



Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council

MINUTES of the monthly Meeting held **on Tuesday 5th November 2024** in Stanton Village Hall at **7.00pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors M Moore
I Yeadon
S Barrett
C Crackett
A Burden
D Dee

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Mr S Flood
Lt Cdr Richardson, RAF Shawbury

064.24 Welcome
Councillor Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Shropshire Council
Councillor Gill was unable to attend the meeting. No report had been received.

RAF Shawbury
Night Flying

The current night flying period is due to continue until 5 December. Night flying periods are usually for seven weeks with three weeks in between periods. There will be posts on the RAF Shawbury Facebook/Twitter advising on the night flying periods and we are grateful for the tolerance of this essential training. There is also information on the RAF Shawbury webpage with contact details for complaints or concerns. Night flying will commence typically 30 mins after sunset and may continue until 02:30.

Helicopter Liaison Group

The Helicopter Liaison Group, previously known as the Helicopter Noise Liaison Group, administered by Shropshire Council, has now been replaced by a 6-monthly Newsletter which will be distributed to all Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Town and Parish Councils. The first newsletter has been distributed to 180 TC/PC. There will still be options for regional groups to be addressed by appropriate RAF Shawbury executives if warranted. A reminder of contacts for RAF Shawbury if there are concerns, which are also on the Station webpages on the RAF Website:

Website: <https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-shawbury/>

Low Flying Complaints Email: SHY-LowFlying@mod.gov.uk

Low Flying Complaints Telephone: 01939 251712

Engagement and Mediac general enquiries Email: SHY-EngagementMediaTeam@modgovuk.onmicrosoft.com

Upcoming Events

Christmas Concert – we are pleased to be announce this year's Christmas Concert. Which will be in St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, on Tuesday 3rd December. Entry will be free but registration for tickets on EventBrite is essential and paper or electronic copies will need to be shown to gain entry.

[Royal Air Force Shawbury Christmas Carol Concert Tickets, Tue 3 Dec 2024 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Airfield Works Programme

The airfields work programme is progressing well. These works will maintain the airfield operating surfaces for many more years to ensure our flying training continues. Where possible the main Contractor is sub-contracting local companies to bring benefit to the local area and lower the carbon footprint wherever possible.

Hi-Viz for Horse Riders

We have just had a restock of Hi-viz kit. Watch our social media posts (Facebook and X) or website <https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-shawbury/flying-info/>, High Visibility Campaign, for information on ordering.

Drones

If anyone flies a drone/model aircraft locally we recommend checking the Drone Code which is available on the CAA website. There are restrictions near all airfields, civil and military, regarding the flying of drones and model aircraft. <https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/drone-code>

Aries Magazine

The Autumn Edition (2024 Edition 3) is available online at the link - <https://www.rafmags.co.uk/>. The next edition is due to be available in early December.

Course Community Projects

We are always keen to hear of new ideas for Community Projects. Typically, our trainees are available to help for a day. Please be flexible with dates as time for course projects is timetabled and we cannot easily change dates.

West Mercia Police

No report had been received, although the latest newsletter is now available.

Damage to the bridge had been reported on 29th October but there was a delay and the police did not acknowledge receipt until 4th November and suggested that the incident and details then needed to be recorded on 101.

Recent hare-coursing has been reported.

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Apologies

To receive and approve any apologies for absence, under Section 85 (i) of LGA 1972.

None

Absent

Councillor C Warren

Vacancy

No applications have been received for the vacancy in the High Hatton Ward. This will continue to be advertised. Anyone interested can contact the Clerk for further information.

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Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest relating to matters on the Agenda.

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Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2024

It was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Yeadon that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2024 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. With two abstentions all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed.

There were no matters arising, not included on the Agenda.

068.24

Chairman's Statement

An invitation had been circulated to attend the RAF Carol Concert at St Chad's Church – all are welcome.

Financial Matters**a) Payments**

It was proposed by Councillor Crackett, seconded by Councillor Yeadon, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the following payments be made:

K Baker	Clerk's Salary – November	£264.00
HMRC	PAYE – November	£66.00
Leighton Landscapes	Maintenance	£196.28

b) Financial Reports

The bank reconciliation confirmed a balance of £35,410.11 at the end of October 2024. As part of the Council's Internal Checks, Councillor Crackett confirmed the bank balance as per the reconciliation that had been provided.

£750.00 had been received from Shropshire Council for minor highway maintenance.

The Parish Council was very grateful to RAF Shawbury for a donation of £300.

c) Parish Council Website

The Parish Council is working towards a .gov.uk website and emails – this is taking longer than expected, however the website will be in accordance with the Transparency Code and fully accessible.

Parish Council email addresses will be provided to all members. This is recommended by NALC and will be necessary when the Parish Council applies for the Local Council Awards.

d) Budget 2025 / 26

Members were asked to consider any specific projects that can be considered as part of the budget process. Members also discussed the use of balances and earmarked reserves. A draft budget will be circulated to all members before the next meeting.

Highways and Transport**a) A53 Crossroads**

The Clerk had thanked Shropshire Council for the long-awaited work to alleviate the flooding at the Crossroads to Hazels Road. It had been noted that, even during the periods of very heavy rain recently, no flooding was evident.

b) Bridge damage

Shropshire Council have the details and will be contacting the relevant company.

c) Abandoned Trailer

It may be difficult to get this trailer moved. It has no identification to trace the owner and it will need to be collected on a low-loader. It is full of other fly-tip material.

d) Fix My Street

There have been improvements to the reporting system. It is essential that all 'requests for action' are logged on the system. Some highway work had been undertaken around the Parish recently.

e) New Issues**i) Overgrown hedges and trees – hidden signs**

These are the responsibility of the landowner and it is unlikely that Shropshire Council will be able to assist. It was agreed that a high-reach hedge cutter with attachments would be useful

and then Councillors and Volunteers can help. A quotation will be obtained and members will have an opportunity to consider this further.

ii) Flooding (by the Shooting Ground)

This has been reported but is particularly bad and causes the road to become very dangerous. A further report will be submitted.

iii) Minor Highway Maintenance Grant

Shropshire Council has provided a small grant towards the minor highway maintenance in the Parish. However, it is necessary for us to provide an itinerary of the work undertaken as part of this project. It is also noted that the contract is due for renewal and that a tender process will be necessary.

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Planning

a) Planning & Development Updates
None

b) New Applications

24/03235/FUL The Stackyard Barns, High Hatton

Local residents have been encouraged to add their views to the Shropshire Council Planning Portal.

Members discussed, at length, the proposals which did not differ greatly from the previous application.

Members resolved to object to the application as it is contrary to policy. It appears to be a re-build rather than a conversion and as a self-build does not meet any local housing need.

Concerns included drainage, sewage and the disposal of waste water, especially considering the previous local capacity issues in this vicinity.

Members questioned the suitability of the entrance which appears inadequate and could have visibility issues.

c) Other Matters

The Motorcross application for camping on site prior to an event had been approved by Shropshire Council. This will restrict the number of units and the number of days.

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Environment and Rights of Way

a) Rights of Way

It is hoped that some of the local tasks needed to keep rights of way accessible will be completed in the near future.

An issue remains at the gate on Booley Common.

b) Streetscene

Shropshire Council is amending the contract for its grounds maintenance and this will affect the frequency of cuts of verges and visibility splays around the Parish. When the detail is available, we may need to consider our contract to ensure our residents remain safe on our village roads.

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Projects

a) Parish History Project

An article was included in the last newsletter encouraging people to share interesting information about properties in the Parish and other memories. The Parish Council is grateful for the offers of help. Conversations with residents will continue at the upcoming coffee morning.

b) Christmas 2024

Thanks were extended to The Stanton Arms for agreeing to host the village Christmas Tree. The decorations are available to be collected – some advance notice will be needed.

Further to the visit by Mr Flood at the start of the meeting, Members considered offering a grant to support his idea of providing a Christmas Dinner in the Village Hall for Parish Senior Citizens.

Nominations for ‘deserving persons’ can be sent to stantonchristmaslunch@gmail.com and places are available first come / first served.

It was proposed by Councillor Crackett, seconded by Councillor Burden, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that a grant of £200 would be donated to support this event.
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c) Defibrillators

Thanks were, once again, extended to Councillor Dee and Tricia for keeping an eye on the defibrillators. These are registered on The Circuit and replacement battery and pads are now available for installation.

d) SID Sockets

There has been a significant delay in Shropshire identifying suitable sites for the sockets and providing the quotation for their installation. It was agreed that we should identify our four locations and send what3 word identifications to SC and ask for their permission to site the sockets and for us to order our Indicator Device as soon as possible.

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Shropshire Association of Local Councils

a) Bulletins and Information

Members are encouraged to read the information sent from SALC.

It was agreed to send a Thank You card to Di Dorrell, County Secretary, who will retire before Christmas. Chris Mellings has been appointed as Chief Officer and started the role on 1st November.

b) North Shropshire Area Committee

Councillor Crackett had represented the Parish Council at the meeting which had presentations about the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Planning Enforcement – a copy of the presentations will be circulated to Members.

c) Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Conference

Councillor Warren is attending the conference on 6th December at Church Stretton.

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Stanton Village Hall

Councillor Moore updated Members on current matters. A quiz is to take place on 16th November – tickets are still available. The Christmas Fayre is on 1st December from 2pm until 4pm.

The Committee needs more members – can you give a few hours a month to keep this village facility going?

076.24

Correspondence

All correspondence is circulated to Members throughout the month. There had been no requests for any to appear on the Agenda.

a) Donation Request

A request had been received for the Parish Council to offer a grant of £50 to purchase selection boxes for the young people of the Parish to be distributed at the Christmas Fayre. It was proposed by Councillor Crackett, seconded by Councillor Burden, with two abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that £50 be provided for the purchase of selection boxes.

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Clerk's Report

All matters have been included on the Agenda.

Councillor's Reports

None

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Other Matters

St Andrew's Church

Christmas Carols at The Stanton will be at 3pm on Christmas Eve, with a Christingle in Church at 4pm.
The Christmas Morning service will be at Morton Corbett Church and Midnight Mass at Shawbury.

Shropshire's Lord Lieutenant Garden Party

The Parish Council has been asked to nominate someone 'who has made a difference' in the Parish.
This will be added to the next Agenda to confirm who will be nominated by Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council.

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Next Meeting

7th January 2025

7pm

Stanton Village Hall

Signed Date