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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** will be held in the **Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2025 at 7:00pm** for consideration of the matters itemised in the following agenda.

Les Trigg
Town Clerk

Agenda

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Requests for Dispensations Received**
4. **Representations from Members of the Public**

To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation.

5. **To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 1 July 2025, Minute Numbers C26/024 – C26/034 (attached).**

6. **To receive the draft minutes and decisions of the under mentioned Committees:**
 - a) General Purposes Committee meeting held on 1 July 2025, Minute Numbers GP26/033 – GP26/047 (attached).
 - b) Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 1 July 2025, Minute Numbers PC26/013 – PC26/018 (attached).
7. **To thank the outgoing Mayor's Cadets for their services during 2024-25**
8. **Local Government Transparency Code 2015
Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

Information for Quarter ending 30 June 2025 (attached).
9. **To receive the forthcoming Civic Announcements** (attached).
10. **To receive the Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements** (attached).

Members of the public are welcome to attend the Town Council meeting as observers and/or to make representations to the committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation. Details of the scheme are displayed in the Council's notice boards and website.

Please access the Council Chamber from the rear of the building.

Stone Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 1 July 2025

PRESENT: Councillor A. Best in the Chair and
Councillors: J. Davies, L. Davies, J. Hood, T. Kelt, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

Officers: R. Edwards and T. Williams

Note: In the absence of the Town Mayor the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Andrew Best, chaired the meeting.

ABSENT: Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Burgess, K. Dawson I. Fordham, B. Kenney, R. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Metters, A. Mottershead, J. Powell and N. Powell

Prayers

Before the meeting began, Licensed Lay Reader, Councillor Lin Davies, led prayers.

C26/024 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Dawson, I. Fordham, B. Kenney, R. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Metters, A. Mottershead, J. Powell and N. Powell

C26/025 Declarations of Interest

None made.

C26/026 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

C26/027 Representations from Members of the Public

None

C26/028 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 3 June 2025 (Minute Numbers C26/012 – C26/023), be approved as a correct record.

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C26/029 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 3 June 2025 (Minute Numbers GP26/018 – GP26/032), were noted.
- b) The draft minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 3 June 2025 (Minute Numbers PC26/007 – PC26/012), were noted.

C26/030 To Give Thanks

The Deputy Town Clerk deferred this item which was reconvened during a break in the General Purposes Committee meeting, later in the evening, when Mrs Campbell Kelly and Mrs Gale had arrived at the Council Chamber. Their scheduled arrival time of 7.30pm had been later than the time the Council had arrived at this item.

The Deputy Town Mayor invited Councillor Jill Hood to lead the Town Council's expression of grateful thanks to Mrs Sue Campbell-Kelly and Mrs Mary Gale for their dedicated support in running the musical elements of the Town Council's Christmas Lights Switch-On events over the previous 25 years.

Councillor Hood addressed the ladies, thanking them for attending the meeting and pointing out to them that they both possessed the magical ability to form successful choirs, and their support had brought festive joy to the town over very many years. Sue and Mary were always ready to step in with carols, costumes and Choir to drown out the weather; their high energy capable of powering the town's Christmas lights! She added that their families became part of the musical machine, showing up in the nick of time, with talented Ian Campbell Kelly playing the keyboard.

Councillor Hood advised the meeting that Sue and Mary had taught generations of children not just how to sing but how to belong. She said the ladies were great ambassadors for music, they were educators, performers, community champions, and Stone wouldn't be the same without their songs, their laughter and their unshakeable ability to drag everyone headfirst into the fun.

On behalf of Stone Town Councillors and office staff, Councillor Hood thanked Sue and Mary most sincerely for everything.

The Deputy Mayor presented each lady with a bouquet of fresh flowers before they had their photographs taken.

At the end of the item, the ladies departed the meeting.

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C26/031 Civic Announcements

The Civic Announcements, which had previously been circulated, were noted.

C26/032 To receive the Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's Reports of Engagements

The Town Mayor's and Deputy Town Mayor's reports of engagements, which had previously been circulated, were noted.

The Deputy Town Mayor advised the Council that he had had a great time in the Stone Carnival Parade and referenced the photograph in the Deputy Mayor's Report showing him with the Town Mayor and Mayoress in the Range Rover they had travelled in.

Councillor Best said he had judged the Dog Derby event on Carnival Sunday (8 June) which had been tremendous fun and an opportunity to learn all about the dogs. He said the organisers had done a wonderful job and he looked forward to attending the carnival event next year.

The Deputy Town Mayor informed the Council that both he and the Mayor had enjoyed meeting all the dedicated volunteers who had been involved in organising the Carnival and he had initiated a group photograph (which was in circulation) of them altogether.

The meeting was suspended and then reconvened after the General Purposes Committee and Planning Consultative Committee meetings.

C26/033 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business are discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate.

RESOLVED: To exclude the Press and Public from the next item of business.

C26/034 Confidential Minutes

The Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 3 June 2025, Minute Numbers GP26/018 and GP26/032 were noted.

TOWN MAYOR

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Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 1 July 2025

PRESENT: Councillor A. Best in the Chair, and
Councillors: J. Davies, L. Davies, J. Hood, T. Kelt, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

Officers: R. Edwards and T. Williams

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting and in the absence of the Committee Chairman and the Committee Vice Chairman, the Deputy Town Clerk invited nominations for Chairman, and Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Best, was appointed to take the Chair for the meeting.

ABSENT: Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Burgess, K. Dawson I. Fordham, B. Kenney, R. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Metters, A. Mottershead, J. Powell and N. Powell

GP26/033 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Dawson, I. Fordham, B. Kenney, R. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Metters, A. Mottershead, J. Powell and N. Powell

Where a reason for absence is given, this reason was approved for the purposes of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GP26/034 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hood declared an interest in agenda item 9 (Minute Number GP26/041) – Grant to Local Organisations (Stone Choral Society).

GP26/035 Requests for Dispensations

There were none.

GP26/036 To receive the report of the County Councillors

The Chairman invited County Councillors to address the Committee:

County Councillor Jill Hood

Councillor Hood advised the Committee that she had no report on this occasion.

County Councillor Andrew Mynors

Councillor Mynors was not in attendance at the meeting.

GP26/037 To receive the report of Borough Councillors

The Chairman invited Borough Councillors to address the Committee but there were no reports on this occasion.

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GP26/038 Representations from Members of the Public

None

GP26/039 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 3 June 2025 (Minute Numbers GP26/018 – GP26/032), be approved as a correct record.

GP26/040 Minutes of Sub-Committees

There were no Sub-Committee draft minutes.

GP26/041 Grant to Local Organisation

The Committee considered a request for grant aid from the following organisations which met the criteria within the Council's grants policy:

- a. **Organisation: Stone Choral Society**
 Amount Requested: £500
 Reason: To support the costs of performing 'Stone Circles' at Crown Wharf on 1 November 2025, which includes music hire, advertising, professional musicians, collaboration with Acceler8 and production expenses.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £500 to Stone Choral Society.

- b. **Organisation: First Oulton Scout Group**
 Amount Requested: £500
 Reason: To support the purchase of safety equipment (first aid kit and fire extinguishers) and additional equipment (such as gas burners, propane tanks and camping equipment) to help cater for the size of the group.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £500 to First Oulton Scout Group.

- c. **Organisation: Florence Brass Band**
 Amount Requested: £500
 Reason: To support the purchase of uniform and equipment including polo shirts, music folders and rolling stand cases with the aim of keeping performance fees affordable for local community groups.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £500 to Florence Brass Band.

The following organisations did not meet the eligibility criteria within the Council's grants policy for the reasons stated, but a motion was proposed and seconded to instigate a discussion about making an award of a grant:

- d. **Organisation: Oak Tree Farm Rural Project**
 Amount Requested: £473
 Reason: To support the replacement of gardening equipment to be used by team members.

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- i. Turnover is over £100,000
- ii. Level of reserves

RESOLVED: To decline the award of a grant to Oak Tree Farm Rural Project.

The meeting was suspended at this point and then reconvened after Mrs Campbell Kelly and Mrs Mary Gale had been thanked by the Town Council in accordance with agenda item 7, 'To Give Thanks' (Minute Number C26/030).

GP26/042 Heritage Centre

The Committee considered an update on Stone Heritage Centre.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised the Committee that she had received an update from the Heritage Centre Manager with the following information:

- Both the VE Day and Mr BuzzKing's Puppet Things exhibitions had received more than 200 visitors which included people who hailed from Brisbane in Australia and Oklahoma in the United States.
- The current exhibition was in celebration of His Majesty's official Birthday on 14 June 2025.
- Walton Primary School made a surprise/impromptu visit to the Heritage Centre on Monday 30 June 2025 and were welcomed.
- Loans from the public and Staffordshire County Archives & Heritage Department were being received and collected in preparation for the development of 'The Story of Stone' exhibition.
- Items for the VJ Day exhibition and interpretation items were in development in readiness for the August celebration.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee that the Heritage Centre Manager was putting a schedule of forthcoming events and exhibitions together, up to December 2025, with the aim of sharing information with the public through the Town Council's social media platform and other avenues of communication.

The Committee asked that its thanks to the Heritage Centre Manager be recorded for his hard work in developing the Heritage Centre into the successful facility that it is.

GP26/043 Town Council Payments

RESOLVED: To note the list* of Town Council payments made during the period 1 to 31 May 2025.

GP26/044 Update from Working Groups:

Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group

There was no additional update from the Steering Group.

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Engagement with Young People

Councillor Dawson was not available to give a report.

GP26/045 To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council

Stone Area Parish Liaison Group

Councillor J. Davies advised the Committee that a meeting of the Liaison Group would be called as soon as possible with the topical subject of 'Local Government Reorganisation' on the agenda for discussion following further announcements and SPCA briefings. He said the Liaison Group provided an opportunity for parishes to share information and discuss common interests on the potential implications.

Councillor Davies advised the Committee that all councillors were very welcome to attend the meetings.

Stone ATC

Councillor J. Davies advised the Committee that the Annual Meeting of 2352 (Stone) Squadron ATC took place on 24 June 2025. A new committee had been appointed, and the Squadron was thriving with a waiting list being needed to manage high demand and the Squadron building having a capacity limit of 36 cadets.

Councillor Davies called for the Town Council to add weight to their cause for a new larger building.

Councillor Lin Davies attended the meeting as their Squadron Chaplain.

Age Concern Stone & District

Councillor Thornicroft advised the Committee that no meeting had taken place.

Stafford District Access Group

Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that the Annual Meeting had taken place on 23 June 2025 which included what had been achieved over the year and approval of the accounts. He said that a new treasurer had been appointed as the previous treasurer had moved away from the area.

Stone Common Plot Trustees

Councillor Thornicroft advised the Committee that no meeting had taken place.

Stone Community Hub Liaison Group

Councillor Townsend advised the Committee that the next meeting would be held on 25 July 2025.

SPCA Executive Committee

Councillor Kelt informed the Committee that there had been no meeting.

West Midlands Railway and other Rail Matters

Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that he had nothing to report.

The meeting was suspended and reconvened after the Confidential section of the Town Council meeting and after the Planning Consultative Committee meeting.

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GP26/046 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business are discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate.

RESOLVED: To exclude the Press and Public from the next item of business.

GP26/047 Confidential Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 3 June 2024, Minute Numbers GP26/018 and GP26/032 be approved.

CHAIRMAN

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Stone Town Council – Planning Consultative Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 1 July 2025

- PRESENT:** Councillor T. Kelt in the Chair, and
Councillors: A. Best, J. Davies, L. Davies, J. Hood, R. Townsend and C. Thornicroft
- Officers: R. Edwards and T. Williams
- ABSENT:** Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Burgess, K. Dawson, I. Fordham, B. Kenney, R. Kenney,
P. Leason, J. Metters, J. Powell, N. Powell and A. Mottershead
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PC26/013 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: K. Dawson, I. Fordham, B. Kenney, R. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Metters, J. Powell, N. Powell and A. Mottershead

PC26/014 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Councillor T. Kelt declared an interest in planning application 25/40687/HOU (33 the Avenue, Stone).

The Committee considered a request for a dispensation from Councillor Kelt in relation to planning application 25/40687/HOU.

Councillor Kelt had in advance of the meeting requested a dispensation to allow him to provide the Committee with information on the details of planning application 25/40687/HOU. A copy of the written request was distributed to each Town Councillor present at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Kelt be granted a dispensation to speak but not vote on planning application 25/40687/HOU (agenda item 5, Minute Number PC26/017).

Councillor J. Hood advised the Committee that, as a member of Stafford Borough Council's Planning Committee, she would not speak or vote on the planning applications listed on the agenda.

PC26/015 Representations from Members of the Public

None

PC26/016 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on

3 June 2025, Minute Numbers PC26/007 – PC26/012), be approved as a correct record.

PC26/017 Planning Applications

Application Number – 25/40661/HOU

Applicant – Mr T. Williams

Location – 2 Orchard Close, Stone

Development – Single storey side extension, demolition of cross gable into new gabled room, dormer loft conversion.

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 25/40501/HOU

Applicant – Mrs S. Yates

Location – 39 Hill Drive, Stone

Development – Retrospective application for the retention of 1.746m boundary fence, alteration of ground levels and retaining walls within the garden, to include removal of elements of the unauthorised fence and gates, repositioning of fence and extension of driveway.

Observations: The Town Council supports the objections raised by residents and the County Highways Department in response to this planning application. As a general principle the Council is not in support of retrospective planning applications.

Application Number – 25/40576/HOU

Applicant – Mrs McCarthey

Location – 57 Saddler Avenue, Stone

Development – Demolish existing conservatory. Proposed rear single storey extension. Part re-modelling of ground floor.

Observations: The Town Council has no objections in principle to this planning application but would like the parking and construction details to be clarified.

Application Number – 25/40687/HOU

Applicant – Mr & Mrs I. Fordham

Location – 33 The Avenue, Stone

Development – Demolition of existing rear/side extension and re-build of new extension. Demolition and re-build of front and rear boundary walls, and other alterations to the property.

Observations: No comments were made by the Town Council.

Application Number – 25/40605/ADV

Applicant – Super Smart Service

Location – Super Smart Service Logistics Unit, Stone Business Park, Stone

Development – New UPVC building signage located above offices

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 25/40718/HOU

Applicant – Mr P. Clifford

Location – 126 Oulton Road, Stone

Development – Removal of Condition 4 of 21/35085/HOU

Observations: No objections

PC26/018

To note the following items considered under delegated powers where no objections were forwarded to Stafford Borough Council due to no Member asking for the item to be considered by a special meeting of the Committee.

None

CHAIRMAN

Local Government Transparency Code 2015

Procurement Information

1. Invitations to Tender for Contracts Exceeding £5,000

None

2. Contracted Agreements Exceeding £5,000

None

Payment Information

The attached appendix sets out all Council payments for the period over £250, excluding salary and related payments, payments from the Mayor's Charity and transfers between the Council's bank accounts.

Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

Decisions that would otherwise have been taken by the Town Council or one of its Committees that have been delegated to an officer:

1. Under a specific express authorisation; or
2. Under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to:
 - a. grant a permission or licence;
 - b. affect the rights of an individual; or
 - c. award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects the Town Council's financial position.

- None

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Stone Town Council - Payments over £250

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The table below lists payments over £250 made by the Council in the period identified.

Where the actual amounts shown are below £250, these payments represent adjustments to items over £250 shown elsewhere in the list.

The table includes payments by cheque, direct debit, payment card, telephone banking and online banking. It excludes salary and related payments, payments from the Mayor's Charity, and transfers between the Council's bank accounts. All amounts exclude VAT.

Payment Date From : 01/04/2025

Payment Date To : 30/06/2025

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>
02/04/2025	5813476/CE/5229	The Arch Rent Collectors	Rent increase 10.01.24-23.06.25	2,130.19
08/04/2025	18743	Dauphin	HC - 5x Half mannequins	1,055.00
08/04/2025	INV-11000	EDG Security Limited	SSTN - Monitor and maintain alarm to 14.04.2026	338.00
10/04/2025	IN12849276	NPower Ltd	Electric Usage Christmas 2024	594.52
11/04/2025	58	MJ Plant	Restoration of Scrape 2	2,800.00
11/04/2025	59	MJ Plant	Improvements to Anglers Carpark	3,100.00
11/04/2025	67	MJ Plant	Marquee set up - Jan 25	875.00
11/04/2025	61	MJ Plant	Marquee cleaning	1,740.00
11/04/2025	60	MJ Plant	Christmas Trees x 100, trim, lights, put up and take	2,100.00
11/04/2025	62	MJ Plant	Marquee Setup - Nov 24	1,357.50
11/04/2025	57	MJ Plant	CM-cutback 50% of Scrape 1	1,000.00
11/04/2025	56	MJ Plant	Annual tree pruning, CM, Am,TC, and S Rd	1,350.00
11/04/2025	64	MJ Plant	Marquee Set up - Jan 25	345.00
11/04/2025	65	MJ Plant	Marquee set up - Feb 25	700.00
11/04/2025	55	MJ Plant	Annual removal of bullrushes and willows, Scrape 1	1,000.00
11/04/2025	54	MJ Plant	Annual Topping Crown Meadow	365.00
11/04/2025	63	MJ Plant	Marquee setup - Dec 24	385.00

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Stone Town Council - Payments over £250

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<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>
16/04/2025	INV20605193	Sage UK Ltd	Sage 50 Annual Licence 25/26	1,901.64
22/04/2025	01267182	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Gas Usage - 01.04 to 30.4.25	442.63
22/04/2025	01267182	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec Usage - 01.04 to 30.04.25	317.70
22/04/2025	01267182	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Gas usage 01.04 to 30.04.25	449.43
22/04/2025	01267182	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Elec 01.04 to 30.04.25	302.66
25/04/2025	5548	Christmas Plus	Installation/removal of bunting	1,976.52
25/04/2025	24784	West Midlands Employers	WMEmployers Corp Mship Bronze 25/26	500.00
25/04/2025	0001075	Fleetwood Mad	Fleetwood Mad - 16.08.25	260.00
25/04/2025	11655	CAM-TEC LTD	HC - CCTV maint contract to 24.04.26	495.00
25/04/2025	SI-1856	Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association	SPCA - Annual Sub & Nalc Affiliation 2025/26	1,460.49
25/04/2025	217311	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - May 25	1,393.90
30/04/2025	01295026	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec 01.07.24 to 30.04.25	3,207.50
01/05/2025	OP/1114582	Bullfinch (Gas Equipment) Ltd	Rose Beacon - VE 80 Event	549.00
02/05/2025	SH050318/1/1	Stone House Hotel	Civic Dinner April 2025	1,528.25
02/05/2025	INV-1183	CE & PS Ltd	St Georges Day Barriers and Elec Supply	514.60
02/05/2025	100	Stone Retinue	St Georges Day - Knights	800.00
06/05/2025	SBC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC - May 2025	279.00
07/05/2025	5571	Christmas Plus	VE Day bunting supply and installation	1,310.00
09/05/2025	01308952	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Elec Usage 01.05 to 31.05.25	105.07
09/05/2025	01308952	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec Usage 01.05 to 31.05.25	311.95
14/05/2025	SINV083534	Worknest	Worknest -H&S Subscription	2,636.00
16/05/2025	INV-1785	IG Stage Hire	30% - Stage Hire Summer Music Event 16.08.25	405.00
16/05/2025	52344	Panda Press (Stone) Ltd	HC - VE80 printing panels for table top displays	353.00
16/05/2025	52401	Panda Press (Stone) Ltd	VE 80 exhibition - HMS Saxifrage information board	320.00
18/05/2025	544575078	Zurich Municipal	Insurance cover to 31.05.26	1,147.73

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20/05/2025	INV-1184	CE & PS Ltd	VE80 - Barrier hire	703.87
22/05/2025	211047	Black Rose Solutions Ltd	Internal Audit Fee 2024/25	327.00
27/05/2025	218954	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - June 25	1,391.73
30/05/2025	544874934	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Cover to 31.05.2026	324.20
30/05/2025	544575078	Zurich Municipal	Insurance cover to 31.05.26	6,571.03
05/06/2025	5572	Christmas Plus	Dismantle VE Day bunting	665.00
05/06/2025	7070296869	Stafford Borough Council	Office Annual Service Charge 2024/2025	5,156.85
05/06/2025	BXP-000002294	Broxap	Plastic Bollard for High Street	378.00
05/06/2025	STC/DL020625	The Puppet Tree	Puppet Event 29.05.25	1,250.00
06/06/2025	INV-11175	EDG Security Limited	HC - Intruder Alarm Maint and Monitoring to 04.06.26	348.00
13/06/2025	INV5003172	MEB Total Ltd	FJC - Boiler repairs	906.24
19/06/2025	01352640	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec 1/06 to 30/06	308.51
19/06/2025	01352640	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Elec Usage - 01.06 to 30.06.25	292.80
24/06/2025	5813476/CE/5313	The Arch Rent Collectors	SSTN Rent 24.06 to 28.09.25	1,550.00
25/06/2025	220526	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - July 25 - inc annual licence	1,697.67
30/06/2025	SBC Rates June 25	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates HC - 25.04.24-31.03.25	2,597.54
30/06/2025	SBC Rates June 25	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates HC - June 2025	381.40
30/06/2025	SBC Rates June 25	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC - June 2025	279.00
30/06/2025	7070297005	Stafford Borough Council	Install/Remove Bollards - Apr-June 2025	485.15
				75,527.80

STONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
2 September 2025
CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Mayor

Saturday 6 September 2025	Leek Town Council's Nicholson War Memorial Centenary
Thursday 11 September 2025	RAF Tactical Supply Wing 'Battle of Britain' Dinner
Saturday 13 September 2025	Railway 200 Heritage Open Day
Saturday 13 September 2025	Stone Scout & Guide Band Annual General Meeting
Sunday 14 September 2025	Ashbourne Town Mayor's Civic Service
Wednesday 17 September 25	Staffordshire County Scouts Annual General Meeting
Sunday 21 September 2025	Utttoxeter Town Mayor's Civic Sunday
Sunday 28 September 2025	Staffordshire Moorlands Chairman's Civic Service
Saturday 4 October 2025	HMS St Vincent Association Annual Reunion & Dinner

Deputy Mayor

Sunday 14 September 2025	Stafford Borough Council's Battle of Britain Commemoration
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TOWN MAYOR

TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 2 September 2025

Sunday 15 June – Biddulph Town Mayor's Civic Service

It was wonderful to attend Biddulph's Civic Ceremony, and to meet familiar faces as Councillor Nigel Yates handed over to Councillor Adrian Lawton. I had the pleasure of meeting them both at their civic dinner, and they were as cordial and friendly as I remembered. In addition to celebrating the year ahead, the town also celebrated the great work that the pair had accomplished during their past year as Mayor and Deputy. They are both clearly dedicated to their community, and Adrian seemed enthusiastic for his year ahead. Sarah and I were similarly pleased to enjoy the company of our Past Town Mayor's brother, John Leason who was there as a contingent of Biddulph in Bloom, and to see their town bench, as designed and built by the same artist that designed the Westbridge bench in Stone. There is a clear community spirit in Biddulph, and we wish Adrian the best for his mayoral term.

Sunday 22 June – St Michael's 10K Road Race

The Stone 10k race starts just outside the town centre at the far side of the priory. It was interesting to visit and to see the whole street bustling with athletes. I had the great pleasure of starting the race, and I was quickly left in the dust of a much emptier street as the runners sailed past. I appreciated this invitation, as did the children and families on the estate who seemed happy to see such a spectacle on their very doorsteps. I extend my gratitude to the event organisers for inviting me along, all of whom seemed glad to see a member of the town council at their event.

Sunday 29 June – East Staffordshire Mayor's Civic Service at St Modwn's Church, Burton on Trent

Having previously met Kim Smith at the last Stone Civic Dinner, it was great to get to know her better following a wonderful service at St Modwen's Church. Kim is well known in her community and well regarded. Following the service, guests had the pleasure of attending the old indoor market which is still operational whilst faithfully holding on to tradition. I look forward to attending future events with the Mayor of East Staffordshire and her Consort, and appreciated the kind hospitality that Burton-on-Trent displayed towards all guests attending the civic service.

Wednesday 2 July – Community Open Day at Stone Station Community Centre

Whilst I only managed to attend the end of the event due to work commitments, members and volunteers of the community rail partnership were kind enough to showcase some of their projects, including bee friendly planters, landscaping, and gardening projects. The railway station is sometimes the first impression that visitors to our town will receive, and similarly with those commuting through Stone. It makes a world of difference to have a positive first impression of our town and it was great to learn more about the work that they do. I was particularly impressed by the art projects inspired by our railway.

Saturday 5 July – Stone Choral Society's Summer Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall

On Saturday the 5th I was welcomed warmly by Councillor Jim Davies who ensured that I was comfortable and in good company for the duration of this fantastic event. I was blown away. The voices of the visiting choir and Stone's Choral Society created a true symphony

experience with guest singers that are befitting of the world stage! I could not believe the quality of the performance, complemented wonderfully by the acoustics and aesthetics of Holy Trinity Church. Eccleshall and Stone locals were welcoming and friendly, and I look forward to attending future events by the Stone Choral Society. I encourage anyone who has not yet had the pleasure of the Stone Choral Society to attend. I would like to thank Jim for his diligence in attending me upon my visit, as well as his absolutely top tier performance.

Sunday 13 July – Civic Sunday & Mayor Making in Stone

Sarah and I were delighted to attend the Mayor Making ceremony in the company of new friends and old. After our great apprehension all morning, attendees were very supportive, and we quickly felt at ease in good company. The civic guests were incredibly supportive, and Rugeley's Town Crier demonstrated his oratory skills for the event by delivering a traditional proclamation - an experience that I will not soon forget! The event was very well attended with the building very full. A special thanks to everyone that attended, and to those who had an acting role. I felt very humbled by the occasion and hope I will continue to perform the role in a way that befits our wonderful town. It was no easy feat to endure the formal clothing on one of the hottest days of the year, however all in attendance looked fantastic. Sarah and I will look back on the photos of this day with fond memories.

Monday 4 August – Allotment Competition Judging at Mount Road and Newcastle Road Allotments

On Monday the 4th I had the pleasure of visiting the allotments with this year's judges for the competition. Whilst I am no expert in horticulture or agriculture, I do love nature in general, and I was excited to learn more from the judges as they inspected the plots. I could certainly appreciate the aesthetic value and effort that had gone in to cultivating these wonderful green spaces. These plots offer a lot of value to the plot owners, and they are very well loved. David and Hannah were absolutely lovely, and I left having felt like I had been on holiday for a short while. Masters of their craft, and clearly conscientious in the way in which they judged the gardens, recognising the different approaches that people had towards their plots.

Tuesday 12 August – Children's Summer Whale Event in Westbridge Park

I was invited to an event at Westbridge Park which involved a huge inflatable whale that had space inside for an educational experience for our town's children. The staff there were very dedicated to their roles and character, and I am glad to say that they were passionate about the issue of plastic pollution in our seas and environment, an issue very close to my heart.

Friday 15 August – VJ Day 80 Flag Raising Ceremony

The flag raising for VJ day was very well attended, with expert oration by Councillor Jim Davies. It was wonderful to see our Stone Scout and Guides Band there with Councillor Kerry Dawson delivering some inspiring pieces, and Chris from The Wren performing the last post. In addition to our locals, it was nice to see the event attended by guests from various military affiliated organisations around Staffordshire, and the family members of ex-servicemen in attendance too. This is still a very important event to many, and I hope we continue to educate the next generation on the events surrounding WWII.

Saturday 16 August – Summer Street Party

I had the privilege to start the summer street party this year. The event brought a crowd in from outside of Stone, as well as locals. Stone is becoming quite the place to be! Everyone was smiling, and the musicians entertained thoroughly receiving praise by many. The merchants were happy with the increased trade, and the town was bustling with activity for all ages. There wasn't a quiet venue in the town, and the staff at Sanctuary were especially cheerful with such good quality music and interest in front of their window.

Sunday 17 August – Florence Brass Band Concert & VJ Day Commemoration in Stonefield Park

The 80th anniversary of VJ day brought one of the largest crowds to Stonefield Park, and it was clear to see what an asset we have in our town. The event was co-ordinated perfectly with the Florence Brass Band, and I had the great privilege to introduce the event and thank the band and organisers. I stayed a while at the end and spoke to several locals, all of whom were very complimentary and impressed with the quality of the event and how well Stonefield Park lent itself to the occasion. Thank you to all that attended this important event, it was a particularly memorable highlight of town events.

DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 2 September 2025**Sunday 29 June – Church at the Crossing Community Fun Day**

Today I attended the Church at the crossing fun day, organised by Katie it had everything going on from bouncy slides to Griffin and Gray for lovely food. It was a nice sunny day to help raise awareness and funds for the hard work futures2together and the church at the crossing do. My family and I had a lovely time, and I even had a go on the slide.

See the photo enclosed.

Saturday 5 July – Stone Rocks Festival at Christ Church Academy

This great yearly event was a wonderful example of the talent of both the children of Stone and the teachers. The day was filled with all types of music being performed by the pupils of the school and also their teachers. It was wonderful to be part of such a well organised and inspiring event. If I had my time again, I think I'd learn the double bass or saxophone. I had a great time and although it's a big event I hope it grows and grows as the years go by. Thank you, Christchurch Academy, for inviting me and thank you to the music department for organising the event.

Wednesday 9 July – Celebration Evening at Christ Church Academy

I helped give out some awards and talked for a few minutes about my time as a child at Christchurch Academy. It was a very enjoyable evening, and they all appreciated my time with them.

Sunday 13 July – Stone Town Council's Civic Sunday

It was a great honour to be made Deputy Mayor for this year. Thank you.

The Civic Sunday occasion was well attended, and the weather was perfect.

