



Stoke Climsland Parish Council

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Minutes – Extra ordinary meeting Monday, September 14, 2026

1.a To note councillors present

Cllrs S Ross (chair); R Davies (vice chair); B Lightfoot; M Howlett; C Smith; S Cazaly and D Crawley. Also in attendance: S Cleave, clerk and 15 members of public.

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b. Apologies - to accept apologies previously notified to the clerk

Cllr Selwood – holiday; Cllr Langsford – holiday.

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c. To note other absence

Cllr M Williams.

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2. Declarations and Dispensations

a. To receive declarations of pecuniary interests – none.

b. To receive declarations of non-registrable interests – none.

c. To approve written requests for dispensations – none.

d. Declarations of gifts / hospitality to the value of £50 or more – none.

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3. Public session

One member of the public said this was an important meeting and most people do not look on the noticeboard or council website. He felt the council should use modern methods.

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4. Report from Community Village Shop Working Group

Councillors were sent a report prior to the meeting and the working group presented a Powerpoint during the meeting. This focussed on a number of areas – consultation meetings with interested parties; visits to other community shops; key issues such as location, parking, range of products, business model and financial aspects, volunteer support and staff. An update on the Post Office was given with news that Ben Maguire MP and the Plunkett Foundation being on the case.

Potential locations and options were given with the preferred location being a temporary building in the car park of the Old School. The working group also showed a flow chart of the next steps. It was noted that the group would request from the parish council £1,000 of seed funding, and steps would be taken to set up a Community Benefit Society. A public meeting will also be arranged.

One member of the public questioned the need to spend £1,000 before a business case is developed.

Another said things needed to happen sooner rather than later as people are already shopping differently.

Cllr Ross thanked the working group for all their hard work.

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5. Items for next agenda

Funding request from the working group.

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6. Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at the Parish Hall on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.