



Chew Stoke Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Chew Stoke

Present: Cllrs Steven Read (Chair), Nicola Ainger, Nick Baker, Steve Hicks and Ben Moss

Clerk: Sarah-Jane Streatfeild-James

Ward Councillor: not present

Minutes: 2026/08-9

1. **Apologies noted and accepted:** Cllrs Rowan Coleman and Nicola Wilson
2. **Declarations of interest** – none.
3. **Public participation** – no members of the public present
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:** none
6. **Formal motions requiring a decision:**
 - i) The revised draft Local Plan has been published, ahead of the B&NES Cabinet meeting on the 10th Sept. There will then be a 6 week public consultation period from 18th Sept until 30th October. The revised Plan includes the potential to build up to 100 houses on Hedgehogs field in Chew Stoke. This is a designation in the Local Plan and is not a planning application. This addresses the principle of using the site, which is in the greenbelt, and outside the housing development boundary for up to 100 houses. The landowner is keen to meet residents to discuss possible his thoughts for the site, CSPC to arrange 2 drop-in sessions for residents to meet landowner and advisor and ask questions. CSPC will also attend to listen to residents' views. CSPC will agree its response as a statutory consultee at the Parish Council meeting on October 1st. The Local Plan will also be discussed at the Chew Valley Area Forum on 23rd Sept, this is open to residents. (20 houses could be agreed for Chew Magna, and 90 then 300 in Bishop Sutton).
 - ii) Youth provision in the village – football goals have been set up in Rectory Field. Plans to set up a Working Group to move ideas forward with a new Chair. CSPC welcomed the input from 2 younger members of the village who have also offered to do some fundraising. Discussed plans to have a concrete table tennis table at the bottom of Rectory Field, (& hire bats from the shop, possibly have sail over the top of the table). To progress.

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- iii) No update on fingerpost refurbishments – to look at quote again.
- iv) Communication/engagement within the parish, use of WhatsApp community. The clerk has now set up a WhatsApp profile on her work phone, to test privacy settings and roll out if satisfactory.
- v) Road safety issues in the parish and the valley, a group called ‘Rescue our Rural Roads’ (RORR) has been set up to take the car and bike racing issues to the highest levels within government and police service. 2 members of CSPC are representing the council on the committee. The group is liaising between Dan Norris MP, the Police and Crime Commissioner and CEO of B&NES to raise the issues and request more investment (resources and finance) in solving the dangers. CSPC keen to reinstate Speed Indicator Device (SID) on Stoke Hill, Clerk to contact B&NES Highways Dept with details of possible SID.
- vi) Agreed Cllr Wilson to represent CSPC on the Airport Consultative Committee.
- vii) Agreed Clerks request for 2 days leave in Sept.
- viii) Agreed quote for £350 for the broken sycamore branch removal in Rectory Field which was removed due to safety concerns. To add invoice to October agenda.
- ix) Considered a grant application for £2200 from Great Western Ambulance Service. A grant of this size is 10% of our annual precept so regrettably CSPC is unable to meet this request. Clerk to reply, and offer to put up a poster alerting residents who may wish to contribute.

7. Finance:

- i) To note standing orders:
 - a. SJ Streatfeild-James - clerks salary (July & August) including 3.3% pay settlement for 26-27
 - b. Hugo King – ground maintenance payment (July & August)

- ii) Agreed the following payments:

Date	Item	Payee	Net	VAT	Total
07.09.26	HP Ink (printing) Canva	SJ Streatfeild-James	£4.17	£0.83	£3.25 £4.33
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07.09.26	PAYE & NI	HMRC			£71.52
07.09.26	Fingerposts	Somerset			
07.09.26	Accounting Software	Scribe			£446.40
07.09.26	Mowing	Hugo King			£110.00
07.09.26	Hall hire – Bloom m’ting	CS Hall Committee			£63.75
07.09.26	Hall hire – Youth Provision	CS Hall Committee			£37.50
07.09.26	Hall hire – PC meetings	CS Hall Committee			£125.00

8. Matters of report/updates:

- i) Westaway Field and Cooks Meadow – the picnic help in July was a success.
- ii) Chew Valley Recreational Trail – a new officer is in post. To have monthly catch ups.
- iii) Monthly update from Groundsman – litter and glass left in Bilbie play-park has persisted.

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- iv) Community Bloom – will be having a stall at Harvest Home this Saturday.
- v) Bristol Airport – some vital information has not been provided by Bristol Airport for the current planning application, the information has been requested which will require a short public consultation period. A Compulsory Purchase Order for Felton Common has become complex and ongoing.
- vi) There are currently 2 vacancies on the Parish Council, we would love to hear from anyone interested in joining us, please contact the Clerk.
- vii) Update from the Parish Liaison Meeting on 22nd July – parish councils asked to adopt the Parish Charter, recently updated by B&NES. Representative required from the Parish Councils on the Standards Committee, (CSPC has 2 vacancies so not able to offer help at present). Update on buses in the Chew Valley, Climate and Nature Strategy.
- viii) A stem of Japanese Knotweed was reported to B&NES for advice, it appears to be dying back, advised to consider retreating in spring if needs be.

9. Correspondence received: none

Meeting ended 21.12pm

Next meeting: Thursday 1st October 2026 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Chew Stoke