Stone
Town Council

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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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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.

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

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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.

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.

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

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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

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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 ad 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

Meeting: **Council**

Date: **3 November 2026**

Report of: **Town Clerk**

Transparency Code and Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations - Information for Quarter Ended 30 September 2026

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

Stone Town Council - Payments over £250

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 : 01/07/2026
Payment Date To : 30/09/2026

Payment Date	Reference	Supplier	Description	Amount (£)
03/07/2026	7070298932	Stafford Borough Council	Install/remove bollards Apr-Jun 26	499.85
03/07/2026	55721	Panda Press (Stone) Ltd	Civic Order of Service	308.00
07/07/2026	wp-INV12921403	Water Plus	Water usage - FJC to 06.07.26	224.03
07/07/2026	wp-INV12921403	Water Plus	Water usage - FJC to 06.07.26	39.07
10/07/2026	Inv2246	The Secret Kitchen	Catering for Civic Sunday	1,318.75
16/07/2026	7070299027	Stafford Borough Council	Temp Road Closure - Alt Car and Motorcycle event	289.20
16/07/2026	INV-1336	CE & PS Ltd	Barriers for Civic Sunday	263.95
20/07/2026	INV-1986	IG Stage Hire	Stage Hire Christmas Lights 26 - 30%	300.00
20/07/2026	INV-1985	IG Stage Hire	Stage hire Summer Music Event 26 - 50%	700.00
22/07/2026	26	MJ Plant	Marqee Set up - June 26	590.00
22/07/2026	24	MJ Plant	Marquee setup - Apr 26	850.00
22/07/2026	25	MJ Plant	Marqee Set up - May 26	780.00
22/07/2026	20	MJ Plant	Grounds maint - Apr- Amp, CM, MR, Abbey St	1,840.00
22/07/2026	23	MJ Plant	CM Annual grass cut and removal of grass	586.00
22/07/2026	22	MJ Plant	Grounds Maint June -Amp, Cm, MR, Abbey St and bridge	1,840.00
22/07/2026	21	MJ Plant	Grounds Maint May of Amp, Cm, MR, Abbey St and	1,840.00
23/07/2026	5097	Arden Windows	HC - Fit UV protection film to windows	1,690.00

Stone Town Council - Payments over £250

Payment Date	Reference	Supplier	Description	Amount (£)
23/07/2026	SIN3397829	PPL PRS Music Rights	PPL PRS Music Licence 26/27	1,887.92
23/07/2026	5820	Christmas Plus	Hire of Festive Display 2026-27	7,650.00
27/07/2026	245134	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - Aug 26	1,360.74
27/07/2026	wp-INV12921403	Water Plus	Water usage - FJC to 06.07.26	66.77
30/07/2026	0001395	Art By Rose	Special FX makeup at Viking Event	300.00
30/07/2026	231602023	Y DDRAIG	Vikings at Westbridge Event	400.00
30/07/2026	231016129	Home & Colour	HC - Fit window blinds x 5	800.00
31/07/2026		Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC - July 26	267.00
31/07/2026		Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates HC - July 26	265.00
03/08/2026	SBC	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC - Aug 26	267.00
03/08/2026	SBC	Stafford Borough Council	FBC Rates HC - Aug 2026	265.00
10/08/2026	784263202610942	Pozitive Energy	Elec Usage - SSTN to 31.07.26	344.10
14/08/2026	StoneTownCouncil	Kath Stanway	Compere Fee - Summer Street Party	500.00
14/08/2026	2564	Cartoon Kings Mat Dale M S Ltd	Cartoon Kings - Summer Music Event	1,000.00
14/08/2026	11562646	Chubb Fire	FJC - Fire extinguisher service 05.08.26	362.03
15/08/2026	232498046	Robert Simpson	Imagine the Beatles - Summer Event 2026	1,300.00
17/08/2026	Morrisons	WM Morrisons Supermarket Ltd	Catering for Stonefield Park Brass Band Event	611.50
17/08/2026	INV22983067	Sage UK Ltd	Sage payroll Subscription 2026/27	492.00
17/08/2026	HS5AJCAND/001	Smartest Energy	Elec Usage - FJC - 01.07 to 31.07.26	297.69
22/08/2026	INV000322	Hearts Cross Medical	Medical Support at Summer music event	600.00
25/08/2026	247006	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - Sept 26	1,356.85
27/08/2026	0000243093	Canal & River Trust	Annual Rental- Waterpipe on towpath Newcastle Road	250.00
27/08/2026	12052	CAM-TEC LTD	FJC-CCTV maint contract to 19.09.27	385.00
27/08/2026	INV-34	KTC Security Services Ltd	Security at Summer Music event	648.00
04/09/2026	INV-1366	CE & PS Ltd	Summer Music Event - electric supply and barriers	843.24

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Payment Date	Reference	Supplier	Description	Amount (£)
08/09/2026	wp-INV13420552	Water Plus	Water usage - FJC to 06.09.26	13.36
09/09/2026	784263202611068	Pozitive Energy	SSTN Elec Usage 01.08 to 31.08.26	340.14
10/09/2026	630	Hazzard Promotions	Sound & Lighting for Summer Music Event	900.00
10/09/2026	142555	B Hygienic Ltd	FJC - Hygiene Contract to 31.08.27	733.00
10/09/2026	INV-42510	FRANKS PORTLOCK	HC - Legionella risk assessment	250.00
10/09/2026	INV-42510	FRANKS PORTLOCK	FJC - Legionella risk assessment	450.00
10/09/2026	INV-2007	IG Stage Hire	Stage Hire Summer 27 Music Event 14.08.27 - 20%	280.00
10/09/2026	INV6004991	MEB Total Ltd	FJC - replace Emergency exit light in Walton Suite	286.86
10/09/2026	INV-42510	FRANKS PORTLOCK	SSTN - Legionella risk assessment	450.00
14/09/2026	500806878	Alfafado Ltd TA batterystation.co.uk	300 Batteries for Christmas tree lights	263.24
14/09/2026	236293637	Millie Lowndes	Catering for Remembrance - deposit	510.00
15/09/2026	HS5AJCAND/002	Smartest Energy	FJC Elec usage to 31.08.2026	290.90
18/09/2026	INV-0088	Keele Christmas Tree Farm	105 Christmas Trees	1,785.00
25/09/2026	248732	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - Oct 26	1,354.71
28/09/2026	wp-INV13420552	Water Plus	Water usage - FJC to 06.09.26	307.53
29/09/2026	7070299409	Stafford Borough Council	Install/remove bollards Jul-Sept 26	500.96
29/09/2026	5813476/CE/59537	The Arch Rent Collectors	SSTN Rent 29.09 to 24.12.26	1,550.00
29/09/2026	142811	B Hygienic Ltd	FJC - Nappy bin rental	280.00
30/09/2026	SBC	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC - Sept 26	267.00
30/09/2026	SBC	Stafford Borough Council	SBC Rates FJC - Sept 26	265.00
				53,020.14

STONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
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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.

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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.

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Thursday 22 October	Stone Prostrate Cancer Awareness Evening – St Dominic's
Date TBC	Oulton Village Hall Presentation – Best Community Venue
	Staffordshire 2026

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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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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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