



Town Clerk

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27 October 2026

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** will be held in the **Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2026 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 6 October 2026, Minute Numbers C27/034 – C27/043 (attached).**
6. **To receive the draft minutes and decisions of the under mentioned Committees:**
 - a) General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6 October 2026, Minute Numbers GP27/054 – GP27/066 (attached).
 - b) Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 6 October 2026, Minute Numbers PC27/025 – PC27/031 (attached).
7. **Local Government Transparency Code 2015
Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

Information for Quarter ending 30 September 2026 (attached).
8. **To receive the forthcoming Civic Announcements (attached).**
9. **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 6 October 2026

PRESENT: Councillor A. Best in the Chair, and
Councillors: A. Burgess, I. Fordham, J. Hood, T. Kelt, B. Kenney, P. Leason,
J. Metters, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

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

ABSENT: Councillors: J. Battrick, J. Davies, L. Davies, R. Kenney, A. Mottershead,
J. Powell and N. Powell

Prayers

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

C27/034 Apologies

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

C27/035 Declarations of Interest

None made.

C27/036 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

C27/037 Representations from Members of the Public

None

C27/038 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 1
September 2026 (Minute Numbers C27/024 – C27/033), be approved as
a correct record.

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They are attached as an appendix to the signed copy of the Council minutes.

C27/039 Committee Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) The draft minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 1 September 2026 (Minute Numbers GP27/038 – GP27/053), were noted.
- b) The draft minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 1 September 2026 (Minute Numbers PC27/018 – PC27/024), were noted.

C27/040 Allotment Awards

The Town Mayor invited the allotment competition judges, Mr David Moreton and Miss Hannah Rigden, to present their observations following their visits to the Town Council's allotment sites on Monday 27 July 2026 to judge the competition.

The Town Mayor, accompanied by Mr Moreton, presented prizes to the competition winners and congratulated each on their achievements.

Mr Moreton reported that the year had been characterised by extreme weather, with prolonged high temperatures and drought. These conditions had made it challenging to keep vegetables alive, let alone to produce crops of a high standard and in quantity.

Mr Moreton advised that the judges had found well-kept, tidy and productive allotments. He acknowledged that gardening reflected individual skills, abilities, personalities and the time available. The winning plots had demonstrated differing priorities, including vegetables, fruit, herbs and cut flowers, together with traditional and novel varieties and a range of growing methods. This diversity had made selecting the winners challenging. The results reflected the judges' opinions on the day, recognising the plots that best combined quality, diversity and consideration for nature and the environment.

Mr Moreton added that Stone's allotments demonstrated what could be achieved through hard work and dedication. Their contribution to feeding families, fostering social and community connections and supporting personal wellbeing was a source of pride for the Town.

The Town Mayor conveyed the Town Council's thanks to Mr Moreton and Miss Rigden and congratulated the competition winners on their achievements.

C27/041 Conclusion of Audit 2025-26

The Town Clerk advised the Council that a clean and positive audit had been received except in one minor respect related to a small typing error on submission, but was not material.

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RESOLVED: The Town Council noted the External Auditor's Report* and Certificate for the year ending 31 March 2026.

C27/042 Civic Announcements

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

C27/043 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 6 October 2026

PRESENT: Councillor I. Fordham in the Chair, and
Councillors: A. Burgess, J. Hood, T. Kelt, B. Kenney, P. Leason,
J. Metters, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

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

ABSENT: Councillors: J. Battrick, J. Davies, L. Davies, R. Kenney, A. Mottershead,
J. Powell and N. Powell

GP27/054 Apologies

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

GP27/055 Declarations of Interest

None.

GP27/056 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

GP27/057 To receive the report of the County Councillors

The Chairman invited County Councillors to address the Committee:

County Councillor Jill Hood

Councillor Hood reported that she had received confirmation that the roadworks
in Station Road would be completed by Friday 9 October 2026.

Councillor Hood reported that she and the Town Clerk had met with two County
Council Officers and that it had been agreed to install totem advertising screens at
Crown Street and on Christchurch Way. She advised that the matter would be
brought back to the Committee.

County Councillor Andrew Mynors

Councillor Mynors was not in attendance at the meeting.

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GP27/058 To receive the report of Borough Councillors

The Chairman invited Borough Councillors to address the Committee.

There was no report on this occasion.

GP27/059 Representations from Members of the Public

None.

GP27/060 Minutes

RESOLVED:

- a) That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 1 September 2026 (Minute Numbers GP27/038 – GP27/053), be approved as a correct record.

GP27/061 Minutes of Sub-Committees

RESOLVED:

- a) To note the minutes of the Environment Sub-Committee on 1 September 2026 (Minute Numbers ENV27/010 – ENV27/017).
- b) To note the minutes of the Town Mayor's Sub-Committee held on 2 June 2026 (Minute Numbers MC27/001 – MC27/006).

GP27/062 Budget Monitoring – August 2025

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

RESOLVED:

- a) To note the approved adjustments to the Council's budget set out at Appendix A.
- b) To note the Council's performance against budget at the end of August 2026.
- c) That the Committee does not wish to take any further action in the light of the information within the report.

GP27/063 National Pay Award

The Committee considered the report* of the Town Clerk, which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting on the outcome of the 2025-26 National Pay Award negotiations for local government staff and its impact on the Council.

RESOLVED: That the Committee accepts the recommendations of the Town Clerk and adopts the new salary levels for staff for 2025-26, as set out in the report.

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GP27/064 Town Council Payments

RESOLVED: To note the list* of Town Council payments made during the period 1 June to 31 August 2026.

GP27/065 Update from Working Groups:

Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group

The Town Clerk provided an overview on behalf of the Chairman, Councillor R. Kenney who was absent from the meeting. It was confirmed that the Sub-Committee Steering Group were due to meet on 8 October 2026 and that the following aspects were noted between 1 May to 2 October 2026:

- Visitor numbers were ahead of target, standing at 3,361.
- The Centre has offered a varied range of exhibitions and events, one of which had generated commission income for the Town Council
- Community and educational engagement has continued through school and Scout visits, children's Story Time sessions and practical activities exploring Stone.
- Work is progressing on the permanent Story of Stone exhibition. This includes developing display cabinet designs, preparing interpretation and selecting objects, supported by artefact loans and contributions from local organisations.
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- Looking ahead, further talks are planned, alongside a photographic exhibition being developed with Christ Church First School. The Centre continues to promote its activities through social media, local press and community networks.
- Overall, the report demonstrates the Centre's growing contribution to Stone's cultural life, through its visitor numbers, educational activities and partnerships.

GP27/066 To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings as a representative of the Town Council

Stone Area Parish Liaison Group

Councillor J. Davies was not in attendance at the meeting.

Stone ATC

Councillor Best advised the Committee that a meeting had not taken place.

Age Concern Stone & District

Councillor Thornicroft advised the Committee that a meeting had not taken place.

Stafford District Access Group

Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that a meeting had not taken place.

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Stone Common Plot Trustees

Councillor Hood advised the Committee that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on 8 October 2026.

Councillor Townsend advised the Committee that the Fundraising Sub Committee has met and forthcoming proposals are to follow.

Stone Community Hub Liaison Group

Councillor Townsend advised the Committee that the Community Hub Liaison Group had met and further information on the meeting will be circulated to the Councillors in due course.

SPCA Executive Committee

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

West Midlands Railway and other Rail Matters

Councillor Kelt advised the Committee that a meeting had taken place but was not able to attend.

Councillor Kelt said that information had been received from North West Trains on the extension of the network to the North and South and that he was aware that the Birmingham extension was due to take place in December 2026 and the extension to Manchester Airport is due in May 2027.

Councillor Kelt reported to the Committee that the Parking in the Stations approach had been confirmed and that parking charges will commence in November 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 6 October 2026

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

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

ABSENT: Councillors: J. Battrick, J. Davies, L. Davies, R. Kenney, A. Mottershead,
J. Powell and N. Powell

PC27/025 Apologies

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

PC27/026 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None received.

PC27/027 Representations from Members of the Public

None received.

PC27/028 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on 7 July
2026 (Minute Numbers PC27/018 – PC27/024), be approved as a correct record.

PC27/029 Planning Applications

Application Number – 26/42294/LBC

Applicant – Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

Location – Stone Railway Station, Station Road, ST15 8ER

Development – Listed building consent for repairs to platform canopy, steelwork
and drainage.

Observations: No objections.

Application Number – 26/42441/HOU

Applicant – Mr A. Phillips

Location – 12 Northesk Street, ST15 8EP

Development – Part demolition and rebuilding boundary wall to rear to facilitate
proposed new vehicular access and hardstanding.

Observations: No objections.

Application Number – 25/41559/FUL & 26/41968/LBC

Applicant – Name not available

Location – 48-60 High Street, ST15 8AU

Development – Change of use of first and second floors at nos. 48-60 High Street to residential use (Class C3) comprising 18no. apartments (First And Second Floors).

Observations: The Council considered the plans in May and notes that the revised application reduces the number of flats from 21 to 18. While three flats have been removed, the dimensions of the remaining flats are unchanged and no other amendments appear to have been made. The Council welcomes the proposed use of the upper storeys of the High Street premises and acknowledges the reduction in the number of flats; however, it reiterates the observations made in May.

The Council has concerns over this application in the following areas:

1. Density of occupancy – 18 (was 21) residences seems high, although the application states that each apartment satisfies minimum building regulation requirements
2. Health and safety, in the event of evacuation
3. Access during building works
4. The relocation of some businesses
5. Who are the target audience – if it is low income individuals there appear to be insufficient affordable homes, but if it is young professionals, there appears to be no provision for parking.
6. The provision for waste removal is only clear for 6 of the apartments
7. There is no provision for active transport considering there are no parking facilities.

Application Number – 26/42414/HOU

Applicant – Mrs Denise Cocksedge

Location – 84 Meadow Way, Stone, ST15 0JT

Development – Proposed summer room to rear of dwelling.

Observations: No objections.

Application Number – 26/42330/HOU

Applicant – Mr Mark Thomason

Location – 23 Morland Close, Stone, ST15 0DA

Development – Rear single storey Kitchen extension. Remodeling of rear section of garage to utility room and shower room, relocation of garage door, new flat roof to entrance porch, and garage and utility space.

Observations: No objections.

Application Number – 26/42533/HOU

Applicant – Mr and Mrs J. Senior

Location – 21 Springwood Drive Stone Staffordshire, ST15 8TU

Development – Rear single storey extension.

Observations: No objections.

PC27/030 **Applications included within the Borough Council's weekly list that have not yet been received by the Town Council (NOTE: these items will be withdrawn if the application has not been received by the day of the meeting)**

None received.

PC27/031 **To note the following items considered under Delegated Powers:**

Application Number – 26/42149/FUL

Applicant – Coulson

Location – Room 1, Sherwood House, 60 Church Street, ST15 8BD

Development – Erection of Smoking Shelter to Site.

Observations: No Objections

Application Number – 26/42182/HOU

Applicant – Tom Williams

Location – 2 Orchard Close, ST15 0UJ

Development - Erection of a Single Storey Extension

Observations: This application is in diagram form only and requires the removal of a mature tree. The Council therefore objects pending any mitigation description.

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 : 01/10/2025

Payment Date To : 31/12/2025

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>
08/10/2025	82	MJ Plant	Grounds Maint - Aug of Amp, Cm, MR, Abbey St and	1,784.00
08/10/2025	81	MJ Plant	Grounds Maint - July 25	1,784.00
08/10/2025	83	MJ Plant	Grounds Maint - Sept - Amp,CM, MR, Allotments, Abbey	1,784.00
08/10/2025	85	MJ Plant	Marquee Set Up July	835.00
08/10/2025	86	MJ Plant	Marquee setup - Aug 25	895.00
08/10/2025	87	MJ Plant	Marquee Set Up - Sept 25	735.00
08/10/2025	41UG031-0009	Geosphere TA Parish Online	Parish Online Digital Mapping Subscription 25/26	600.00
14/10/2025	5616	Christmas Plus	Clusterline extension, Spheres, tree brackets	190.00
15/10/2025	5616	Christmas Plus	Clusterline extension, Spheres, tree brackets	1,400.00
18/10/2025	33624	Joules Brewery	Trafalgar dinner x 78 persons	1,950.00
20/10/2025	01529072	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec 1.10-31.10.2025	323.59
20/10/2025	01529072	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Elec Usage 1.10-31.10.2025	327.68
20/10/2025	01529072	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Gas Usage 1.10-31.10.2025	436.89
20/10/2025	01529072	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Gas 1.10-31.10.2025	354.67
27/10/2025	227955	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - Nov 25	1,405.20
29/10/2025	2510039	Crown Highways	Installation of poles at Walton for Christmas lights	749.75
03/11/2025	SBC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates HC - Nov 25	379.00

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03/11/2025	SBC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC - Nov 25	279.00
06/11/2025	Inv2110	The Secret Kitchen	Buffet for 110 - Remembrance Sunday	1,080.00
06/11/2025	26302	Stone Gazette Ltd	Half page advert Nov/Dec	320.00
06/11/2025	53824	Panda Press (Stone) Ltd	Remembrance Day order of service sheets	259.00
07/11/2025	INV-1880	IG Stage Hire	Stage Hire Christmas Lights - 50%	425.00
13/11/2025	INV-1218	CE & PS Ltd	Barrier hire for Remembrance 2025	483.91
13/11/2025	210267703	Steve's Sound Systems	PA System for Remembrance 2025	280.00
19/11/2025	03547	Griffin Environmental Asbestos	SSTN - Asbestos Survey	680.00
20/11/2025	01575247	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Gas Usage 01.11 - 30.11.2025	599.97
20/11/2025	01575247	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Gas Usage-01.11 - 30.11.2025	555.54
20/11/2025	01575247	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec Usage - 01.11 - 30.11.2025	316.87
20/11/2025	01575247	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Elec Usage-01.11 - 30.11.2025	309.01
21/11/2025	210083472	Kath Stanway	Compere for Christmas switch on 2025	450.00
25/11/2025	230622	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - Dec 25	1,338.22
26/11/2025	597	Hazzard Promotions	Sound system hire for Switch on 2025	400.00
26/11/2025	INV000276	Hearts Cross Medical	Medical support at Christmas switch on 2025	350.00
28/11/2025	13136623	British Gas	Elec Usage - 61 High St -28.10.19 to 25.11.2025	1,300.40
01/12/2025	wp-INV10844015	Water Plus	Water Usage - Mount Road - 09.10 to 09.11	368.54
02/12/2025	INV-1256	CE & PS Ltd	Christmas Switch on 2025 - barrier hire and electrics	1,140.24
04/12/2025	5646	Christmas Plus	Plane Tree additional spheres and snowfall tubes	991.00
04/12/2025	5681	Christmas Plus	Installation of Festive display 2025 -70%	5,347.20
09/12/2025	MEM256385-1	Society of Local Council Clerks	SLCC Membership 2026	316.00
11/12/2025	94	MJ Plant	Annual maint of Town borders and Walton Roundabout	4,642.00
11/12/2025	92	MJ Plant	Grounds maint - Oct- Amp, CM, MR, Abbey St	1,784.00
11/12/2025	96	MJ Plant	FJC Weed Control x 8 visits	338.00

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11/12/2025	95	MJ Plant	Weed Control CM, Amp and surrounding area	338.00
11/12/2025	97	MJ Plant	Maint of war memorial, maint of stand and removal of	548.00
11/12/2025	93	MJ Plant	Annual grass cutting and removal Crown Meadow	568.00
11/12/2025	99	MJ Plant	Marquee set up - Oct 25	307.50
11/12/2025	100	MJ Plant	Marquee Setup - Nov 25	905.00
11/12/2025	98	MJ Plant	Cenotaph stand	1,000.00
12/12/2025	13136623	British Gas	Elec Usage - 61 High St -28.10.19 to 25.11.2025	36.77
19/12/2025	01620730	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Elec Usage 1.12-30.12.2025	343.33
19/12/2025	01620730	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Elec Usage 1.12-30.12.2025	322.63
19/12/2025	01620730	VALDA ENERGY	SSTN Gas Usage 1.12-30.12.2025	789.59
19/12/2025	01620730	VALDA ENERGY	FJC Gas Usage 1.12-30.12.2025	683.08
23/12/2025	6018813501	E On	Highways Lighting Maint and Energy 2025/26	843.88
23/12/2025	5813476/CE/56059	The Arch Rent Collectors	SSTN Rent 25.12 to 24.03.26	1,550.00
23/12/2025	7070297920	Stafford Borough Council	Install/remove bollards Oct-Dec25	485.96
29/12/2025	231884	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - Jan 26	1,336.07
31/12/2025	Stafford BC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates HC - Dec 2025	379.00
31/12/2025	Stafford BC Rates	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC - Dec 2025	279.00
31/12/2025	wp-INV11093835	Water Plus	Water usage - FJC to 19.11 to 06.12.25	3,934.53
				60,054.02

STONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 2026

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Mayor

8 November Remembrance Sunday

11 November Armistice Day

14 November Birmingham Citadel Band – Rising Brook Community Church, Stafford

26 November Christmas Lights and Delights – Uttoxeter Town Council

Deputy Town Mayor

There are currently no civic announcements to report.

TOWN MAYOR

STONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

1 - 31 October 2026

REPORTS OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS

Town Mayor

Saturday 3 October

Harvest Hoedown – The Hollies Farm

Mark and Rosie hosted an enjoyable evening of line dancing at The Hollies Farm. The event was well attended, with guests enthusiastically taking part and learning the various dance routines.

Sunday 4 October

Civic Service of Thanksgiving – Ashbourne Town Council

It was a pleasure to join the people of Ashbourne for their Civic Service of Thanksgiving and to welcome the new Mayor.

Phil and Sue extended a warm welcome to those attending, and the brass band was a particular highlight of the occasion.

I also had the opportunity to meet former Mayors of Ashbourne and several newly elected Councillors.

It was valuable to discuss the role of the Town Council and its contribution to the Ashbourne community.

Sunday 11 October (am)

Civic Service – Eccleshall Parish Council

My daughter, Olivia, and I joined the residents of Eccleshall for the Civic Service marking the beginning of another year in office for Ros Taylor. The service was very well attended and provided a fitting civic occasion. Olivia particularly enjoyed the chocolate brownies served afterwards, much to Ros's amusement.

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Sunday 11 October (pm)

Civic Service – Cheadle Town Council

My thanks to Phil and his consort for their hospitality at Cheadle's Civic Service. Following the service, Phil led a tour of the town-centre shopfronts, where local artists' work was displayed in the windows along the High Street.

Saturday 17 October

Trafalgar Dinner - Crown Wharf, Stone

The Trafalgar Dinner was both informative and entertaining, and proved to be a memorable Civic occasion.

I would like to thank Councillor Kerry Dawson for serving as an excellent Master of Ceremonies, and Councillor Rob Townsend and his wife, Helen, for attending.

My thanks also extend to Councillor Philip Leason for his engaging presentation on Stone and its historic links with the sea.

I am grateful to my sister, Kathryn, and the Tooty Flooty Band for providing music that was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Special thanks are due to Helen Pickford for her considerable hard work and the many hours devoted to organising the event.

These efforts were reflected in the success of the evening, including £385 raised through the raffle. It was an occasion that I will remember for many years to come.

Monday 19 October

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – Gatehouse Theatre

Paul Milgate-Scarrott organised an excellent afternoon of music in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The event provided an opportunity to meet attendees from across the county, and the programme was warmly received by all present.

It was a fitting and enjoyable occasion in aid of an important cause.

TOWN MAYOR

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Thursday 22 October

Stone Prostrate Cancer Awareness Evening – St Dominic's

Date TBC

Oulton Village Hall Presentation – Best Community Venue

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Deputy Town Mayor

Saturday 3 October

HMS St Vincent Association Reunion Annual Dinner – Portsmouth

I was delighted to attend the Annual Reunion Dinner of the HMS St. Vincent Association held on October 3rd at the Royal Maritime Hotel in Portsmouth. The event was very well attended by over 100 ex-Navy personnel and guests. The high attendance was partly because the Association has sadly decided that this was its last ever reunion dinner. The HMS St. Vincent training establishment closed in 1969 and so, inevitably, the membership is aging and less able to travel. It was therefore important for Stone to be represented at this final dinner and I was pleased to be able to play my part in the decades long association between HMS St Vincent and Stone.

Attending the event has given me a better understanding of the value of the relationship between HMS Collingwood and Stone. Collingwood is the Navy's largest training school and the successor to HMS St. Vincent. Its Commander, Captain Cromie, is a strong supporter of the link with Stone. I met him on Civic Sunday in Stone and so it was good to meet again in Portsmouth. He referenced Stone in his impactful speech at the dinner and he spoke about HMS Collingwood having a permanent presence in Staffordshire.

Despite this being the last reunion dinner, the HMS St Vincent Association will continue with its membership and community. Indeed, we were pleased to welcome the Chairman of the Association, Jonathan Gibson to the Trafalgar Dinner in Stone. He expressed a desire to retain the link with Stone in honour of Admiral John Jervis, 1st Earl of St. Vincent.

Saturday 17 October

Trafalgar Dinner - Crown Wharf, Stone

My wife and I were delighted to attend the Trafalgar Dinner this year, held in the wonderful boardroom upstairs at the Crown Wharf. This important event serves as a further reminder and commemoration of Stone's links to the Royal Navy through the celebrated Naval officer, Admiral John Jervis, 1st Earl of St. Vincent. His achievements and the part he played at Trafalgar were expertly presented to us by Cllr Philip Leason. My wife and I enjoyed making a connection with people from various organisations in Stone and Staffordshire as well as reconnection with the Jonathan Gibson, Chairman of the HMS St. Vincent Association.

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STONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

1 - 31 October 2026

Thursday 22 October

**St. Mary's Nursing Home, Stone 50 Years Anniversary
Groundbreaking Ceremony**

I was delighted to attend an event at St Mary's Care Home on Margaret Street recently. The event was dual purpose. It was to commemorate the care home's 50 year history and to carry out a ground-breaking ceremony for the new care home that is to be built on the site.

There was a significant turnout of guests, including care home residents, nuns from the convent, the new owner of the site and representatives from the companies that are developing the site.

We were informed that St. Dominic's Trust has sold the site because the convent is used very little now whilst being very expensive to run. The existing care home, opened in the 1970s, has served the community very well but is in need of modernisation. In 2027 a new care home will be completed in the grounds of the convent. It will increase the capacity to 105 and will offer a range of care including; residential, dementia facilities and palliative care. The existing care home building will be demolished and replaced with sheltered housing apartments. There will also be a complete renovation of the convent building to make 21 apartments.

The event was very interesting. It was encouraging to see that this important and historic enclave of Stone is set to be modernised and developed specifically for our elderly population.

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