



NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 8th September 2025 at 7pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To approve the reasons for the absence of Parish Councillors

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

To receive declarations of Members' interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct

3. Public Session

Members of the public may ask questions, make representations, and give evidence in respect of the business on the agenda or on any other matter of concern.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 July

5. Somerset Council Liaison

6. Dowsborough Local Community Network

To consider withdrawal from the LCN and, if agreed, to approve the draft letter (refer to initial discussion at the PC meeting on 14 July)

7. Bins at Cricketer Estate

To approve an additional bin

8. Grant Applications

To consider a grant application from NS Short Mat Bowls Club for equipment

9. SALC Grant Application(s)

To approve an application to SALC on behalf of The Thomas Poole Library for a grant for the creation of the education and Heritage Centre in the library building

10. Financial Management

- a) *To receive the Budget and Reserves Report to 4 September*
- b) *To approve expenditure incurred since 15 July*
- c) *To note the most recent bank reconciliations*

11. Highways

To note matters attended to or items requiring attention

12. Reports

- a) *Chairman's Report*
- b) *Clerk's Report*
- c) *To receive reports from Members and as Parish Council Representatives on outside bodies*

13. Forthcoming Meetings and Events

14. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 13 October 2025, St Mary's Church Centre at 7pm



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

This note has been produced for the benefit of members of the public attending meetings of the Parish Council. It explains how and when members of the public may contribute to the meeting.

Parish Council meetings are open for the public to attend but are not public meetings. In order to facilitate contributions by members of the public there is a public session prior to the main part of the formal meeting. During the **public session**, members of the public are welcome to address the Council on any matter relating to the agenda or on any other matter that they would like the Parish Council to consider at a future date. It is helpful if you inform the Chairman or the Clerk beforehand of any matter you wish to raise, so that the Clerk can bring any necessary information to the meeting.

The conduct of Parish Council meetings are governed by the Parish Council's Standing Orders (adopted 14 October 2019, last reviewed 16 May 2022). These are available from the Parish Office or on the Council's website.

Public Session

- If you wish to speak, please raise your hand to indicate this. Where possible, please stand (if possible) when speaking. Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wishes to speak, the Chairman shall direct the order of speaking.
- Please address your comments to the Chairman.
- Unless otherwise specified by the Chairman, the Public Session shall last a maximum of 15 minutes. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only and shall not speak for more than three minutes.
- The Council is not required to give a response to a matter raised during the public session but may do so. Alternatively, the Chairman may direct the Clerk to follow the matter up or give a written response at a later date. **Please note that** no decisions can be made and no expenditure approved on any item raised during the public session unless the matter has been legally notified on an agenda in advance.
- A brief summary of the issues raised during the public session are included in the minutes of that meeting: it is not required to provide a detailed or *verbatim* account of the proceedings.

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At the end of the public participation session, the Chairman will resume the formal meeting under standing orders. **Members of the public are asked to respect the fact that this is a meeting to conduct Council business. They are not permitted to enter into the debate of agenda items.** The Chairman may at his or her discretion, invite members of the public to speak on an agenda item if he feels that they have some expertise or experience in the matter being discussed. In this case, he will temporarily adjourn the meeting to allow them to speak.

Members of the public disturbing a Council meeting will be asked by the Chairman to be quiet and if they persist, he will then ask them to leave. If a meeting becomes unmanageable because of interruption, or impossible to be continued due to disturbance or disregard for the Chairman's instructions, the Council can and will resolve either to close the meeting for a period of time or to have the meeting recalled for another date.