



STICKLEPATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sticklepath Parish Council held on 7th September 2026 at 7:30pm at Sticklepath Village Hall

Councillors Present:

Cllr Kevin Sales (Chair), Cllr Jacob Powell (Vice-Chair), Cllr Kay Loram, Cllr Derek Moore, Cllr Ewa Farwell.

In Attendance:

Julia Wherrell (Clerk)

Cllr Sue Davies

559.1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

559.2 Apologies for Absence

None had been received.

559.3 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

559.4 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held 13th July 2026

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th July 2026 **were considered, agreed and signed** as a correct record.

559.5 Reports

559.5.1. Chair's Report

The Chair referred to the postponing of the LGR review. He confirmed that a local resident has volunteered to paint the village gateways. It was agreed to minute thanks to the outgoing Clerk, Julia Wherrell.

559.5.2. Sticklepath Street Project Committee (SSPC) Report

A meeting took place on 28th July and minutes will be forthcoming.

559.5.3. Sticklepath Moor Nature Reserve Committee (SMNCR) Report

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559.5.4. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the Council's Facebook page had been set up and was set to not receive comments. She also confirmed her resignation as of 31st Aug 2026.

559.5.5. Road Warden's Report

Cllr Powell reported that the general consensus from residents is that the road repair work has been a success. The road markings have still to be agreed with DCC Highways. In his comprehensive report, he asked everyone be aware of dry or decayed tree branches and to report them to the local authority. He will also be conducting a 5 metre check throughout the village to ensure that large vehicles can access both sides of the village safely. The will also be early Autumn Leaf shedding/Drain checks

559.5.6. Okehampton Cluster Group Report

Signed: (Chair) Date:

Cllr Moore, Cllr Farwell and the Clerk attended the networking event organised by DALC at Okehampton Charter Hall on 22nd July. The resulting report was circulated to Councillors.

559.5.7. Playing Field Committee report

Cllr Loram reported that a litter pick and hedge cutting were due to take place. A quote for the hedge cutting had been accepted.

559.5.8. Sue Davies, County Councillor report

Cllr Davies discussed the LGR reorganisation. She was also interested in the work of both the Street Committee and the Sticklepath Moor Committee. The Clerk to forward the relevant reports to her.

559.5.9. Any other Reports

559.6 Posting of public notices on Community Website

It is hoped this can be simplified as part of the ongoing website discussion.

559.7 Items brought forward and actions from previous meeting

559.7.1. Bus Shelter Notices

Cllr Moore Asked that this be carried forward..

559.7.2. Website Changes

A meeting with the developer and Cllr Loram and Cllr Wherrell has still to be arranged.

Action: Action Cllr Loram and Clerk

559.8 Finances

559.8.1. Payments

It was agreed to authorise the following payments:

To approve the following payments. Late invoices will be circulated at or before the meeting.

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559.8.1.1	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	£4.25
559.8.1.2	Julia Wherrell	Clerk Salary for Aug	£288.09
559.8.1.3	Microsoft 365	Monthly subscription	£8.49
559.8.1.4	West Country Maintenance Inv no. WGM-2751	To cut (collect) and strim the playing field on 06/07 & 20/07	£156.00

559.8.2. Receipts

To note the receipt of the following payments:

559.8.1.5	Lloyds Bank	Interest	£2.37
559.8.1.6	Kevin Sales	Playing Field Fund (raised at Open Gardens)	£460.00
559.8.1.7	SLCC Enterprises	Refund for cancelled ILCA training	£117.60

559.8.3. Other Financial Matters

The following matter was noted:

Bank Balance at 27/8/26 £10,184.32 (including £5401.79 in savings)

559.8.4. Access to Lloyds Bank for Cllrs Hawking and Farwell and Wherrell for payment approval purposes will need to be set up as soon as possible.

Planning

559.8.5. Planning Applications

None had been received.

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559.8.6. Planning Decisions

None had been received

559.8.7. Planning Matters

The Clerk has contacted Chris Booty, the DNPA case officer concerned with the unauthorised development near Tongue End and had been told that they are on the case.

559.9 Standing Orders

Cllr Hawking is to provide a clean copy for approval and uploading onto the website. This was carried over as Cllr Hawking was absent from the meeting. Action: Cllr Hawking

559.10 Defibrillator Replacement

Cllr Hawking is looking at the various defibrillators available. Her report was carried over as Cllr Hawking was absent from the meeting. Action: Cllr Hawking

Items for Next Meeting

Defibrillator – Cllr Hawking

Standing Orders – Cllr Hawking

Website update – Cllr Loram and Cllr Wherrell

Bus shelter notices – Cllr Moore

To receive any other urgent items for October

The meeting ended at 20.53

The next meeting is on October 5th 2026

Parish Clerk Email: clerk@sticklepath.org

Signed: (Chair) Date: