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28 October 2025

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** will be held in the **Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 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 7 October 2025, Minute Numbers C26/045 – C26/054 (attached).**

6. To receive the draft minutes and decisions of the under mentioned Committees:

- a) General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 October 2025, Minute Numbers GP26/063 – GP26/078 (attached).
- b) Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 7 October 2025, Minute Numbers PC26/025 – PC26/030 (attached).

7. Council Accounts 2024-25

At the meeting on 7th October 2025, the Town Clerk reported to the Council that the accounts for 2024-25 had been approved by the Auditor, except in one relatively minor area where the Auditor claimed that the Council had not fully complied with the regulations regarding the public inspection period. The Town Clerk also reported that he did not agree with the Auditor in this respect and had challenged the audit findings.

The Auditor has responded to the Town Clerk and now agrees that the Council was in full compliance with the regulations. They have amended the completion letter to reflect this and have sincerely apologised for this being raised.

The revised audit completion letter has been posted on the Council's website, and is attached to this agenda.

**8. Local Government Transparency Code 2015
Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

Information for Quarter ending 30 September 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 7 October 2025

PRESENT: Councillor J. Metters in the Chair and
Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Best, J. Davies, L. Davies, I. Fordham, K. Dawson,
J. Hood, T. Kelt, B. Kenney, R. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Powell, N. Powell,
C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

Officers: L. Trigg (attended the meeting virtually on Teams), R. Edwards and
T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: A. Burgess and A. Mottershead

Prayers

Before the meeting began, Reverend Paul Kingman, led prayers.

C26/045 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor: A. Mottershead

C26/046 Declarations of Interest

None made.

C26/047 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

C26/048 Representations from Members of the Public

None

C26/049 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 2 September 2025 (Minute Numbers C26/035 – C26/044), be approved as a correct record.

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C26/050 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 2 September 2025 (Minute Numbers GP26/048 – GP26/062), were noted.
- b) The draft minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 2 September 2025 (Minute Numbers PC26/019 – PC26/024), were noted.

C26/051 Allotment Awards

The Town Mayor invited allotment Judges, Mr David Moreton and Miss Hannah Rigden, to come forward to share their observations following their visits to the Town Council's allotment sites on Monday 4 August 2025, to judge the allotment competition.

The Town Mayor accompanied by David, awarded prizes to the following allotment winners and congratulated each on their achievements:

Best Kept Allotment Winner at Newcastle Road – Mrs Hemsted Williams & Mr Williams

'Clearly well loved, productive, quality mix of vegetables, fruit, herbs and pollinator friendly flowers. A very well maintained and tended plot with a greenhouse and a space to sit and enjoy it'.

Best Kept Allotment Winner at Mount Road – Miss D. Rushton

'This plot stands out as free spirited and fun. It is well loved and maintained, a diverse mix of vegetables, fruit and flowers using recycled materials and being kind to nature. A happy place'.

Highly Commended at Newcastle Road – Mr & Mrs Hollinshead

'A nicely kept large plot with lots of variety, a lovely cutting garden and sitting space. Rhubarb and lettuce to be proud of'.

Highly Commended at Mount Road – Mr & Mrs Simpson

'This allotment was beautifully neat and well-tended with great quality vegetables, clearly a very productive plot'.

The Town Mayor expressed the Town Council's thanks to David and Hannah and congratulated the competition winners for their achievements.

C26/052 Conclusion of Audit 2024-25

The Town Clerk advised the Council that a clean and positive audit had been received except in one minor respect related to the date of commencement of

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the Public Rights period. He stated that he had queried this with the External Auditor, as he believed that the Council was fully compliant with requirements. No reply had been received from the Auditor at the time of the meeting.

RESOLVED: The Town Council noted the External Auditor's Report* and Certificate for the year ending 31 March 2025.

The Town Council asked that its thanks to the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk be recorded for the work undertaken on the end of year accounts.

C26/053 Civic Announcements

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

C26/054 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 Town Mayor and the Deputy Town Mayor provided the Town Council with additional verbal reports on the details of their engagements.

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 7 October 2025

PRESENT: Councillor R. Kenney in the Chair, and
Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Best, J. Davies, L. Davies, K. Dawson, I. Fordham, J. Hood,
T. Kelt, B. Kenney, P. Leason, J. Metters, J. Powell, N. Powell, C. Thornicroft and
R. Townsend

Officers: L. Trigg (attended the meeting virtually on Teams), R. Edwards and
T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: A. Burgess and A. Mottershead

GP26/063 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor: A. Mottershead

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

GP26/064 Declarations of Interest

None

GP26/065 Requests for Dispensations

There were none

GP26/066 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.

GP26/067 To receive the report of Borough Councillors

The Chairman invited Borough Councillors to address the Committee.

Councillor Ian Fordham

Councillor Fordham informed the Committee that, since the Town Council's
meeting with the Stafford Borough Council Leader, Councillor Aiden Godfrey, a

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large amount of Borough Council Officers' and Members' time had been spent on planning for the restructure of local government.

He referenced the letter recently received from Group Leaders at Stafford Borough Council and drew the Committee's attention to the conclusion that a single southern unitary authority was the best option for residents of our area. This option was considered more financially sustainable, better able to attract investment, better equipped to compete with the city led North Staffordshire and West Midlands Authorities and avoid fragmented services.

Councillor Fordham informed the Committee that the preferred option would be made to Central Government by the end of November with the Government's response anticipated sometime during the spring of 2026.

GP26/068 Representations from Members of the Public

None

GP26/069 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 2 September 2025 (Minute Numbers GP26/048 – GP26/062), be approved as a correct record.

GP26/070 Minutes of Sub-Committees

RESOLVED:

- a) Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee held on 16 September 2025 (Minute Numbers TTP26/010 – TTP26/016), that the draft minutes be noted.
- b) Environment Sub-Committee held on 16 September 2025 (Minute Numbers ENV26/010 – ENV26/017), that the draft minutes be noted.

GP26/071 Local Government Reorganisation

The Committee considered the report* of the Town Clerk (which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting) on the Reorganisation of Local Government.

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the report analyses the four options discussed amongst the authorities in the County in relation to their impact on Stone Town and the Town Council and ranks them in order of what would be best for the area. From this information the Town Clerk had drafted a potential response intended for the principal authorities in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent as the Town Council's contribution to the discussions on local government reorganisation.

The Town Clerk invited questions and noted a number of points that were raised by the Committee.

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The Committee asked the Town Clerk to stress that Stone Town Council was a unique town council and not a parish council. The Town Council is described in the response as the largest in Stafford Borough and the second largest in Staffordshire by net revenue budget 2025-26.

The Committee expressed its desire to hold on to the assets it held dear and to work to identify the assets it may wish to acquire post restructure.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approves without amendment the Town Clerk's draft submission to the principal authorities in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent detailing Model A (as defined in the report) as the preferred option for dividing Staffordshire into unitary authorities. This would involve a north/south split of the County, with Stone included as part of the southern authority.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council authorises the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, to enter into discussions with Stafford Borough Council with a view to protecting key assets into the future for the residents of Stone.

GP26/072 Budget Monitoring – August 2025

The Committee considered the report* of the Town Clerk which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Committee:

- Notes the approved adjustments to the Council's budget set out at Appendix A.
- Notes the Council's performance against budget at the end of August 2025.

GP26/073 Heritage Centre Governance

The Committee considered the report* of the Town Clerk which had been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting.

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the Heritage Centre was currently governed by a steering group set up to oversee its establishment but the Heritage Centre had now moved on to a new stage. It was currently operating (although not yet fully), and receiving a significant number of visitors.

The Town Clerk informed the Committee there was still a case for a dedicated steering group to oversee the next stage of the development of the Centre, but with a revised brief to give a policy lead to officers in terms of how the Heritage Centre should develop and what the key policies and emphasis should be.

RESOLVED: That the Committee:

- Disband the current Heritage Centre Steering Group.
- Establish a new Heritage Centre Steering Group in line with the Town Clerk's report and enclosed terms of reference, and appoint the following Councillor Members to the Group for the year 2025/26: Two ex-officio members (Chairman of General Purposes Committee and Chairman of Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee), two other Councillor

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members of the current steering group (Councillor P. Leason and Councillor J. Davies) and one other Councillor.

- Adopt the terms of reference in the report appendix.

GP26/074 Nominations for SPCA Executive and AGM arrangements

The Committee considered an invitation to nominate a representative to stand for election to Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association's Executive. It was noted that the election will take place at the Association's AGM on the evening of Monday 24 November 2025 (with a closing date of Monday 10 November 2025 for nominations).

RESOLVED: To nominate Councillor Tom Kelt to stand for election for a second term, as a Stafford Borough and Stone Town representative to the SPCA Executive Committee.

The Chairman called for a second delegate to attend the Annual General Meeting and Councillor Metters indicated a wish to attend, if his commitments will allow.

GP26/075 Local Transport Plan Consultation

The Committee considered a Staffordshire County Council consultation seeking views on a new draft Local Transport Plan describing how Staffordshire's transport network should look, and the practical steps that should be taken to get there.

Full details of the consultation were provided with the agenda, via a link to Staffordshire County Council's website and the online survey.

The Committee agreed that Town Councillors would put forward their own individual comments to Staffordshire County Council via the Local Transport Plan survey.

GP26/076 Town Council Payments

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

GP26/077 Update from Working Groups:

Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group

The Chairman advised the Sub-Committee that a Steering Group meeting would be arranged in the near future.

Engagement with Young People

Consideration of disbandment of this working group will be listed for consideration at the next meeting.

GP26/078 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 took place on 24 September 2025 at the Heritage Centre and issues surrounding the reorganisation of Local Government were discussed at length. The next

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meeting of the Liaison Group would be held in January 2026 at which time it was hoped there would be greater clarity. Representatives were asked to consider areas where parishes could work together for mutual benefit.

Stone ATC

Councillor J. Davies advised the Committee that a meeting of 2352 (Stone) Squadron ATC had taken place on 6 October which he wasn't able to attend. He said the next event will be the 'Dining In' on 17 October 2025.

Age Concern Stone & District

Councillor Thornicroft referred to Councillor Davies' report given at the last meeting.

Stafford District Access Group

Councillor Kelt reported on a recent meeting of the Access Group. The main points of discussion were wheelchair access on highways and footpaths and access to the rugby club. Also bus timetable and route information was discussed. The next meeting will take place on 8 December and Chief Inspector Giles Parsons will be in attendance.

Stone Common Plot Trustees

Councillor Townsend advised the Committee that the next meeting was scheduled to take place in late November 2025.

Stone Community Hub Liaison Group

Councillor Townsend advised the Committee that the next meeting of the Community Hub Liaison Group would be held in late November 2025.

SPCA Executive Committee

Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that a meeting had taken place on 1 September which he could not attend. He said the agenda typically included items on policy, training, health and wellbeing and the general information that came through on email anyway. The key area of discussion was currently local government reorganisation with the main piece of advice being to agree the transfer of desirable assets from the Borough Council.

West Midlands Railway and other Rail Matters

Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that a meeting took place on 25 September which he was not able to attend. The LNWR representative attended and congratulated Stone Station on their Open Day event. Sir Gavin Williamson MP has written to the Department for Transport regarding Stone Station's platform access to the trains.

It has been announced that West Midlands Trains and London Northwestern Railway will be taken back into public ownership in February 2026.

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 7 October 2025

PRESENT: Councillor T. Kelt in the Chair, and
Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Best, J. Davies, L. Davies, K. Dawson,
I. Fordham (to Minute Number PC26/028), J. Hood (to Minute Number
PC26/028), B. Kenney, R. Kenney (to Minute Number PC26/028), P. Leason,
J. Metters, J. Powell, N. Powell, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

Officers: L. Trigg (attended the meeting virtually on Teams), R. Edwards and
T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: A. Burgess and A. Mottershead

PC26/025 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor: A. Mottershead

PC26/026 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Councillor R. Kenney advised the Committee that, as a member of Stafford Borough Council's Planning Committee, he would retire from the meeting prior to the discussion of planning application 25/40959/OUT (Land off Eccleshall Road). Minute Reference PC26/029.

Councillor J. Hood advised the Committee that, as a member of Stafford Borough Council's Planning Committee, she would retire from the meeting prior to the discussion of planning application 25/40959/OUT (Land off Eccleshall Road). Minute Reference PC26/029.

Councillor I. Fordham advised the Committee that, as a substitute member of Stafford Borough Council's Planning Committee, he would retire from the meeting prior to the discussion of planning application 25/40959/OUT (Land off Eccleshall Road). Minute Reference PC26/029.

PC26/027 Representations from Members of the Public

None

PC26/028 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 2 September 2025, Minute Numbers PC26/019 – PC26/024), be approved as a correct record.

Councillors I. Fordham, J. Hood and R. Kenney left the Council Chamber and meeting (Prior to agenda item 5. Minute Number PC26/029).

PC26/029

Planning Applications

Application Number – 25/40959/OUT

Applicant – Richborough Estates

Location – Land off Eccleshall Road, Stone

Development – Erection of 240 residential dwellings, with associated infrastructure works, including access (vehicular, pedestrian and cycle), drainage, public open space and landscape.

Observations: The Town Council strongly objects to this planning application and supports the points of concern raised by local people and consultee agencies/organisations. The points of concern include the following:

- The development proposal will put strain on the existing infrastructure in Stone including roads, utilities, schools and healthcare which will not be able to keep pace with demand for the services. For example, there are currently only two GP practices delivering primary healthcare services in the town and around four dental practices.

The Town Council would like to be consulted on the infrastructure that Section 106 monies may support.

Staffordshire County Council project there will be an insufficient number of school places in the local area to mitigate the impact of the development at first phase education.

- The development proposal will lead to significantly higher volumes of traffic, congestion and corresponding poor air quality/pollution, particularly along the Eccleshall Road. There is already significant traffic congestion here at peak times.
- Support for Severn Trent Water Authority's request for a holding objection as the proposal may have a detrimental impact on the surrounding Network and Treatment works, with the potential to cause flooding or pollution. Sewer outflows or spills into the River Trent and its tributaries are already a big concern.
- Support for the Environment Agency's observations about potential contamination from a previous landfill site situated within the development boundary.
- The development site is located within the 'Zone of Influence' of the Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation creating the risk of increased recreational pressure, requiring appropriate mitigation.
- Support of Staffordshire County Council's observations that insufficient information has been submitted to demonstrate that an acceptable

drainage strategy is proposed. The County is also concerned about the proposed connection with the Fillybrooks and risks of flooding.

- Support of Active Travel England's observations not to support the application without further assessment, evidence, revisions and dialogue as set out in their representation.
- There appears to be no evidence that disabled access and adequate parking provision has been incorporated into the design to ensure the lifespan of the development extends to 2125 as suggested by the applicant.
- Stone has already been the subject of large scale residential development in recent years, especially in the area off the Eccleshall Road.

Another new planning application has recently been submitted to Stafford Borough Council for a housing development in Marlborough Road. Adding two new sizeable developments in this area will amount to overdevelopment and have a big negative impact on residential amenity.

Concern is expressed that the Government is giving the green light to large scale development with insufficient consideration to local communities.

There is the potential for over subscription of planning applications in the Stafford Borough, inflicting undesirable issues within Stone.

- Some major changes to the town are happening piecemeal without consideration for interconnectivity to infrastructure and the shape of the town, making it difficult to manage public transport and access in outlying areas.

Application Number – 25/41150/HOU

Applicant – Mr P. Lunt

Location – 63 Priory Road, Stone

Development – Single storey extension to front with canopy roof over front porch and across frontage

Observations: No objections

PC26/030

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.

Application Number – 25/41105/HOU

Applicant – Mr & Mrs Sherwani

Location – 13 Marlborough Road, Stone

Development – First floor front and rear bedroom extension and internal alterations

Observations: No objections

Application Number – 25/41110/FUL

Applicant – Smarty's Investments Ltd

Location – Smarty's Day Nursery, 35 Tilling Drive, Stone, and 111 Friars Avenue, Walton

Development – Removal of double garage and timber shed to be replaced by a detached single storey baby suite building

Observations: No objections

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Date: 24 October 2025

Dear Mr Trigg

Completion of the limited assurance review for the year ended 31 March 2025

We have completed our review for the year ended 31 March 2025 and I have pleasure in enclosing the certified Annual Governance and Accountability Return. The External Auditor's Certificate and Report is given in Section 3.

If there are any significant matters arising from the review, they are summarised in the External Auditor's certificate in Section 3. If we have identified minor scope for improvement we have recorded this on page 2 of this letter. The Council must consider these matters and decide what action is required. In most cases this will be self-evident. In some instances we have referred to further guidance available, in particular, in the publication "*Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – A Practitioners' Guide (England) 2024*". This can be obtained via your NALC or SLCC branch, or downloaded free of charge.

Action you are required to take:

The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 set out what you must do at the conclusion of the review. In summary, you are required to:

Publish (which must include publication on the authority's website) a statement on or before 30 September to confirm:

- that the review has been concluded and that the statement of accounts has been published;
- of the rights of inspection conferred on local government electors by section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014; and
- the address at which, and the hours during which, those rights may be exercised.
- Keep copies of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for purchase by any person on payment of a reasonable sum.
- Ensure that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return remains available for public access for a period of not less than five years beginning with the date on which the Annual Governance and Accountability Return was first published.

The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 do not specify the period the Completion Notice needs to be on the council's website, but this period must be reasonable.

Forvis Mazars LLP

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Accessibility Regulations

We are aware that the Accounts and Audit Regulations requirement for a physical 'wet ink' signature on the original AGAR, does not allow parish council's to fully comply with the Accessibility Regulations. The National Audit Office are aware that the two pieces of legislation are not compatible, therefore smaller authorities are advised to make it clear on their website that the document is a scan and will not be fully compliant with the Accessibility Regulations.

Audit fee

Our fee note for the audit, which is in accordance with the audit fee scales set by SAAA, and available at [Audit Fees | Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments \(saaa.co.uk\)](http://saaa.co.uk) will follow.

We would be grateful if you could arrange for this to be paid at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely



James Collins

Director

For and on behalf of Forvis Mazars LLP

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

Date: 22/10/2025

Time: 12:26:31

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 : 01/07/2025

Payment Date To : 30/09/2025

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>
03/07/2025	SBC	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates HC - Jul 2025	379.00
03/07/2025	SBC	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC - Jul 2025	279.00
03/07/2025	5591	Christmas Plus	Festive display hire 2025/26	7,650.00
03/07/2025	222059	Prism Solutions	Replacement laptop and installation	845.06
04/07/2025	22099	ABSOLUTE MUSEUM AND GALLERY	HC - H Track rail hooks	371.45
04/07/2025	77	MJ Plant	CM - Coppice willows Scrape 1	300.00
04/07/2025	80	MJ Plant	Marquee setup - June 25	800.00
04/07/2025	73	MJ Plant	MR/NR Allotment Skip hire	580.00
04/07/2025	75	MJ Plant	CM-clean, sand and paint bridge at CM	600.00
04/07/2025	71	MJ Plant	Grounds Maint June of Amp, Cm, MR, Abbey St and	1,784.00
04/07/2025	69	MJ Plant	Grounds maint - Apr- Amp, CM, MR, Abbey St	1,784.00
04/07/2025	78	MJ Plant	Marquee setup - Apr 25	837.50
04/07/2025	79	MJ Plant	Marquee Set up - May 25	1,310.00
04/07/2025	70	MJ Plant	Grounds Maint May of Amp, Cm, MR, Abbey St and	1,784.00
04/07/2025	68	MJ Plant	Grounds Maint Mar of Amp, Cm, MR, Abbey St and	1,784.00
08/07/2025	52810	Panda Press (Stone) Ltd	Civic Order of Service 2025	289.00
10/07/2025	Inv2031	The Secret Kitchen	Catering for Civic Sunday 2025	1,350.00

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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>
17/07/2025	SIN3087231	PPL PRS Music Rights	PPL PRS Music licensing 2025/26	1,654.54
21/07/2025	01396308	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Elec Usage - 01.07 to 30.07.25	361.18
21/07/2025	01396308	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec 1.07 to 31.07.25	328.35
25/07/2025	222261	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - Aug 25	1,421.17
04/08/2025		Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates HC - Aug 2025	379.00
04/08/2025		Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC - Aug 2025	279.00
06/08/2025	INV-1842	IG Stage Hire	50% Stage Hire - Summer music event	675.00
07/08/2025	INV-1847	IG Stage Hire	30% deposit - Stage at Christmas lights	255.00
07/08/2025	0001075	Fleetwood Mad	Summer Music Event - Fleetwood Mad - 16.08.25	1,040.00
11/08/2025	INV-1204	CE & PS Ltd	Fit CAT6 network cable at Station Road	655.00
13/08/2025	223503	Prism Solutions	Engineer cost to install FTTP connection	1,237.62
13/08/2025	INV-19623	Fool's Paradise	Whale hire at Westbridge Park event	1,955.00
14/08/2025	SI-249762	Mailing room	Franking Machine Annual Maint to 25.09.26	271.17
18/08/2025	INV21226804	Sage UK Ltd	Sage payroll Subscription 2025/26	450.00
18/08/2025	Morrisons	WM Morrisons Supermarket Ltd	Catering for Stonefield Park	265.50
19/08/2025	200651840	Miscellaneous	Summer Music Event - Funkbreakers band	500.00
19/08/2025	INVOICE-002	KTC Security Services Ltd	Security at Summer Music Event x 8	594.00
19/08/2025	53117	Panda Press (Stone) Ltd	HC - VJ Day interpretation boards	308.00
19/08/2025	201222000	Kath Stanway	Compere and performance at Summer Music Event	550.00
19/08/2025	200651846	MR D HANCOX	Summer Music Event-Herbaceous Borders Band	500.00
20/08/2025	586	Hazzard Promotions	Sound for Summer Music Event 25	800.00
20/08/2025	INV000261	Hearts Cross Medical	Medical Support - Music Event 2025	400.00
20/08/2025	0000225698	Canal & River Trust	Annual Rental- Waterpipe on towpath Newcastle Road	208.33
20/08/2025	7070297271	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Hanging baskets x 102	2,907.00
21/08/2025	01442608	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec 1.08-31.08.25	317.42

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21/08/2025	01442608	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Elec - 1.08-31.08.25	256.35
26/08/2025	223883	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - Sept 25	1,308.75
05/09/2025	INV-1209	CE & PS Ltd	Summer Music Event - Power supply and barriers	843.24
07/09/2025	INV-1210	CE & PS Ltd	Whale at Westbridge generator hire	548.00
09/09/2025	01484608	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec usage to 30.09.25	16.68
17/09/2025	0000225698	Canal & River Trust	Annual Rental- Waterpipe on towpath Newcastle Road	41.67
19/09/2025	01484608	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Elec usage to 30.09.25	261.57
19/09/2025	01484608	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec usage to 30.09.25	288.11
22/09/2025	135353	B Hygienic Ltd	FJC - Hygiene Contract to 31.08.26	733.00
23/09/2025	11782	CAM-TEC LTD	FJC -CCTV maint contract to 19.09.26	385.00
24/09/2025	400610264	Alfafado Ltd TA batterystation.co.uk	300 Batteries for Christmas tree lights	292.04
25/09/2025	225769	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - Oct 25	1,339.81
25/09/2025	7070297481	Stafford Borough Council	Stafford Borough Council	485.96
26/09/2025	11094768	Chubb Fire	FJC - Fire Extinguisher Service 19.08.25	318.18
29/09/2025	5813476/CE/54770	The Arch Rent Collectors	SSTN Rent 29.09 to 24.12.25	1,550.00
				55,865.31

STONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
4 November 2025
CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Mayor

Sunday 9 November 2025	Remembrance Sunday Commemoration in Stone
Tuesday 11 November 2025	Armistice Day Service in Granville Square
Thursday 20 November 2025	Christmas Lights Switch-On Event in Stone
Saturday 22 November 2025	Cheadle Town Council's Christmas Lights Switch-On Event
Sunday 23 November 2025	Army Benevolent Fund Curry Lunch at Beacon Barracks
Tuesday 25 November 2025	Stafford Borough Mayor's Curry Evening
Sunday 30 November 2025	Crown Wharf Tap Annual Turkey Trot
Monday 1 to Wednesday 24 December 2025	Christ Church Advent Window Openings at 11.00am in Stone

Deputy Mayor

Thursday 6 November 2025	Edward Jeavon's 'Unearthed' Art Exhibition Private View
Monday 1 to Wednesday 24 December 2025	Christ Church Advent Window Openings at 11.00am in Stone

TOWN MAYOR

TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 4 November 2025

Thursday 9th October - Admiral Sir Trevor Soar - Jervis, Lessons in Leadership

The Crown Wharf Theatre hosted a sellout event with attendees from near and far to listen to a fascinating presentation about one of our local historical figures; Admiral Jervis. The appetite for the occasion was evident, and Admiral Sir Trevor Soar and Tim Gillow, High Sheriff of Staffordshire, delivered engaging and entertaining talks, which gave an insight into how significant Jervis and Nelson were to the direction of British history. Their attitudes and towards leadership; one of stern military discipline and ruthless anti-corruption, and one of diffuse leadership and empowerment are examples of their different personalities - both adept in delivering results that led to their immortalisation in British history. It was fantastic to see so many people taking such an interest in Stone's historical connection to these significant men, and milestone events that shaped the birth of America and the continued impact of the British Empire.

Sunday 12th October - Eccleshall Parish Council Civic Service

On the 12th of October I was pleased to be invited to Eccleshall to see our close neighbours. The event commemorated three of the residents from the village and their contributions over the years to the locals. The presentation recognised them as freemen of the parish entitling them to graze their cattle on the towns grasses, and to transport it through the town - a historical honorific that symbolises trust and recognition of recipients for their ongoing dedication to their village. The church service was particularly entertaining, thought provoking, and welcoming to all, showing wonderful integration with the civic life of the parish.

Friday 17th October - Stone Squadron 2352 - ATC Annual Dinner

Young people from around the local area were celebrated through awards, commendations, and promotions for their fantastic discipline and commitment to the Air Cadets. I was particularly impressed with one of our Mayors Cadets, Bella Balderson. Bella accompanied me diligently throughout the event. It is inspiring to see these young people meeting together for events and activities that will give them the skill set that befits a successful future. The precision in which the cadets performed their drills and duties was an inspiration, and all in attendance were immaculately presented and did the town a great service.

Saturday 18th October - Trafalgar Dinner

I was pleased to meet old friends and new at the Crown Wharf for this year's Trafalgar Dinner. The event was fully booked and we had an evening full of feasting and friendship. The event raised money for the mayoral charities, and we were able to showcase the Crown Wharf and celebrate the new place that it has in our community as a theatre, pub, dining venue, and host to our heritage centre. The occasion was marked by a lecture from our High Sheriff who showcased some of Stone's history and connection to Nelson via our own Admiral Jervis. The evening was rounded off with some music and shanty's, with an absolutely full schedule, and a raffle for our wonderful donors on the evening.

Friday 24th October - Stone Carnival Presentation, and Sponsor Event

The Co-Chairs welcomed the Mayoress and I at the Stone Carnival Presentation and Sponsor event at St Dominics Social Centre. I was pleased to be given the opportunity to give thanks to volunteers, sponsors, organisers, and attendees that made the event a huge success, and to present the proceeds of the event to the charities; Stone Minds Matter, The Stone Alzheimer's Association, and the Stone Community First Responders. It was wonderful to see friends to our town in attendance and to announce that there are plans to organise next year's events already under way! The Carnival was a very memorable occasion for Sarah, Andrew Best, and myself, and this evening allowed me to express gratitude to all in attendance and to thank the charities for their work for the people of Stone.

Sunday 26th October - Jesus; the Evidence

The Town Chaplain, Reverend Paul Kingman, hosted a thought provoking and engaging two-part lecture at Christ Church in Stone. It was wonderful to be part of an open event that welcomed many individuals from around the town and further afield that were curious to learn more about biblical history, and the context surrounding the events documented at the time. The speaker Derek McIntyre gave some historical context for the historical figure Jesus and the current scholarly positions of most historians, and highlighted the sudden presence of Christianity as a significant religious movement very soon after the execution of Jesus Christ. Guests were given opportunity to reflect and ask questions, and Christ Church kindly provided refreshments and kind welcome to all in attendance.

DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 4 November 2025

No engagements to report on this occasion