



**Starcross  
Parish Council**

# STARCROSS PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors are summoned to a meeting of Starcross Parish Council to be held in Starcross Pavilion on **Tuesday 12 November 2024 at 7.30pm.**

County Councillor Connett, District Councillor Taylor & Community Police Officers are also invited.

Members of the press and public are welcome.

Signed: *S Hughes* (Clerk)

Dated: 6 November 2024

## RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME (20 minutes)

Residents are invited to make representations to the Council or to ask questions.

# AGENDA

**121124.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
To receive apologies for absence

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**121124.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**  
Members are reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and invited to state whether they have any interest in the items to be discussed during this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. Unforeseen requests for a Dispensation to be considered at this point only if there was no way a member would have been aware of such before the meeting.

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**121124.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES**  
To approve, sign and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 October 2024

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**121124.04 ACTION REPORT**  
To review outstanding resolutions requiring action (copy circulated to members)

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**121124.05 CRIME & SPEEDWATCH REPORT**  
To receive either a written or verbal report by Devon and Cornwall Police representative

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**121124.06 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**  
To receive reports from County Cllr Connett and District Cllr Taylor

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**121124.07 FINANCE, GOVERNANCE & POLICY**  
**(Cllrs Hopper, Chase, Pegg, Rastall, Eyre & Coupe)**

7.1 Financial Report from Responsible Financial Officer  
To receive a financial report and approve list of payments

7.2 To note that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached an agreement on the new rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2024. Clerk's salary will be backdated accordingly.

**Committee Chair Report:**

7.3 General Report/Question & Answers

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**121124.08 PLANNING  
(Cllrs Pegg, Cadbury & McNally)**

**Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)**

**8.1 New applications/appeals**

None

**8.2 Decisions:**

**8.2.1 24/01489/VAR – Brickhouse Farm Barn, Mamhead**

Variation of condition 3 on planning permission 23/00716/FUL (relocation of car park and erection of courtyard building, terrace and pergola in association with use as a wedding venue) relating to time limit for removal of temporary kitchen (extend until November 2026)

To note that TDC has conditionally approved this application

**8.2.2 24/01461/VAR – Brickhouse Farm Barn, Mamhead**

Removal of condition 3 on permission 23/00717/LBC (erection of courtyard building, terrace and pergola in association with use as a wedding venue) relating to time limit for removal of temporary kitchen

To note that TDC has conditionally approved this application

**8.3 Other/General Report/Question & Answers**

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**121124.09 PAVILION & SPORTS FIELD  
(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper, Pegg, Eyre & Coupe)**

**9.1 Proposal: To accept the quote from Steve Swift for landscaping and tree planting on the east side of the sports field footpath as below.**

*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: tbc*

*Landscape the rough strip next to the footpath in the sports field carpark (approximately 50m), the work consists of:*

- Rip out bramble area by the new sign and stump grind any old stumps, remove any arisings from site.*
- Supply and plant x10 trees along this area at approximately 5m spacings.*
- Stake and band the trees for support.*
- Lay membrane to prevent future weeds and supply and spread wood chippings along the entire strip.*

*TOTAL £2,960.00 +vat*

[This is in response to the recent comments about disturbance which will help to diffuse sound as trees develop. It is proposed that the trees will be native cherry. Steve will also include installing edging boards between the tarmac and the strip.]

FUNDING: Combination of Precept, Reserves and Grants to reduce cost to approximately £1500

ACTION: Cllr Hopper to investigate grants etc

**9.2 Proposal: To increase hire charges for Westbank from £11 + VAT per hour to £13 + VAT per hour. This equates to an increase of £8 + VAT per session. This is justified by energy increases and Pavilion maintenance costs.) Increase to take effect from 1 December 2024.**

*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: tbc*

**9.3 Proposal: To increase hire charges for the main hall so that all community bookings (keep fit, birthday parties etc) are charged £15 inc VAT per hour (currently community bookings are charged £13.50 inc VAT per hour and private hire is £14.40 inc VAT per hour). The Peacock Cookson Room will remain free of charge to small Starcross groups for discussions or meetings. Increases to take effect from 1 December 2024.**

*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: tbc*

**9.4 Proposal: To accept a quote from Richards Cleaning Services to clean the Pavilion hall carpet at £120 OR to accept the quote for the hall and the Peacock Cookson room at £160**

*Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: tbc*

**9.5 Proposal: To accept a quote of £75 from Paul Lappin of Zen Maintenance for repairs on and around the Pavilion including the boat park. A list of items will be available at the meeting.**

*Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: Cllr Chase*

**9.6 Proposal: To reimburse Cllr Hopper £42.05 for items purchased for the Pavilion Café**

*Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: tbc*

ACTION: Clerk to refund

FUNDING: Precept

**Committee Chair Report:**

9.7 General Report/Questions & Answers  
To report any other matters

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**121124.10 PARKS & GARDENS  
(Cllrs Chase, Lovell, Allen & Eyre)**

**Committee Chair Report:**

10.1 Proposal: To increase the current licence fees for dinghies at the boat park as follows:  
Rack spaces (x8) - to increase from £40 pa to £50 pa  
Flat spaces (x4) - to increase from £80 pa to £100 pa  
New fees to be applied from 1 April 2025  
*Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: tbc*

10.2 Proposal: To purchase free standing figures on a Christmas theme, and solar lights to illuminate them, for the planter at a cost of £150.  
*Proposer: Cllr Eyre; Seconder: Cllr Chase*

ACTION: Members of the P&G Committee to purchase and install

10.3 General Report/Question & Answers  
To include monthly report and safety inspections

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**121124.11 EXTERNAL PROJECTS  
(Cllrs Coupe, Hopper, Eyre & Williamson)**

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**121124.12 WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

12.1 Proposal: That Starcross Parish Council writes to Cllr Connett and Cllr Wrigley asking for their assistance with the Council's concerns about safety on the cycle route through the village. Information document circulated to members.  
*Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: Cllr Eyre*

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**121124.13 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS**

13.1 To consider the Council's response to the TDC message re proposed closure of the public conveniences

13.2 To consider an invitation from Cllr Connett to submit requests for parking and waiting restrictions

13.3 To note the response of GWR (with regard to the Council's request that station announcements (in both directions) be silenced from 10.40 to 11.10am on Sunday 10 November to allow for a period of remembrance at Starcross Memorial to be carried out undisturbed) advising that they are unable to stop announcements being made but they will be able to reduce the volume during that period and will reduce the number of announcements to the absolute minimum required. A train is scheduled to arrive at Starcross as 1043 and depart at 1044.

13.4 To receive an offer of a free landmark tree from Devon Wildlife Trust

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**121124.14 RESIDENTS' CORRESPONDENCE**

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**121124.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 10 December 2024

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