MINUTES OF NETHER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2026 AT 7PM AT ST MARYS CHURCH CENTRE

Present:

Parish Councillors: John Roberts (Chairman), Kevin Ferriday, Margaret Hogg, Andrew Jeanes, Jake Hannam (from minute no 6576)

In Attendance: Amanda McMurren (acting Parish Clerk), three members of the public

6574 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bowditch and Hannam for reasons given. Their absences were **approved**. Cllr Falla had an approved leave of absence until March 2027.

6575 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6576 Co-option of New Member

Mr Jake Hannam was duly co-opted to the Parish Council (unanimous). He signed the Declaration of Acceptance and joined the meeting. The Chairman thanked him for standing and welcomed him to the Council.

6577 Public Session

No issues were raised.

6578 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 14 September were **approved** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

6579 Somerset Council Liaison

No Councillors in attendance. Cllr Caswell had sent his apologies.

6580 Planning Application

Planning Ref: 36/26/00008 – Land to the West of Harry Prowse Close, Nether Stowey

Proposal: Erection of 3no. self-build dwellings

Response: Support with comments concerning road safety of access

6581 Financial Management

a) The Budget and Reserves Report for the year to 7 October was noted. A copy of the detailed report is available from the Parish Office on request.

b) Expenditure incurred since 14 September. The expenditure was **approved** and any two of the authorised signatories were instructed to sign the relevant cheques/ authorise online payments (proposed Cllr Hogg, seconded Cllr Jeanes). The expenditure list is appended to these minutes.

c) In the absence of the Clerk, bank reconciliations had not yet been completed.

6582 Highways

No issues reported.

6583 Chairmans Report

REF Electrics had been asked to install the new hand-drier at the public toilets, but this had been postponed due to the Clerk's absence.

The Chairman had attended an informal EdF dinner with colleagues from four municipalities in Sweden who are in discussion about a new power station in their area. Interestingly, in Sweden municipalities have a power of veto on large infrastructure projects.

The Chairman had attended the Somerset Parishes Conference. It had not as well attended as last year. The conference was opened by Mr Mohammed Saddiq, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset. There were 18 companies exhibiting at the conference all related to the work of parish councils, and there were morning and afternoon workshops regarding changes in legislation and community projects.

6584 Members Reports

NSRG & VH Committee – Cllr Bowditch was absent.

NSRG & VH CIO – Cllr Jeanes said that another bat survey was underway, and the Planning Officer had asked for a meeting with the architect and a senior member of the CIO.

Hinkley Point – Cllr Roberts said that EdF had now passed HP B station to Nuclear Restoration Services Limited (previously known as Magnox Limited) who already manage A Station. There was no clear steer on the future of the site.

Thomas Poole Library – Cllr Ferriday reported that the library are comfortable hosting the Parish Council's CCTV. They would not require cameras inside. They were thinking of putting up external lights and getting a second broadband circuit.

6585 Forthcoming Events

Thurs 15 Oct – HPC Main Site forum (JR)

Sun 8 Nov – Remembrance Sunday

6586 Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Meeting would be held on **Monday 9 November** at the Church Centre at 7pm.

Minute 6581b – Expenditure incurred since 11 September

The expenditure was approved and any two of the authorised signatories were instructed to sign the relevant cheques/authorise online payments (proposed Cllr Hogg, seconded Cllr Ferriday).

Date	Payee Name	Amount	Transaction Details
11 Sept	PKF Littlejohn	504.00	External Audit fee 2025/26 accounts
12 Sept	Mole Valley Farmers	25.28	Big broom (street cleaning)
15 Sept	St Mary's PCC	150.00	Grant Community Christmas Lunch
15 Sept	Mrs G Wright	150.00	Christmas Hampers
15 Sept	Microsoft	4.79	Microsoft OneDrive (Sept)
15 Sept	Santander Bank	1.20	A/c 3 charges August transactions
18 Sept	S Page	915.00	Repainting of telephone box
21 Sept	Staff Payroll	3,105.71	Staff Payroll (Sept) + arrears
22 Sept	Ball Fire Protection	133.44	Fire extinguisher inspection/service
25 Sept	BT Business	63.54	Office phone/broadband (bill 25 Sept)
1 Oct	Sam's Little Sparkle	136.07	Village cleaning (Sept) + arrears
3 Oct	EdF Energy	54.67	Public toilets electricity (Oct)
3 Oct	EdF Energy	206.00	Office electricity (Oct)
3 Oct	EdF Energy	13.86	Clock Tower electricity (Oct)
15 Oct	Somerset Council	80.00	Office rates (Oct)
15 Oct	Somerset Council	55.00	Cemetery rates (Oct)
15 Oct	Risdons Solicitors	350.00	Office rent 15 Oct
31 Oct	Unity Trust Bank	7.00	Bank charges (Sept transactions)
	TOTAL	**£ 5,955.56**	

NOTE: A detailed budget report is no longer appended to minutes, but is available from the Parish Office on request. Please contact the Clerk at clerk@netherstowey-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01278 733779 or call at the office.