



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 8 April 2025 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: 2 April 2025

RESIDENTS' QUESTION TIME

(20 minutes)

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

AGENDA

080425.01 RESIGNATION AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 To receive and note the resignation of Cllr Eyre
- 1.2 To receive apologies for absence

080425.02 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.

080425.03 RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

To approve, sign and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 March 2025

080425.04 ACTION REPORT

To review outstanding resolutions requiring action (copy circulated to members)

080425.05 CRIME & SPEEDWATCH REPORT

To receive either a written or verbal report by Devon and Cornwall Police representative

080425.06 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

To receive reports from County Cllr Connett and District Cllr Taylor

080425.07 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 Proposal: To increase the hourly payment to Tom Greenslade for Security and other services based on the new minimum Wage of £ 12.21 per hour backdated to April 1st 2025.
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: tbc

ACTION: Advise Tom & Trish Greenslade
FUNDING Precept

Committee Chair Report:

- 7.3 General Report/Question & Answers

**080425.08 PLANNING
(Cllrs Pegg, Cadbury & McNally)**

Whole Council to Debate (accompanying documents)

8.1 New applications/appeals

None

8.2 Decisions:

8.2.1 25/00378/AGR – Higher Cofford, Kenton
New calf shed

To note that TDC has confirmed that Prior Approval is not required

8.3 General Report/Question & Answers

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**080425.09 PAVILION
(Cllrs Rastall, Hopper & Eyre)**

9.1 Proposal: To reimburse Cllr Hopper £32.65 for items purchased for the Pavilion Café
Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: tbc

ACTION: Clerk to refund
FUNDING: Pavilion Café

9.2 Proposal: To reimburse Cllr Hopper for outlay on provisions relating to the Shanty Festival in the Starcross Pavilion 22/23rd March 2025 - TOTAL £496.86
Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: tbc

ACTION: Clerk to arrange payment. Mark SHANTY
FUNDING: Café Purchases

9.3 Proposal: Retrospective proposal to reimburse Councillor Rastall for provisions relating to the Shanty Festival in the Starcross Pavilion 22/23rd March 2025 - TOTAL £61.22. This was refunded on 24th March to avoid unnecessary delay.
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: tbc

ACTION: None required
FUNDING: Café Purchases

9.4 Proposal: To refund Cllr Hopper £97.55 for items purchased for the Pavilion (Banner, Laminate Pouches, Ink Cartridges)
Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: tbc

ACTION: Clerk
FUNDING: Pavilion Maintenance

9.5 Proposal: To refund items to J FH purchased for the Pavilion see attached list. TOTAL £93.97
Proposer: Cllr Rastall; Seconder: tbc

ACTION J.HOPPER to order and pay
FUNDING Precept Pavilion Maintenance

9.6 Proposal: To purchase A4 Suspension Files pack 24 from Viking at £ 25
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: Cllr Rastall

ACTION: Cllr Hopper to order and pay
FUNDING: Precept Pavilion Maintenance

Committee Chair Report:

9.7 General Report/Questions & Answers

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**080425.10 SPORTSFIELD & BOAT PARK
(Cllrs Hopper, Rastall, Pegg & Coupe)**

10.1 Proposal: To accept quote for £30 from Zen Maintenance to fix sign to rack at the Bishops Arch Boat Park
Proposer: Cllr Hopper; Seconder: tbc

ACTION: Clerk to raise PO
FUNDING: Boat Park Maintenance item 44

10.2 General Report/Question & Answers

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080425.11 PARKS & GARDENS
(Cllrs Chase, Lovell, Allen & Eyre)

Committee Chair Report:

11.1 Proposal: To remove all plant weed vegetation from the play-park fence line and border fence line area. This includes all unwanted invasive shrub growth protruding through the chain link fencing with all moss and weed being cleared from the hard play areas. Cost £200 + VAT
Proposer: Cllr Eyre; Seconder: Cllr Allen

Reasoning; Overgrown bushes along the fence line could be a safety issue with branches hanging at children's eye-level. Some invasive brambles, and thorns on some bushes not suitable near ball play area. The moss and weed growth on the hard play surfaces was highlighted as a safety issue in the RoSPA report

ACTION: Clerk to issue Purchase Order
FUNDING: Parks and Gardens Maintenance

11.2 Proposal: Add approximately 5 tonnes of quality sifted top soil to the circular Bonhay planter to provide an even surface to prepare the area for a quality Lawned finish with seeded grass, leaving a circle to surround the newly planted tree and flush with the brick wall edging. Cost: Material soil and Lawn seed £475 + VAT. The cost of preparing the circular planter £200 + VAT. TOTAL £675 + VAT
Proposer: Cllr Eyre; Seconder: Cllr Lovell

ACTION: Clerk to issue Purchase Order
FUNDING: Parks and Gardens Maintenance

11.3 Proposal: The Sercombe Gardens bed - Remove all the unwanted wooden material and the ground levelled for safety reasons. Cost £50 + VAT
Proposer: Cllr Eyre; Seconder Cllr Lovell

ACTION: Clerk to issue Purchase Order
FUNDING: Parks and Gardens Maintenance

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

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080425.12 EXTERNAL PROJECTS
(Cllrs Coupe, Hopper, Eyre & Williamson)

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080425.13 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

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080425.14 NON-COMMITTEE ITEMS

14.1 To confirm date and format for the Annual Parish Meeting

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080425.15 CORRESPONDENCE

- 15.1 Message regarding drug paraphernalia in the TDC Play Park.
- 15.2 Request from the Pre-school for funding
- 15.3 Message regarding Mamhead Road
- 15.4 Notes of thanks from St Pauls Church, Starcross in Bloom, Starcross Sparkles for grants received

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080425.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 13 May 2025