road at points other than the established crossing point. Cost £80
Proposer: Cllr Chase; Seconder: Cllr Allen

AGREED BY A MAJORITY of members that this item is deferred pending additional thought being given to the best way to prevent access to the road at points other than the established crossing point.

Committee Chair Report:

- 9.2 General Report/Question & Answers
None
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131026.10 WORKING PARTIES, EXTERNAL PROJECTS & NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS (Updates and Action Reports)

10.1 **Traffic & Speedwatch (Cllr McNally)**

There have been no sessions this month.

10.2 **Highways & Pavements (Cllrs Hopper, Phillips, Lovell & Allen)**

Cllr Phillips reported that she had written to Rhys Andrews (DCC Highways) thanking him and the team for resurfacing the pavements outside the school during the summer holidays. She has asked him to confirm which pavements are going to be next but he has not yet been able to confirm this. The Working Party wishes to prioritise the Strand pavements including the narrow sections.

With regard to the next round of locally requested waiting restrictions (double yellow lines), requests have been put forward for lines on Church Street (to prevent parking on the grass verges) and Generals Lane. Cllr Phillips has also proposed that the 20mph limit is extended to Estuary Corner though it was noted that there may be limitations on where 20mph zones can be installed.

10.3 **Communications & PR (Cllrs Williamson & Hopper)**

Items requiring publication in the newsletter to be sent to Cllr Williamson.

10.4 **Technical (Cllr McNally)**

No report

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

Proposal: To adopt the larger £53k 'Tulip' design pump track by combining both awarded grants

Proposer: Cllr Coupe; Seconder: Cllr Williamson

Cllr Coupe assured members that both funding bodies (Sport England and TDC) support the ambition for a more interesting track design and both are completely comfortable with the concept of 'partnership funding' where both grants are combined with the Parish Council's own contribution.

This 35% increase in project value (£39K to £53K) will provide local youngsters with a 100% longer track.

AGREED UNANIMOUSLY to adopt the larger £53k 'tulip' design pump track by combining awarded grants.

It was suggested that when the contractor comes to measure the site, Starcross Dons, as regular users of the field, are also invited to gain a deeper understanding of the plan and scale of the track.

10.6 **Library (Cllr Lovell)**

Cllr Lovell thanked the Parish Council for securing the shelves and she is looking forward to adding new books.

10.7 **Boat Park (Cllrs Pegg & McNally)**

Cllr Pegg reported that the outstanding issues in the boat park have now been resolved.

10.8 **Exe Estuary Partnership (Cllr Coupe)**

Awaiting next meeting.

131026.11 RESIDENTS' CORRESPONDENCE
None

131026.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 November 2026** in the Pavilion commencing at 7.30pm.

SIGNED:
Chairman of the Parish Council

DATE: 10 November 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 ccclerk@gmail.com](mailto:starcrosspforccclerk@gmail.com)

Starcross Parish Council Finance Report – 13 October 2026

Summary of Bank Balances at 12 October 2026	
Current (C)	£85,679.11
Pavilion Trading (P)	£8,251.13
Allocated Reserves (A)	£72,371.92
Total	£166,302.16

Income: 8 September – 12 October 2026		
TDC (2 nd instalment of precept)	£27,732.50	C
Sport England grant	£15,000	C
Starcross Growers – annual site rent	£210	C
Starcross Growers – contingency	£100	C
Pavilion hire	£653.50	P
Pavilion café	£408.55	P
Bank interest (30/9)	£55.57	A

Payments for approval		(includes VAT when applicable)	
Clerk	Salary & disbursements (Sept + back pay)	£732.37	C
HMRC	PAYE	£22.80	C
Chip Hosting	Annual website hosting (reimburse to the clerk)	£135	C
20i	Domain name renewal (reimburse to the clerk)	£30	C
Plant Tech	Grass cutting & maintenance (Sept)	£1113.12	C
Zen Maintenance	Installation of new dog waste bin	£114.58	C
Zen Maintenance	Painting of playpark fence	£449.31	C
T Greenslade	Maintenance of Memorial and Millennium Gardens (April – Sept 2026) - £300 Dinghy park – clearing weeds etc £20	£320	C
T Greenslade	Pavilion - cleaning, fobbing, supplies (Sept)	£216.12	P
Rogers Carpet and Floor Care	Pavilion floor cleaning	£350	P

Direct Debit: 8 September – 12 October 2026			
Bankline (15/9)	Banking fees	£21.35	C
Talk Talk (16/9)	Pavilion telephone & broadband	£35.92	P
Biffa (21/9)	Waste bin at Pavilion (rental & collection)	£57.35	P

Clerk (Sept + back pay)	Salary	Tax	Net	Disbursements
Salary	£707	22.80	£684.20	
Telephone and Internet	-	-	-	£5
Using home as an office	-	-	-	£8.67
Mileage @ 45p per mile	-	-	-	£15.30
Quickbooks	-	-	-	£19.20
TOTAL				£732.37