

STOKE PARISH COUNCIL



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I hereby give notice of a meeting of Stoke Parish Council, to be held in the Village Hall, on Wednesday 4th June 2025 at 7.00pm, which all members are summoned to attend.

Jenny Allen ~ Clerk
28/05/2025

Part A	Public discussion (not part of the meeting) where any member of the public may discuss any item. No motions may be proposed nor decisions taken, but matters raised by the public may be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
Part B	Public discussion on any agenda items. In line with standing order (3) e members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. This shall take place at this part of the meeting for a maximum of 30 minutes. Following this member of the public are not permitted to speak or to take part in the business of the Parish Council.

1.	Apologies for absence Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.
2.	To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers. To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.
3.	Minutes of the last meeting - Appendix A a). To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 th May 2025.
4.	Matters arising from the minutes (not otherwise on the Agenda)
5.	Vacancies a). To discuss the Parish Council's current outstanding vacancy.
6.	Tasks agreed at the last meeting - Appendix B a). To receive an update on the tasks agreed at the last meeting.
7.	Ward Councillor(s) report a). A report by Ward Councillor Chris Spalding.
8.	Planning - Appendix C a). Applications. b). Decisions. c). Appeals and Other Matters.

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9.	Finance - Appendix D <ul style="list-style-type: none">a). Bank balances.b). To agree the financial performance against the budget for May 2025.c). Accounts paid since the last meeting to be ratified.d). Accounts for payment.e). Payment requests to be discussed for approval and payment.f). To receive an update on the audit process for 2024/ 2025.
10.	Management of Land and Property <ul style="list-style-type: none">a). To receive the play park inspection report from the month of May 2025 including the cleaning of play equipment for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i). The Button Drive Playpark (Lower Stoke).ii). The Heron Way Playpark (Lower Stoke).iii). The Street Playpark (Upper Stoke).b). Defibrillator<ul style="list-style-type: none">i). Lower Stoke.ii). Middle Stokeiii). Upper Stoke
11.	Highways, Transport & Upkeep <ul style="list-style-type: none">a). Footpaths.b). Lighting.c). Highways and verges.d). Pot holes.e). Fly tipping & Street Cleaning.f). Grass cutting.g). Leaking manhole cover on A228 / Grain Road.h). Noticeboards.
12.	Communications <p>To receive an update on the following methods of communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a). Website.b). Social media page.
13.	Internal Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">a). Neighbourhood Plan.b). Stoke Village Hall.c). Stoke Community Project.
14.	External Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">a). KALC.b). Rural Liaison Board. ~ <i>Next meeting Tuesday 16 September at 6pm at St George's Centre</i>

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15.	Contractor Works - Appendix E a). Village Hall Roof post installation inspection
16.	Events a). '80 th Anniversary of VE Day Celebrations' held on Saturday 10 th May 2025.
17.	Correspondence - Appendix F a). Hoo Peninsula Gathering to discuss 'Upcoming New Medway Local Plan' on Monday 9th June at Hoo Village Hall, 6.30pm.
18.	Date of next meeting ~ <i>Wednesday 2nd July 2025.</i>
19.	Section 100A(4) To resolve that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government act 1972 that the public be excluded from the following item because it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted that if members of the public are present during this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the act.
20.	Confidential Matters - Appendix G To receive an update on the following matters: a). Village Hall Constitution + Doctors Surgery Update. b). Lower Stoke Car Park c). Insurance policy for 2025/2026 d). Response to correspondence
21.	Close of meeting