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25 August 2026

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** will be held in the **Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7:00pm** for consideration of the matters itemised in the following agenda.

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**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 July 2026, Minute Numbers C27/024 – C27/033 (attached).**

6. **To receive the draft minutes and decisions of the under mentioned Committees:**
  - a) General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 July 2026, Minute Numbers GP27/020 – GP27/037 (attached).
  - b) Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 7 July 2026, Minute Numbers PC27/013 – PC27/018 (attached).
7. **To thank the outgoing Mayor's Cadets for their services during 2025-2026**

Air Cadet - Corporal Bella Balderson

Army Cadet – Corporal Brooke Lippitt
8. **Local Government Transparency Code 2015**  
**Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

Information for Quarter ending 30 June 2026 (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 July 2026

**PRESENT:** Councillor A. Best in the Chair and  
Councillors: A. Burgess, J. Davies, K Dawson, J. Hood, T. Kelt, R. Kenney,  
P. Leason, J. Metters, and C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Trigg, R. Edwards, I. Fleetwood, H. Pickford and T. Williams

**ABSENT:**  
Councillors: J. Battrick, L. Davies, I. Fordham, B. Kenney, A. Mottershead J. Powell,  
N. Powell, and R. Townsend

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### Prayers

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

### **C27/024** Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: J. Battrick, L. Davies, K. B. Kenney, J. Powell, N. Powell, I. Fordham and R. Townsend

### **C27/025** Declarations of Interest

Councillor J. Davies declared a personal interest relating to the minute reference number – C27/029.

### **C27/026** Requests for Dispensations

None received

### **C27/027** Representations from Members of the Public

None

### **C27/028** Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19 May 2026 - (Minute Numbers GP27/001 – GP27/019), be approved as a correct record.

RESOLVED:

- b) Planning Consultative meeting held on 2 June 2026 – (Minute Numbers PC27/007 – PC27/012), be approved as a correct record.

### **C27/029** Six Month Attendance Rule

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The Council considered the report of the Town Clerk\* which had been circulated with the agenda.

The report reminded the Council that any Councillor that does not attend meetings for a six month period automatically loses membership of the Council unless their absence is approved by the Council before the end of this period. The report asked the Council to approve the extended absence of Councillor L. Davies.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the requirements of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 be waived in respect of Councillor L. Davies for an indefinite period, to be further reviewed by the Council at its meeting on 9 February 2027.

**C27/030     To receive the forthcoming Civic Announcements**

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

**C27/031     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.

**C27/032     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.**

**C27/033     Confidential Minutes**

The Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 19 May 2026, Minute Numbers GP27/001, GP27/018 and GP27/019 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 7 July 2026

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

Officers: L. Trigg, R. Edwards, L. Fleetwood, H. Pickford and T. Williams

**ABSENT:** Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Burgess, L. Davies, B. Kenney,  
A. Mottershead, A. Mynors, J. Powell, N. Powell and R. Townsend

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### **GP27/020    Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: J. Battrick, L. Davies, B. Kenney,  
J. Powell, N. Powell and R. Townsend

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

### **GP27/021    Declarations of Interest and Declarations**

- Councillor Leason declared an interest in item 9d  
(Minute Number: GP27/028)
- Councillor J. Davies declared an interest in item 9e  
(Minute Number: GP27/028)
- Councillor Dawson declared an interest in item 9e  
(Minute Number: GP27/028)
- Councillor Kelt declared an interest in item 9g  
(Minute Number: GP27/028)

### **GP27/022    Requests for Dispensations**

None received.

### **GP27/023    The Reports of the County Councillors Representing Stone Town**

The Chairman invited County Councillors to address the Committee:

#### **County Councillor J Hood**

Councillor Hood advised the Committee that the resurfacing works on Radford  
Street and Newcastle Street were commencing on 13 July, one week earlier than  
originally planned.

It was also reported that the pot holes on Whitebridge roundabout had been  
addressed.

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Councillor Hood gave an overview on her attendance to the Year 9 Achievement Awards at Alleyne's Academy where she praised the students on their exceptional talents.

**County Councillor A. Mynors**

Councillor Mynors was not in attendance at the meeting.

**GP27/024     The Reports of Borough Councillors representing Stone Town**

The Chairman advised the Committee that the process of the New Local Plan had begun for this year and that the New Local Plan 2025-2045\* document had been circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Hood advised the Committee that a consultation had commenced in relation to the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs). She encouraged Members to review the consultation documents and requested that the Council consider and submit its views on the proposals.

**GP27/025     Representations from Members of the Public**

None.

**GP27/026     Minutes**

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19 May 2026 (Minute Numbers GP27/001 – GP27/019), be approved as a correct record.

**GP27/027     Minutes of Sub-Committees**

RESOLVED:

- a) To note the minutes of the Environment Sub-Committee meeting held on 2 June 2026, Minute Numbers ENV27/001 - ENV27/009.
- b) To note the minutes of the Town Mayor's Charitable Sub-Committee meeting held on 2 June 2026, Minute Numbers MC27/001 – MC27/006.

**GP27/028     Grants to Local Organisations**

The Town Clerk apologised to the Committee in advance of the discussion for an error on the agenda. The Stone Choral Society application had been recorded as not meeting the grant criteria; however, this was incorrect, and the Society's application does meet the criteria.

The Town Clerk reminded the Chairman that the budget available for Local Organisation Grants for the year was £4,000 and advised that, should all grant applications under consideration be approved the budget would be over spent and no funds would remain available for the February grant application round.

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The Committee considered a request for Grant Aid from the following organisations, which met the criteria within the Council's Grants Policy:

a) **Organisation: 1<sup>st</sup> Oulton BP Scouts**

**Amount Requested:** £500

**Reason:** To purchase tents and equipment for camping trips.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £250 to 1<sup>st</sup> Oulton BP Scout Group, with a suggestion that they seek further grant support from their local parish.

b) **Organisation: Man Time**

**Amount Requested:** £500

**Reason:** To expand Man Time's Outreach and Early Support Activity in Stone.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £500 to Man Time Group.

c) **Organisation: Stone Traders Group**

**Amount Requested:** £500

**Reason:** To support a Halloween Family Day which will provide free activities for children and families.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £250 to Stone Traders Group

d) **Organisation: Stone Choral Society**

**Amount Requested:** £500

**Reason:** To support the costs of hall hire for rehearsals, music score sheets, booklets and use of professionals (director and accompanist, musicians and singers)

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

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:

e) **Organisation: Stafford & District Bereavement & Loss Support**

**Amount Requested:** £500

**Reason:** To purchase essential equipment and resources for the effective operation and development of the charity. This will include a new printer and consumables for the printing of information packs - counselling resources, referral forms and other documentation the supports the service to clients.

RESOLVED: To decline the award of a grant to Stafford & District Bereavement & Loss Support.

f) **Organisation: Stone Scout & Guide Band**

**Amount Requested:** £500

**Reason:** Refurbishment of drum line and purchase of new light weight smaller cymbals.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £350 to Stone Scout & Guide Band.

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**g) Organisation: 1<sup>st</sup> Yarnfield Scout Group**

**Amount Requested:** £500

**Reason:** To purchase outdoor equipment for camping trips.

RESOLVED: To decline the award of a grant to 1<sup>st</sup> Yarnfield Scout Group.

**h) Organisation: Stone Common Plot**

**Amount Requested:** £500

**Reason:** To purchase tools to undertake project work on a pond.

RESOLVED: To decline the award of a grant to Stone Common Plot

**i) Organisation: U3A Stone & District**

**Amount Requested:** £500

**Reason:** To support the costs of venue hire which have soared since charges were introduced for use of the community room at Stone Fire Station.

RESOLVED: To decline the award of a grant to U3A Stone & District.

**GP27/029     Payment of Mileage Allowances**

The Committee considered the report\* of the Town Clerk (which had been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting) with a proposal for the implementation of a Mileage Allowance Policy, following a revision to the HRMC mileage rates.

RESOLVED:

- a. All valid mileage claims will be paid in accordance with the HRMC mileage rate applicable at the time of the journey.
- b. Mileage will be calculated as the lower of the number of miles between the Council Offices and the destination or between the Councillor/Officer's home and the destination. Where the journey takes place in the working day and a Councillor/Officer is already at the Council Offices or is ending the journey at the Council Offices, the actual number of miles will be used by subtracting any miles that would have been travelled anyway between home and office.
- c. For longer journeys, where travel by public transport is both feasible and reasonable, the cost of public transport will be paid if lower than the mileage cost whether or not the Councillor/Officer actually used their private vehicle.
- d. Vehicles must only be used for Council business where the vehicle is appropriately insured for that use.

**GP27/030     Stafford Borough Council Local Plan 2025-2045**

The Chairman proposed that a workshop be arranged for Members to meet at 7.00pm on Monday 20 July to consider the Plan in greater detail in advance of the initial consultation response to Stafford Borough Council. Members who were unable to attend were invited to submit their comments and recommendations to the Town Clerk for consideration at the workshop.

In view of the timescales associated with the consultation period, the Chairman recommended that the Committee delegate authority to the Town Clerk in

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consultation with himself to prepare and submit a formal response on behalf of the Council following the workshop.

RESOLVED:

That delegated authority be granted to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Committee Chairman to prepare and submit the Council's response to the consultation.

**GP27/031     Town Council Payments**

RESOLVED:

To note the list of Town Council payments\* made during the period 1 to 31 May 2026.

**GP27/032     Update from Working Groups**

Updates were received any updates from the Councils Working Group Co-Ordinators as follows:

- a.    Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group**  
The group had not met but a meeting is planned in the near future.
- b.    Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**  
The group had not met but a meeting is planned in the near future.

**GP27/033     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 reported that the group had not met, pending the outcome of the Local Government reorganisation decision for Staffordshire.

**Stone ATC**

Town Mayor & One Councillor – Councillors: A. Best and J. Davies  
Councillor Davies advised the Committee that the Annual General Meeting had been held on 13 June 2026. He reported that the organisation continued to operate successfully and expressed his hope that it would continue to go from strength to strength in the future.

**Age Concern Stone & District**

Councillors: J. Davies and C. Thornicroft  
Councillor Thornicroft advised the Committee that no meeting had taken place.

**Stafford & Stone Access Group**

Councillor: T. Kelt  
Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that a meeting and Annual General Meeting had taken place in June, and that a further meeting was yet to be confirmed. He reported that part of the discussion had centred on whether the Group should continue to operate. The Mayor of Stafford had suggested that a further meeting be held in October, by which time the future direction of the organisation might be clearer. In the meantime, the Group would continue to operate as normal.

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**Stone Common Plot Trustees**

Councillors: A. Burgess, J. Hood, T. Kelt, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend  
Councillor Hood advised the Committee that a site walk around the Stone Common Plot had taken place and apologised for being unable to attend.

**Stone Community Hub Liaison Group**

Councillors: J. Battrick, J. Hood and R. Townsend  
Councillor Hood advised the Committee that no meeting had taken place.

**SPCA Executive Committee**

Councillor: T. Kelt  
Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that a meeting had taken place and apologised for being unable to attend.

**West Midlands Railway and other Rail Matters**

Councillor: T. Kelt  
Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that several meetings had taken place, which had been attended by both Councillor Hood and himself. He reported that pay machines on the station approach had been installed and highlighted the implications this would have for stakeholders, particularly local residents. Discussions were ongoing, and further information had been requested. Councillor Kelt also advised that the parking bays had now been marked out.

**The meeting was temporarily suspended and then reconvened after the Planning Consultative Committee meeting and the Town & Tourism Sub-Committee had taken place.**

**GP27/036     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.**

**GP27/037     Confidential Minutes**

RESOLVED: That the Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 19 May 2026, Minute Numbers GP27/001, GP27/018 and GP27/019 be approved as a correct record.

**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 July 2026

**PRESENT:** Councillor T. Kelt in the Chair, and  
Councillors: A. Best, A. Burgess, J. Hood, R. Kenney, J. Davies, K. Dawson,  
P. Leason, J. Metters and C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Trigg, R. Edward, L. Fleetwood, H. Pickford and T. Williams

**ABSENT:** Councillors: J. Battrick, L. Davies, I. Fordham, B. Kenney, A. Mottershead,  
N. Powell, J. Powell and R. Townsend

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**PC27/013      Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors: J. Battrick, L. Davies,  
I. Fordham, B. Kenney, N. Powell, J. Powell and R. Townsend

**PC27/014      Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Councillor J. Hood and Councillor R. Kenney advised the Committee that, as  
members of Stafford Borough Council's Planning Committee, they would not  
speak or vote on the planning applications listed on the agenda.

**PC27/015      Representations from Members of the Public**

None

**PC27/016      Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 2  
June 2026 (Minute Numbers PC27/007 – PC27/012), be approved as a correct  
record.

**PC27/017      Planning Applications**

**Application Number** – 26/41959/FUL

**Applicant** – Mr N. Hand (Sanctuary Dance Venue)

**Location** – 67 High Street, Stone

**Development** – Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) on 22/36184/FUL

**Observations:** The Town Council objects to this planning application for the  
reasons given (against the variation of Condition 2 (on 22/36184/FUL) by the  
Conservation Officer.

**Application Number** – 26/42086/HOU

**Applicant** – Mr B. Blakeman

**Location** – 67 St Vincent Road, Stone

**Development** – Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension

**Observations:** No comments made.

**PC27/018**

**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.**

**Application Number** – 26/41910/LBC

**Applicant** – My Dentist (GB) Limited

**Location** – 10 High Street, Stone

**Development** – Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to the existing dental practice including removal of the vestibule door, infilling of the glazed over light, floor extension in Verona wood, and installation of a new glazed door within the retained frame.

**Observations:** No objections

**Application Number** – 26/42016/HOU

**Applicant** – Mr and Mrs Thomas

**Location** – 98 Astral Way, Stone

**Development** – Conversion of garage into home office and utility area

**Observations:** No objections

**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 : 01/04/2026

Payment Date To : 30/06/2026

| <u>Payment Date</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Supplier</u>                            | <u>Description</u>                          | <u>Amount (£)</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 01/04/2026          | 142              | Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association | SPCA & NALC Annual Sub 26/27                | 1,922.70          |
| 09/04/2026          | 01812524         | VALDA ENERGY                               | SSTN Gas 01.04.26-30.04.26                  | 15.63             |
| 15/04/2026          | STO00119089      | West Midlands Employers                    | WMEmployers Advert for Assistant Town Clerk | 416.67            |
| 16/04/2026          | INV22406188      | Sage UK Ltd                                | Sage 50 Annual Licence 26/27                | 2,249.85          |
| 17/04/2026          | IN15222572       | NPower Ltd                                 | Elec Usage Christmas 2025                   | 1,997.80          |
| 17/04/2026          | 5784             | Christmas Plus                             | Anchor testing of Flag pole brackets        | 1,530.00          |
| 20/04/2026          | 01812524         | VALDA ENERGY                               | FJC Electric 01.04.26-30.04.26              | 263.11            |
| 20/04/2026          | 01812524         | VALDA ENERGY                               | SSTN Electric 01.04.26-30.04.26             | 331.45            |
| 20/04/2026          | 01812524         | VALDA ENERGY                               | SSTN Gas 01.04.26-30.04.26                  | 435.82            |
| 20/04/2026          | 01812524         | VALDA ENERGY                               | FJC Gas 01.04.26-30.04.26                   | 688.89            |
| 21/04/2026          | STO00119089      | West Midlands Employers                    | WMEmployers Advert for Assistant Town Clerk | 28.33             |
| 21/04/2026          | 11966            | CAM-TEC LTD                                | HC - CCTV maint contract to 24.04.27        | 495.00            |
| 21/04/2026          | INV-11963        | EDG Security Limited                       | SSTN Monitor & Maintain alarm to 13.04.2027 | 338.00            |
| 22/04/2026          | BXP-000002721    | Broxap                                     | Bollard for High Street                     | 393.00            |
| 23/04/2026          | 201615202699845  | Pozitive Energy                            | Gas Usage - HC 01.02 to 28.02.26            | 342.50            |
| 24/04/2026          | 17               | MJ Plant                                   | MR Allotments - Fence replacement           | 1,545.00          |
| 24/04/2026          | 7                | MJ Plant                                   | Canoe Club Hedgecutting                     | 340.00            |

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| <u>Payment Date</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Supplier</u>          | <u>Description</u>                                    | <u>Amount (£)</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 24/04/2026          | 4                | MJ Plant                 | Annual tree pruning - CM, Amp, TC, SR                 | 1,390.00          |
| 24/04/2026          | 13               | MJ Plant                 | Marquee Setup - Dec 25                                | 670.00            |
| 24/04/2026          | 12               | MJ Plant                 | Marquee cleaning                                      | 1,580.00          |
| 24/04/2026          | 14               | MJ Plant                 | Marquee Setup - Jan 2026                              | 382.50            |
| 24/04/2026          | 5                | MJ Plant                 | Annual Removal of Bull rushes and willows             | 500.00            |
| 24/04/2026          | 15               | MJ Plant                 | Marquee setup - Feb 2026                              | 845.00            |
| 24/04/2026          | 10               | MJ Plant                 | 105 Christmas trees - trim, lights, put up, take down | 2,100.00          |
| 24/04/2026          | 9                | MJ Plant                 | Bench & bin painting - Amp                            | 430.00            |
| 24/04/2026          | 16               | MJ Plant                 | Marquee Setup - March 26                              | 800.00            |
| 24/04/2026          | 1                | MJ Plant                 | Grounds Maint Mar- CM, MR, AS and bridge              | 1,784.00          |
| 27/04/2026          | 238742           | Prism Solutions          | Prism IT Managed Service - May 26                     | 1,357.61          |
| 30/04/2026          | SBC Rates        | Stafford Borough Council | SBC Rates HC - Apr 26                                 | 260.20            |
| 30/04/2026          | SBC Rates        | Stafford Borough Council | SBC Rates FJC - Apr 26                                | 262.60            |
| 07/05/2026          | INV-1291         | CE & PS Ltd              | St Georges Day Barriers and Elec Supply               | 514.60            |
| 08/05/2026          | SH060355/1/1     | Stone House Hotel        | Civic Dinner April 2026                               | 1,560.42          |
| 08/05/2026          | 5783             | Christmas Plus           | Installation and dismantling of bunting               | 1,980.00          |
| 15/05/2026          | SINV101414       | Worknest                 | Worknest -H&S Subscription to May 2027                | 2,702.00          |
| 18/05/2026          | SIA822064        | Reach Publishing         | Advert for Assistant Town Clerk                       | 619.91            |
| 18/05/2026          | SIA825160        | Reach Publishing         | Advert for Assistant Town Clerk                       | 330.09            |
| 18/05/2026          | INV-1960         | IG Stage Hire            | Stage Hire Summer Music Event 15.08.26 - 30% payment  | 420.00            |
| 18/05/2026          | 25614            | West Midlands Employers  | WMEmployers Corp Mship 26/27                          | 500.00            |
| 18/05/2026          | 22658            | Cress Security           | Annual Monitoring Chg to 31.01.27                     | 376.00            |
| 19/05/2026          | 01858938         | VALDA ENERGY             | Valda Energy 01.05.26-31.05.26                        | 653.51            |
| 19/05/2026          | 01858938         | VALDA ENERGY             | Valda Energy 01.05.26-31.05.26                        | 412.54            |
| 19/05/2026          | 01858938         | VALDA ENERGY             | Valda Energy 01.05.26-31.05.26                        | 331.95            |

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| 19/05/2026          | 01858938          | VALDA ENERGY             | Valda Energy 01.05.26-31.05.26                     | 270.23            |
| 20/05/2026          | 211308            | Black Rose Solutions Ltd | Internal Audit Fee 2025/26                         | 327.00            |
| 26/05/2026          | 240815            | Prism Solutions          | Prism IT Managed Service - June 26                 | 1,352.83          |
| 28/05/2026          | 555927024         | Zurich Municipal         | Insurance cover to 31.05.27                        | 8,362.42          |
| 28/05/2026          | 7070298802        | Stafford Borough Council | Office Annual Service Charge 2025/2026             | 4,917.70          |
| 31/05/2026          | SBC Rates May 26  | Stafford Borough Council | Rates HC - May 26                                  | 265.00            |
| 31/05/2026          | SBC Rates May 26  | Stafford Borough Council | Rates FJC - May 26                                 | 267.00            |
| 01/06/2026          | 006/2026          | Stone Retinue            | St Georges Day - Knights 25.04.26                  | 800.00            |
| 16/06/2026          | INV-12117         | EDG Security Limited     | HC Intruder Alarm Monitoring and Maint to 03.06.27 | 354.00            |
| 19/06/2026          | 5857              | BEA Fire Safety Ltd      | Fire Risk Assessment - Council offices             | 735.00            |
| 22/06/2026          | 01913535          | VALDA ENERGY             | Elec Usage SSTN 01.06.26-30.6.26                   | 325.07            |
| 22/06/2026          | 01913536          | VALDA ENERGY             | Elec Usage FJC- 01.06.26-23.06.26                  | 278.83            |
| 24/06/2026          | 5813476/CE/58276  | The Arch Rent Collectors | SSTN rent 24.06 to 28.09.26                        | 1,550.00          |
| 25/06/2026          | 243264            | Prism Solutions          | Prism IT Managed Service - July 26                 | 1,783.77          |
| 30/06/2026          | SBC Rates June 26 | Stafford Borough Council | SBC Rates FJC - June 26                            | 267.00            |
| 30/06/2026          | SBC Rates June 26 | Stafford Borough Council | SBC Rates HC - June 2026                           | 265.00            |
|                     |                   |                          |                                                    | 63,341.86         |

**STONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**1 September 2026**

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Town Mayor**

|                                   |                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 11 September               | 2352 (Stone) Squadron's Annual Dining & Awards Evening – Boat House, Aston Marina                    |
| Wednesday 16 September            | Scouts AGM                                                                                           |
| Saturday 19 September             | Afternoon Tea & a Personalised Tour of Biddulph Grange – Mayor of Biddulph, Councillor Charlie Smith |
| Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September | Uttoxeter Civic Sunday – St. Mary's Parish Church, Church Street                                     |

**Deputy Mayor**

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| Saturday 3 October | HMS St. Vincent Annual Dinner - Portsmouth |
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**TOWN MAYOR**

# TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

## 30 June – 1 September 2026

### 30 June 2026 – Stone Air Cadets - Squadron AGM

I attended the AGM for the Air Cadets. The Chairman was re-elected back into her post as was the Treasurer. They do such a valuable job for the cadets of Stone, and everyone would like to thank them for their work this last year. It was very nice to be invited to the meeting, and I was made to feel very welcome. Thank you.

### Sunday 5 July 2026 – Church at the Crossing Summerfest

Church on the crossing was a lovely day. My family and I really enjoyed the afternoon in the hot weather. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying all that was on offer on the field.

### Wednesday 8 July 2026 – Christ Church Academy Prize Giving

Christchurch Academy celebrated this evening all their top performing and hardworking students. It was a joy to be part of the evening, and I loved seeing how excited and pleased all the students were. I gave a speech about how everyone there should be proud of their achievements, and I look forward to attending in the next few years with my youngest daughter Olivia. Thank you for inviting me CCA.

### Saturday 11 July 2026 – Commanding Officer of HMS Collingwood Visit to Stone

Councillor Robert Kenney and I had the pleasure of spending the morning with Captain John Cromie and his wife Nicky. We looked around the Heritage Centre and the Crown Wharf Theatre. We then attended the Stone Town Council Classic Car event on the High Street. It was wonderful to see all the cars and chat to the owners. Captain Cromie and his wife loved to see the high street so busy and popular.

### Saturday 11 July 2026 – Classic Car Event in Stone

The day was lovely. The town looked wonderful, busy and popular. The Captain and his wife were very impressed. Here's a photo of me with the captain in a car he really liked.

(See attached photograph)

### Sunday 12 July 2026 – Civic Sunday & Mayor Making in Stone

I would like to thank each and everyone who attended the Civic Sunday and Mayor Making Celebrations. It was a day that I shall never forget. The weather was perfect and everyone had a very enjoyable time. I would like to thank everyone who helped organise and put it together. I would like to thank Captain John Cromie and Nicky for coming so far from Fareham to take part in the day as well as my friends who travelled from as far as Frome and Liverpool.

(See attached photograph)

## Sketch Painting with Craig Sumner – 18 July

Craig Sumner kindly invited me to sit for a portrait at a free ticketed event held at the Heritage Centre. The event was well attended and proved to be a memorable experience.

It was particularly enjoyable to watch the audience respond as Craig painted in oils. Those attending asked questions throughout the session, and there was a clear sense that everyone found the process interesting and engaging.

I extend my gratitude to Craig for inviting me to pose and to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success.

I would be very happy to take part again if the opportunity arose.

## Friday 24 July - Stone Spud

It was a pleasure to help Sir Gavin Williamson open the new jacket potato takeaway. It was great to see Ryan the owner in full flight getting the opening sorted. Thank you for the invite. The jacket was tasty.

## Saturday 25 July - Viking Reenactment

I attended the Stone town council event and joined the Vikings as they marched through town to Westbridge park. My daughter Olivia joined me, and we both really enjoyed being with the group and laughing at their funny chanting. The day was well attended by the residents of Stone and all thoroughly enjoyed it.

## Monday 27 July - Allotment Judging

I attended the yearly judging of the stone town council owned allotments. Myself and my dad who is a keen allotment owner for the last 43 years joined Cllr Townsend and the judges as they viewed the mount road allotments. My dad was in his element and loved seeing everyone's hard work even in these dry conditions. We both enjoyed the afternoon.

(See attached photograph)

## Tuesday 28 July – A Festival of Friendship at Unity 2026 International Camp

I was invited with my family to the Girl Guides Unity event for 2026. This year was particularly special as my eldest daughter Matilda is a young leader at the camp; the camp runs all week. The mayoral party were shown around the large site and then treated to a lovely afternoon tea. Matilda was able to come and see us which was lovely. Later they put on a show with all the International Guides who were there sharing in the week, and awards were given out to some very hardworking Guides, Rangers and Leaders. One lady got an award because she had been with Girlguiding for forty years! We all had a great time but came home very tired from all the dancing. Thank you, Unity. The photo below was taken during our afternoon tea.





## DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

### 30 June – 1 September 2026

#### 4 July 2026 – Stone Choral Society's Summer Concert

Helen and I were fortunate to be invited to attend this event, held in the Priory Hall at St Dominics. The Choral Society chose to use their summer concert to collaborate for the first time with the Daleian Singers, a male voice choir from Stoke on Trent. The concert was an uplifting mix of musical theatre, popular music and choral classics. We were astonished at the large number of people in each choir, and it was plain to see how much the singers were enjoying themselves. The event was sold out to an appreciative audience who also enjoyed complimentary strawberries, cream and wine.

#### Monday 27 July - Allotment Judging

Please refer to The Town Mayor, Councillor Andrew Best's Report.

#### Stone Town Council Summer Street Party, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August

I was delighted to be asked to open the music festival this year, which gave me the perfect reason to spend the afternoon in town and at the concert. The weather was perfect, in that it had cooled down and a few clouds in the sky. Attendance seemed good with many people settling in for the afternoon. It was great to see the High Street so full of people, especially with so many families, and I'm sure a lot of our town businesses will have enjoyed a brisk trade. The musical acts were very good and provided a good mix of entertainment for all ages. All in all, a very entertaining afternoon.

#### Sunday 16 August - Florence Brass Band Concert & Burma Star / VJ Day Commemoration

Another day of near perfect weather brought a large audience for this lovely event at Stonefield Park, organised by Stone Town Council in collaboration with the Royal British Legion. Hundreds of attendees were treated to a high-quality performance by Florence Colliery Brass Band as well as delicious cream tea. The scene was set for the veterans of the Far East campaign to be honoured and remembered with wreath laying, the Last Post and 2 minutes silence. It was noted that this unique event is a wonderful way to bring people together for community event that also serves to remind us of VJ Day and the Burma Star Veterans.