



Chew Stoke Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke

Present: Cllrs Steven Read (Chair), Nick Baker, Rowan Coleman and Ben Moss

Clerk: Sarah-Jane Streatfeild-James

Ward Councillor: David Harding

Minutes: 2026/07

1. **Apologies noted and accepted:** Cllr Nicola Ainger, Steve Hicks and Nicola Wilson
2. **Declarations of interest** – none.
3. **Public participation** – 2 members of the public present for item 6iv, they are asking local parish councils for financial support to set up a Junior Parkrun in the valley. It would be held at 9am every Sunday, funding required for one off startup costs.
 1. **Ward Councillors report** –
Airport Expansion – DH & AB are attending the Feltham Common “light display” meeting on 4th July, including other local councillors and MPs. The Council and the Ward Councillors oppose the application to expand airport numbers on many grounds. These include the increase in night flights, increased local (and speeding) traffic, the environmental and biodiversity impact, the concern for more illegal parking businesses, the lack of a mass transit system and engaging local people into employment.
 2. CEO of B&NES to the Valley – David and Anna received Sophie Broadfield to the Valley last week to show her our local issues. She was driven to the ford at Chew Stoke to show to horrible pot holes in School Lane; the pull-in at Herons Pool to discuss the anti-social behaviour speed racing around the lake; the rural beauty of Nempnett Thrubwell when discussing enforcement and illegal airport parking.
 3. The Newbridge Park and Ride – funding has been secured to continue the later times for the park and ride in Bath. It closes at 11:30 PM Mon to Sat and 6:00 PM on Sun.
 4. Climate PDS – Anna has the climate policy scrutiny meeting on 9th July to discuss the resilience policy, which seems very fitting in light of the severe heat wave.
 5. B&NES Climate and Nature Consultation- updating B&NES Climate and Nature Strategy open until 5 PM, 24th July.

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6. Buses –WECA are now funding two brand new bus services, after some good collaborative working with B&NES, across our area and we have retained the X91.
X91 – Ubley to Bristol / 100 - Bristol to Bath (hourly)
Bishop Sutton and CV
101- Bishop Sutton to Radstock : every 90 minutes, daytime, Mon to Sat via Chew Stoke and Chew Magna High St.
Plus WestLink- WECA and operator working on improvements.
All funded for three years! Still working on bus stops at CV school and in Chew Magna – so routes and timetables not yet clear.
Start July 26!
7. WECA are joining the parish liaison on 22nd July in Keynsham to discuss these plans and they also have an online meeting on 14th July at 6:00 PM, link: Online via Teams: [Click to join](#) // Meeting ID: 396 993 447 939 714 // Passcode: 9Ld373bG
8. CV Area Forum – has been rescheduled for 6:00 PM on 6th July at the CV Library, Link in Bishop Sutton. We are hoping for the police to attend and other discussions on the library and community nature recovery.
9. The Local Plan Update – this has now been delayed the cabinet meeting on 10th Sep when the first draft will be out. It is long overdue and we hope to give you further details in due course. Consultation period will run for 6 weeks.
10. Weil’s disease cases – we have had some reports of Avon river related illness. The public health at B&NES council have issued this statement: “At present, we have no confirmed laboratory reports of Weil’s disease (leptospirosis) or other related infections linked to swimming in the River Avon. However, we are aware of a small number of children who recently attended the Royal United Hospital (RUH) for medical assessment following swimming in the river and we expect to be notified (by UKHSA) of their confirmed diagnosis in the coming days. As we are aware that open water swimming can increase the risk of gastrointestinal illnesses and respiratory, skin, ear and eye infections, we have been taking a precautionary and proactive approach.
11. Speeding / Dangerous Driving / Antisocial Behaviour
No “Solutions” meetings held. We are chasing up the PSPO as it is still not in place.
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School Lane resurfacing – we have been asking residents to use Fix My Street often and regularly in regard to the huge hole on School Lane in Chew Stoke. We are trying to lobby Highways to resurface and not patch the lane.
With respect to the car and bike racing and antisocial behaviour Highways are looking at design options on the B3114 “for a series of central islands, the implementation of a reduced limit (to be discussed) and potentially get the road markings changes that will complement the islands that will ultimately go in when we receive money for their construction”.

4. **Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:** unanimously agreed. A copy was given to the Chair to sign and returned to the Clerk.

5. **Planning applications:**

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- i) **Application Reference:** [26/02254/FUL](#)
Application Address: 4 Mendip Cottages, Chew Lane, Chew Stoke, Bristol, Bath & North East Somerset, BS40 8UE
Proposal: Conversion of existing single storey side extension to two storey side extension and a new rear dormer with ancillary works. *Unfortunately, there are no volume calculations with this application. CSPC consider the volume increase to be approx. 30-40% and are minded to support this application if the volume increase is no greater than 40%.*
- ii) **Application Reference:** [26/P/0686/OU2](#) (North Somerset)
Application Address: Bristol Airport, Felton, N Somerset
Proposal: Hybrid planning application (full and outline elements) with Environmental Statement for the **expansion of Bristol Airport to enable a throughput of 15 million passengers per annum**, operating within a rolling 12 month cap of 99,931 air transport movements and **4,974 night flights between the hours of 23:30 and 06:00**. To ratify response sent on 27th June prior to deadline. *A few simple amendments were made to the draft response following the last meeting, these were agreed and the final draft sent prior to the deadline on the 28th June.*

6. **Formal motions requiring a decision:**

- i) Youth provision in Chew Stoke – agreed to a request for some goal posts & nets in Rectory Field, up to £350 for a pair. The first meeting with volunteers was well attended, discussed wish for a pump track, but location could be an issue, area of 30 x 20m minimum required. Next steps to form a Working Group, next meeting 13th July 26.
- ii) Agreed to accept the quote for refurbishment of the fingerpost at Topcross for £1005. To use CIL funds.
- iii) Agreed to confirm that if no personal data from the admin (clerk) of a WhatsApp Community is visible to the public, then to switch to a 'Community'.
- iv) Discussed request for funding for the start-up of a junior parkrun in the Chew Valley – agreed a junior parkrun fits with CSPC plans to improve youth provision and activities, and is a great project to help young people be more active. Agreed to pledge £600 towards the startup costs.
- v) Agreed quote for mowing the amenity area in Dairy Way and at the Village Hall.
- vi) Agreed quotes for football nets for Rectory Field, as discussed above.
- vii) Agreed to support proposals for possible pavement and chicane option on Stoke Hill to encourage slower driving and provide a safe walking route from the village to Woodford Lodge entrance on Stoke Hill. Ward Councillors can ask for projects to be prioritised and funded over a 4 year period. Agreed for Ward Councillor Harding to ask for funding for this project.
- viii) To discuss setting up a Community Speedwatch in Chew Stoke – agreed to defer to next meeting when Cllr Wilson can update. Clerk to request CSW kit back from Speeding Working group.
- ix) Agreed to respond to the B&NES Climate & Nature Strategy Survey 2026, Clerk to request a Word version so that councillors can consider answers prior to completing online survey.

7. **Finance:**

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- i) To note standing orders:
 - a. SJ Streatfeild-James - clerks salary (June)
 - b. Hugo King – ground maintenance payment (June)
- ii) To acknowledge receipts: *none*

iii) Agreed the following payments:

Date	Item	Payee	Net	VAT	Total
22.06.26	HP Ink (printing) Canva	SJ Streatfeild-James	£4.17	£0.83	£3.25 £4.33
22.06.26	PAYE & NI	HMRC			£71.52
22.06.26	Mowing https://eu.zopen.to/R3ZH2tbD2VXDhI9XCZiS	Hugo King	£130.00		£130.00

8. **Matters of report/updates:**

- i) Westaway Field and Cooks Meadow – celebration picnic to be held on 11th July to commemorate the new stone bench in memory of Brian Westaway. Clerk to provide a Risk Assessment.
- ii) Chew Valley Recreational Trail – meeting arranged with B&NES for 8th July, to include lead of Chew Valley Reconnected.
- iii) Monthly update from Groundsman – no update. Clerk has requested bus stops are cleaned prior to RHS Bloom judging date.
- iv) Community Bloom – RHS Bloom judging to take place on 20th July.
- v) Bristol Airport - as above
- vi) To note the Mendip Sportif Cycle Race will be going through Chew Stoke on Saturday 11th July, Clerk to notify residents.
- vii) There are currently 2 vacancies on the Parish Council, we would love to hear from anyone interested in joining us, please contact the Clerk.

9. **Correspondence received:** *none*

Meeting ended 8.45pm

Next meeting: Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Chew Stoke

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