



Chew Stoke Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 7.30 pm in The Village Hall, Chew Stoke

Present: Cllrs Steven Read (Chair), Nick Baker, Rowan Coleman, Nicola Wilson.

Clerk: Sarah-Jane Streatfeild-James

Ward Councillor: Dave Harding

Minutes: 2025/04

1. **Apologies noted and accepted:** Cllrs Nicola Ainger, Ali Cunningham, Alex Cooke, Carol Dyer and Steve Hicks.
2. **Declarations of interest** – None
3. **Public participation** – No members of the public present
4. **To accept the minutes of the meetings held on 6th March 2025**, unanimously agreed. A copy was given to the Chair to sign and returned to the Clerk.
5. **Ward Councillors report:**
B&NES have unanimously opposed the expansion to Bristol Airport.
£1.9m has been allocated to spend on potholes, (which is the same as previous years).
An additional £280k is to be allocated to the Clean & Green Teams, please report all work via www.fixmystreet.com
New speed limit changes due to come into force along the A368 imminently.
6. **Planning applications:** None
7. **Matters requiring a decision:**
 - i) Feasibility of undertaking a Housing Needs Survey – further information to be sought from B&NES, Cllr Baker to arrange meeting with George Blanchard from B&NES and report back.
 - ii) Chew Stoke village has entered Community Bloom 2025. The Bioblitz event is being planned with both schools for Sunday 27th and Monday 28th April in Rectory Field. Agreed to use £200 Westaway funds to support event.
 - iii) The Road Safety Working Group are due to start the Community Speedwatch Scheme (CSW) but this is being hampered by the lack of police support available. Cllr Harding to forward email exchange with PCSO's. Cars parking on zigzag lines outside the Primary School at drop off time continues, to contact the school to let them know and seek help

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from PCSO's. A section of double yellow lines has now been painted on Chew Lane to create a passing place, it has been observed that cars are still being parked on it at school pick up time at Chew Valley School. To contact the school to highlight issue.

- iv) No update on the National Grid pole that is to be situated near the ford in Pilgrim's Way and agree further proposals from National Grid.
- v) No new parking issues in the village reported.
- vi) A letter of support for the application of a Stopping Up Order for The Stables, Church Lane, Chew Stoke has been submitted, councillors agreed unanimously to the letter.
- vii) Agreed to assist Sustrans with an Access and Disability project in the area. This is focusing on the National Cycleway Network route number 3. Cllr Baker agreed to contribute, Clerk to reply to email, and promote on Telegraph and emails
- viii) Agreed agenda for Annual Village Meeting, to invite Community Bloom, WI, Village Hall Committee, Scouts, and provide update on planning over the last year and new Bleed Kits. Also need to change the date, **confirmed now as 22nd May at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

8. **Finance:**

- i) To note standing orders:
 - a. SJ Streatfeild-James - clerks salary (March)
 - b. Hugo King – ground maintenance salary (March)
- ii) The Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year 24-25 was checked and agreed.
- iii) The bank reconciliation for the 4th quarter of the financial year was checked and signed by Cllr Read.
- iv) Agreed the following payments:

Date	Item	Payee	Net	VAT	Total
24.03.25	HP Ink (printing)	SJ Streatfeild-James	£4.17	£0.83	£6.00
	Canva				£4.33
	Salary underpayment (March)				£0.20

9. **Matters of report:**

- i) The bleed kits have been fitted at the Village Hall and Chew Medical Practice and are now registered on The Circuit database.
- ii) Update on Westaway Field, Cooks Meadow and Rectory Field – a mini orchard has been planted in Rectory Field in collaboration with Chew Valley Plants Trees. It includes almond and apple trees.
- iii) Update on the Recreational Trail - £50K budget in B&NES budget to be match funded to employ a team to explore creating a path around the remaining section of the Trail. B&NES are driving the project with support from Bristol Water if the project can be progressed.
- iv) Monthly update from Groundsman – the mowing programme has now commenced, to clean bus shelters shortly.

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10. **Correspondence received:**

- i) Dangerous driving in Pilgrim's Way – agreed to refer issues to B&NES for advice.
- ii) Unoccupied status of The Yew Tree Inn – the ownership of the building is in review, concern about structural safety has been noted. Agreed as the building is privately owned it is not for the Parish Council to address

11. **Closed session:** Agreed pay increase for village groundsman for 25-26.

Meeting closed at 20.48pm

Next meeting Thursday 8th May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke (a week later than normal)

Annual Village Meeting **Thursday 22nd May 2025** at 7pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke (this is a change to original agreed date)

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