

NEROCHE PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Neroche Parish Council held at Neroche Hall on Tuesday 16 June 2026.

In Attendance: Cllrs Mr M Palmer (Chair), Mr J Parsons, Mr T Pope, Mrs F Gledhill, Mrs C Stamper, Mr D Macey and Mr M Prosser

Also Present: Mrs E York (Clerk), Cllr Sarah Wakefield

Public Session: None

2026/29 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs S Hayman.

This was recognised as an approved absence for the purposes of s185 of the Local Government Act 1972.

2026/30 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

2026/31 Report from the County Councillor

Cllr Sarah Wakefield reported:

- We Asked, You Said, We Did – Somerset website detailing responses of consultations.
- Curland planning is being written up and we hope to have the result of this by the next Parish Council meeting.
- There is a problem in Somerset with children not being in education
- Drone incident – Cllr Wakefield has raised this incident with the local PCSO but there is limited action available to the police. There has only been one burglary in the area in the last 12 months. There is an ongoing police investigation into the incident and associated assault.
- The Somerset Council initial report into the Call for Sites has been released. The TWH site at Orchard Portman has been noted to be potentially unsuitable but across a large enough area to be able to factor in mitigating features. Stoke St Mary PC are working on a plan to prevent development of this site.
- The high-level local plan consultation opens on 19 June for 35 days
- Very few neighbourhood plans include provision for development within parishes which is why they are often disregarded in respect of planning matters.
- 13,000 households on the Somerset Council list waiting for housing. Estimated 11,000 households of “hidden homeless” in the County; i.e living with family etc.

- It was agreed that the Clerk contact the local PCSO and invite him to the next parish council meeting.

1. Defibrillator Purchase

It was agreed to put in place a Parish Whatsapp Group for one way communication in place of the planned newsletter.

Cllr Wakefield to provide contact details for the planner who helped with the Ruishton Neighbourhood Plan. Clerk to invite to meeting

3. Annual Parish Meeting

4. PO Box

It was agreed that the correspondence address for the Council be amended to Cllr Parsons address to save the costs associated with a PO Box.

To discuss and review planning applications received since the last meeting:
None were received

None

To receive any update relating to Rights of Way.

Cllr Hayman provided an update in her absence.

Cllr Palmer has spoken to landowner who has agreed to adjustments being made to footpaths to aid in their accessibility. Cllr Palmer to follow up with BHS and Somerset RoW.

Cllr Stamper noted that the Wych Lodge tracks are closed – to provide update to Clerk to follow up with Forestry.

To receive any update from the Chard and The Blackdowns Local Community Network
Nothing to report

The following items were approved for payment:

- Salary and Expenses of Clerk £558.39
- £2,500 to Neroche Hall (Grant)
- £370.50 to Neroche Hall – meetings
- £708.00 to Locks for verge trimming
- £500 to be split between parish Churchyards

2026/39 Highways**1. Lines and Signs**

It was agreed to follow up on outstanding matters with Kate Brown.

Cllr Stamper has reported knocked / damaged signs on Thurlbear Road which have been rectified.

2. To record any accident in the parishes since the last meeting

None

3. SID Update

Clerk to speak to highways regarding locations – Orchard Portman / Staple Fitzpaine / Racecourse

2026/40 Environmental Matters

Curland Green – It was agreed that 1200mm be cut along the edge plus a path to the bench in the early spring. Plan to reseed the Green in Aug / September.

2026/41 Community Matters**1. Contingency Plan Update**

It was agreed to speak to Forest Electrical to identify the load required and whether the supply to the Hall is split phase.

2026/42 Date of Next Meeting and Items for the Agenda

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 July 2026 at Neroche Hall at 7.30pm

WW Cake is being stored opposite Abbey Drove waiting to be spread in September – causing flies etc and nuisance to local residents – Cllr Parsons to raise with the Environment Agency. Cllr Stamper to provide Cllr Parsons with WW contact details for the Biosolids team.

The meeting was declared closed at 21.24