

STRATTON PARISH COUNCIL



Chair Matt Garner

Clerk Wayne Lewin

Minutes of Stratton Parish Council Full Council Meeting **Monday 17th November 2025 starting at 7:00 pm in Stratton Village Hall**

Present:

Cllrs Matt Garner, Gill Slade, Ali Tong, and Rosie Barfoot
10 members of the public,

FULL COUNCIL

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Simon Joslin sent apologies along with Cllr David Taylor (Dorset Council).

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

Cllr Tong declared an interest in items 11,12,13 but was granted dispensation to speak and vote.

3. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th October 2025

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

4. Parish Council matters arising

There were no matters that were not on the agenda.

5. Update from the Chair and correspondence

Cllr Garner was delighted to see the excellent turnout for Remembrance Sunday.

It was confirmed that the curb work on the A37 was now due to commence on the 01st of December and would last for 5 days. A 4-way temporary lights system would be in operation for this time. In additional, a 780m² of high friction surfacing would also be laid. A time for this had not yet been scheduled.

6. Parish Councillor updates

Cllr Tong was delighted to announce that the new surfacing at the play park was completed. All that remained was a new welcoming sign.

7. To receive a report from the Dorset Council

There was no report from Dorset Council.

8. Public participation period (items on the agenda)

A resident was concerned about the 'noisy' high friction surfacing.
Cllr Garner would seek assurances from Dorset Council.

9. Planning

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

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10. Financial update

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **13** payments (**PV's 39-51**), totalling **£ 8242.48**, that were approved and authorised for payment.

11. Procurement of tree works on the Village Green and Playing Field

The contract was awarded to AG Tree at a quote cost of **£ 1395 + VAT**

12. Procurement of overgrowth works

The contract was awarded to Hardy Tree Services at a cost of **£ 3500 + VAT**

Additional works (dead trees (not on the report)) was also awarded at a cost of **£ 850 + VAT**

Rolls Landscaping were awarded the ditch clearing works at **£ 375 + VAT**.

13. Confirmation of grass cutting contract

The contract was awarded to Rolls Landscaping on a 5-year deal. The first year was quoted at **£ 3215.04** rising to **£ 3444.04** at year 5.

14. Review of noticeboards

It was agreed to speak to landowners as to regards the noticeboard in the hedge by the Old Police House. **Cllr Slade would conduct this.**

It was discussed about the feasibility of a new noticeboard in Grimstone.

It was also agreed the two noticeboards at the Village Hall were in a good condition.

The noticeboard at the old bus stop was in a reasonable condition.

It was agreed to review again in six months' time.

15. Review of second defibrillator

It was agreed to explore if the title of the plot of land by the old bus stop could be registered in the Parish Council's name.

16. s137 grant funding

Funding was awarded to the following organisations:

Drop In	Speakers	£ 100.00
Church	Clock service	£ 150.00
Allotments	Maintenance	£ 100.00
Children's Christmas Party		£ 100.00
HEART	Defibrillator	£ 50.00

It was agreed to review this funding stream in due course.

17. Purchase of Women at War 'Tommy'

Members suggested if this be sponsored, otherwise it was agreed to purchase this item in time for next year's Remembrance Day.

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18. Initial precept and budgeting for 26/27

Initial precept showed an increase from **£ 13200 to £13500**, an increase of £1.10 per year based on a band D Council Tax.

19. Community discussion (not for resolution)

It was noted as to regards unwanted visitors to the Wrackelford Estate. This has been reported to the rural crimes team. It was agreed that all can be vigilant.

It was asked about the volunteer's group as mentioned at the last meeting.
A note had gone out via Facebook.

A review of the bollards around the Village Green would be conducted in due course.

20. Items and date for next meeting

13th January 2026

Setting the Precept for 26/27

There being no further business,

Meeting closed at 20:17

Matt Garner

Chair

Signature
