

STRATTON PARISH COUNCIL



Chair Matt Garner

Clerk Wayne Lewin

Minutes of Stratton Parish Council Full Council Meeting Thursday 12th March 2026 starting at 7:00 pm in Stratton Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs Gill Slade, Ali Tong, and Rosie Barfoot
4 members of the public

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1. Apologies for absence

Cllr David Taylor (DC) sent apologies.

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

No declarations of interest were made.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2026

These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Parish Council matters arising

The Clerk confirmed that the noticeboard along Dorchester Road had been removed. It was also noted that the new shelter at Ash Hill had been installed. A new bin has been requested.

5. Update from the Chair and correspondence

In Cllr Garner's absence, the Clerk explained that Lloyds had still not closed the account. However, on checking at that moment – the funds had been transferred.

6. Parish Councillor updates

Cllr Slade was to attend a Village Hall meeting as the makeup of the trustees was to change. It was noted of the accident on the A37, of which the guardrails were damaged, and the car ended up on the new curbing.

It was asked if Dorset Council could be contacted with the following questions:

- a. Do they think this upgrade worked
- b. When was the high friction surfacing to be installed
- c. When was the speed limit review to be undertaken

It was mentioned that the dog waste sticker on the bin was in hand.

It was also said that a Parishioner had purchased some plants for the planters (£18?). It was agreed to refund on production of a receipt.

Cllr Tong confirmed that the new sign for Children's Play Park had been installed.

It was also noted the bolts that had been removed had been repaired.

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7. To receive a report from the Dorset Council

There was no report from Dorset Council.

8. Public participation period (items on the agenda)

There were no matters at this point.

9. Planning

Flyers for a Public Consultation for the North Dorchester Garden Community had been received and distributed.

10. Financial update

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **18** payments (**PV's 61-78**), totalling **£ 5539.55**, that were approved and authorised for payment.

Cllr Garner arrived at the meeting

11. Annual Village Meeting – date and format

After a healthy debate, it was agreed to hold the Annual Village Meeting on **Sunday 10th May 2026, at 11am in the Village Hall.**

Refreshments were to be provided.

12. Update from meetings attended

The Clerk had attended a meeting of the Planning team from Dorset Council and the DAPTC conference.

The major notes are below:

The revised National Planning Policy Framework was being drafted which would be incorporated within the new Dorset Local Plan.

Planning enforcement queries must be raised by the individual and not a third party.

DAPTC have suggested that Local Authorities review the way they communicate with residents.

13. Reclassification and distribution of specific reserves

The following was agreed:

To close the IT reserve (as no long needed) and return funds to the General Reserve.

To close the s106 reserve and allocate funds evenly to Village Green and Playing Field Reserves.

14. Provisional end-of-year accounts

The following was approved:

Payment	1-78 totalling	£ 52874.44
Receipts	1-8 totalling	£ 16829.44
Precept Budget Spend		86.84
General Reserve (with VAT rebate)		£ 9151.63
Bank Account Balances		£ 20212.55

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Members agreed to offset all budget left against the General Reserve with the exception of the following:

Village Green	£ 178.69	to Village Green Reserve
Playing Field	£ 474.24	to Playing Field Reserve

15. Community discussion (not for resolution)

It was asked as to the direction of the Parish Council as to the installation of a second defibrillator in the village.

Members agreed a commitment to a meeting with HEART to discuss the options.

It was also confirmed that the next defibrillator lesson would be on 14th May 26.

16. Items and date for next meeting	Annual Village Meeting	10 th May 26 @ 11am
	Next Full Council	12 th May 26 @ 7pm

There being no further business,

Meeting closed at 20:25

Matt Garner
Chair
Signature
