



Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council

MINUTES of the monthly Meeting held **on Tuesday 7th January 2025** in Stanton Village Hall at **7.00pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors M Moore
S Barrett
C Crackett
D Dee
C Warren

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Mrs L Renton (until
Lt Cdr Richardson, RAF Shawbury
Tony Collins
West Mercia Police – Community Support Officers

080.25

Welcome

Councillor Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Shropshire Council

Councillor Gill had sent apologies due to work commitments. No report had been received.

RAF Shawbury

Lt Cdr Richardson had sent a full report which had been circulated to Members and would appear on the website.

The construction of the new runway continues to be on schedule. A concern regarding the security lighting will be passed to the contractors.

West Mercia Police

PCSO Tara reported that visits had taken place with regards to the Parish Priorities. It was agreed that the priorities for Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish (which includes High Hatton) should remain as speeding and theft from farm vehicles for the January to March 2025 period.

Public Session

Members welcomed Tony Collins – Tony is experienced in History Projects and has kindly offered to assist Stanton in producing information which captures the history of areas within the Parish. Thanks will also be extended to Natalie Rushton who has also offered to assist, particularly with the oral history project.

Councillor Crackett will liaise with Tony & Natalie and the Parish Council will receive regular updates. The information gathered, in various formats – video, recordings, pictures, transcripts, pdfs etc – will be added to a page (Parish History Project) on the new website.

081.25

Apologies

Councillor A Burden	Holiday
Councillor I Yeadon	Family

It was proposed by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor Barrett, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

Councillor P Gill, Shropshire Councillor work commitments

082.25 Vacancy

- a) One application had been received and the personal statement had been circulated to all Members before the meeting.
- b) Members had no questions for the applicant
- c) The applicant added no further information or had questions

Members agreed there was no requirement to leave the meeting.

RESOLVED that Mrs Lynda Renton be co-opted onto Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council.

- d) Mrs Lynda Renton read and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk.

Members welcomed Councillor Renton who would complete her Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests which will appear on the Parish Council website and be sent to Shropshire Council.

083.25 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

Cllrs Renton, Moore & Barrett Members of the Village Hall Committee
Cllr Crackett St Andrew's Church

084.25 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2024

It was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Barrett that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2024 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. With one abstention all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed.

Matters Arising

Purchase of a long-handled hedge-cutter

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

RESOLVED that £199.99 should be reimbursed for the purchase of a long-handled hedge-cutter to be used by Councillors to clear overgrown hedges and trees around parish sign posts.

Invitation to the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party – June 2025

Members agreed that the local resident proposed at the last meeting be nominated to attend.

085.25 Chairman's Statement

None

086.25 Financial Matters

a) Payments

It was proposed by Councillor Crackett, seconded by Councillor Warren, 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 – November	£196.28
Scottish Power	Street Lighting Energy	£216.89
K Baker	Clerk's Salary – December	£264.00
HMRC	PAYE - December	£66.00
K Baker	WFH Allowance 24/25	£300.00
Stanton Village Hall	Grant – Christmas	£50.00
The Stanton Arms	Christmas Tree and Lights	£150.00
Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch	Donation	£200.00
Reimburse	Long handled hedge cutter	£199.99

b) Financial Reports

The bank reconciliation confirmed a balance of £34,872.02 at the end of December 2024. As part of the Council's Internal Checks, Councillor Crackett confirmed the bank balance was as per the reconciliation that had been provided.

c) Parish Council Website

The website is continuing to be populated and will be launched after tonight's meeting. Councillors are encouraged to set up their new .gov.uk email addresses.

d) Budget 2025 / 26

Councillor Renton & Councillor Crackett declared an interest

All Members, resident in the Parish, have a dispensation to take part in setting the budget and agreeing the precept.

A draft budget had been circulated. The Clerk explained the adjustments identified. It was proposed by Councillor Dee, seconded by Councillor Warren, with two abstentions all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the budget for 2025/26 be set at £41,275.

By using the earmarked reserves and identifying some savings, it was proposed by Councillor Dee, seconded by Councillor Warren, with two abstentions it was

RESOLVED that the precept requested would be £12,300.

087.25

Highways and Transport

- a) The condition of the highway at Moston is a great concern – the potholes following the floods are very dangerous and will be reported on Fix My Street again.
- b) It is important to use Fix My Street to report 'requests for action'

088.25

Planning

- a) Planning & Development Updates
None
- b) New Applications
24/04169/FUL Rock Farm
Conversion and modest extension of outbuilding to form annexe ancillary to farmhouse and associated works.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would make no comment on the proposals.

- c) Other Matters
None

089.25 Environment and Rights of Way

- a) Updates
None
- b) Rights of Way
Councillor Warren agreed to take a look at the work needed on the gate at Booley Common. It is the landowner's responsibility to keep rights of way clear of obstacles and crops. Any blocked rights of way can be reported to Shropshire Council, if the landowners do not open them up for public use.
- b) Shropshire Nature Recovery Strategy
Members are encouraged to read the recent documents and report. It will be possible, in the future, to identify area where the grass-cutting regime can be reduced to enable more areas to flourish with wild flowers which can be enjoyed by wildlife.

090.25 Projects

- a) Parish History Project
Following the article in the newsletter, two volunteers have joined the group and a meeting will take place to discuss the project and its timeline.
A small budget is available for general costs – such as photocopying.
- b) Defibrillators
The High Hatton defibrillator has received its new battery and the Stanton one (outside of the Village Hall) will have its new battery very soon. These are both registered on The Circuit and monitoring by the Market Drayton Responders.

091.25 Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- a) Bulletins and Information
Members are encouraged to read the information sent from SALC.
- b) North Shropshire Area Committee
The next meeting is later this month.
- c) Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Conference
Councillor Warren was unable to attend the event. The Clerk had attended and copies of all the slides are now available on the SALC website.

092.25 Stanton Village Hall

Councillor Moore updated Members on current matters. The quiz had been very successful, as was the Christmas Fayre. The committee had thanked the Parish Council for providing the selection boxes.

The installation of the bollards and barrier is proving successful as there are now parking spaces available when events are taking place in the Village Hall and for times when the police need to park at the front of the building for their local surgery.

More volunteers are needed to join the management committee in order that the building can continue to be available for the local community.

093.25 Correspondence

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

094.25 Clerk's Report
All matters have been included on the Agenda.

Councillor's Reports
None

095.25 Other Matters
St Andrew's Church
The Christmas events were successful and well attended. The PCC will be considering the ideas available from the LNRS and hoped to hear from 'Caring For God's Acre' to offer advice.

096.25 Next Meeting
4th March 2025 7pm Stanton Village Hall

Members considered the arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting (which can take place in April, May or June), the Annual Meeting and the May monthly meeting.

The Clerk will ascertain details of the Shropshire elections – if there are elections for the Parish Councils, the AGM has to take place within 4 working days of the election and therefore it cannot be delayed by a week.

It will also be necessary to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman and members hoped that the established 2 year programme can continue.

Details will be confirmed when available.

Signed Date