



Newsletter – Winter 2026

Urgent News

Call to Action!

You may be aware that Stafford Borough Council resolved on 2nd December 2025 to carry out a Community Governance Review, which includes proposals to create a new Stafford Town Council.

<https://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/cme/DocMan1/Committee-Agenda-25-26/Council/Council-2-December-2025-Agenda.pdf>

One option under consideration is that Doxey Parish Council could be dissolved, with Doxey becoming part of a much larger Stafford Town Council.

Doxey Parish Council believes it is important that residents understand what this could mean and why we are opposed to the loss of Doxey's Parish Council, while also setting out the potential advantages being suggested by those supporting the change.

What Is Being Proposed?

At present, Doxey has its own elected Parish Council, focused entirely on representing the needs, concerns and priorities of this community.

Under the proposals being considered, Doxey would no longer have its own parish council and would instead be represented by councillors on a single Stafford Town Council, covering the whole of Stafford.

No final decision has yet been made, and residents' views form a key part of the review.

Why Doxey Parish Council Opposes the Merger

Doxey Parish Council has serious concerns about the impact this change could have on local representation and community identity.

In particular, we believe residents could lose:

- Strong local representation

Doxey Parish Council exists solely to represent Doxey. Our councillors live locally, understand local issues, and focus entirely on this community. A much larger town council would have to balance the needs of many different neighbourhoods.

- A direct and accessible voice

Parish councillors are easily accessible and meetings are held locally. Residents may find it harder to engage with councillors representing much larger areas.

- Focus on Doxey-specific issues

Smaller but important local matters – such as planning consultations, green spaces, traffic concerns and local facilities – risk receiving less attention within a town-wide council.

- Doxey's distinct identity

Doxey has a strong and established community identity. Having its own parish council helps protect and promote that identity rather than absorbing it into a wider structure.

For these reasons, Doxey Parish Council believes that local decision-making should remain as close to residents as possible, and that Doxey is best served by retaining its own parish council.

Potential Advantages Being Put Forward

It is also important to recognise the arguments being made in favour of a new Stafford Town Council. These include:

- Town-wide representation

A single council representing all parts of Stafford, including areas that currently have no parish or town council.

- A larger collective voice

A town council covering the whole of Stafford may have greater influence when engaging with the borough council or any future unitary authority.

- Consistency of governance

All residents of Stafford would have the same level of local governance, rather than a mix of parished and unparished areas.

While these points may have merit, Doxey Parish Council does not believe they outweigh the loss of strong, local representation for Doxey residents.

What Happens Next?

Stafford Borough Council will carry out consultation before making any recommendations. Residents will have the opportunity to give their views on the proposals.

Doxey Parish Council strongly encourages residents to:

- Take part in the consultation
 - Consider how the proposals could affect Doxey specifically
 - Make their views known
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Our Position

Doxey Parish Council believes that Doxey should retain its Parish Council and that decisions affecting this community are best made locally, by councillors elected specifically to represent Doxey.

We will continue to keep residents informed as the Community Governance Review progresses.

Other News

Civic Amenity Visits

Site: St Thomas and St Andrews Church Car Park, Doxey Road, Doxey ST16 1EQ
Dates: 2 May, 1 August, 5 December 2026
Times: 10:00 am to 11:00am

Upcoming Events





Over 65's Christmas Lunch

Saturday 5th December 2026 - Christmas turkey dinner with all the trimmings, followed by a desert, tea and coffee. 40 places available, first come first serve. To book a place, contact the clerk

Your Council

Cllr D Hughes- Chairman

Cllr R Whyman - Vice Chairman

Cllr I Davies

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Cllr S Davenport

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Website: <https://www.doxeyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Meetings

We encourage all parishioners to attend our monthly parish council meetings. Your feedback and involvement are vital to the development of our community. Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Thursday of every month (with the exception of August and December) at St Thomas and St Andrews Church, Doxey Road, Doxey, all are welcome. If you are unable to attend, minutes from the meetings are always available on the parish website.

There is a 20-minute public participation at the beginning of the parish council meeting for residents to report any issues or future projects to the parish council.

Meeting dates are:

12 th February 2026	From 7pm
12 th March 2026	From 7pm
9 th April 2026	From 7pm
14 th May 2026 - Annual Public Meeting	From 6:30pm
14 th May 2026 - Annual Parish Council Meeting	From 7pm
11 th June 2026	From 7pm
9 th July 2026	From 7pm
10 th September 2026	From 7pm
8 th October 2026	From 7pm
12 th November 2026	From 7pm