

Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council

MINUTES of the monthly Meeting held **on Monday 2nd November 2026** in Stanton Village Hall at 7**.00pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors D Dee
L Renton
C Crackett
A Burden
S Shaw

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
1 member of the public

074.26 **Welcome**

Councillor Dee welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
Members observed a minute's silence to remember Chris Leighton. Chris was a well-known and popular member of the local community and will be sadly missed. Chris had worked for the Parish Council for a number of years for which the community has always been grateful as he kept areas tidy, and safe. Members supported the Chairman's idea to send a donation from the Chairman's Fund to The Wildlife Trust in his memory.

Shropshire Council

None

RAF Shawbury

A copy of the report from RAF Shawbury will be available on the website and was shared with Members after the meeting.

West Mercia Police

No-one was available to attend this meeting.
The Parish Council had agreed its three priorities as:

Anti-Social Behaviour
Rural Crimes – thefts and dog attacks
Speeding, safe driving and awareness

Public Session

Thanks were extended to Lisa for displaying the lamp post poppies around Stanton. A further quantity of poppies will be ordered for next year.

075.26 **Apologies**

Councillor Barrett	Holiday
Councillor Warren	Personal Circumstances
Councillor Yeadon	Personal Circumstances

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

076.26 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

Cllr Shaw Member of the Village Hall Committee / Treasurer

077.26 Minutes of the meeting held on 1ST September 2026

It was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Burden that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2026 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed.

Matters Arising

None

078.26 Chairman's Statement

None

079.26 Projects

a) History Project

Thanks were recorded to Tony for his continued work to collect and collate information for the project. Our website provider has now created a site, suitable for the display and storage of the information gathered in various formats which Members agreed was excellent and just what we had hoped to achieve.

The page can 'go live' and the link will be added to the menu structure of the main parish council website and the link will be made available.

b) Village Event

Cllr Shaw declared an interest

The financial report had been completed and the unspent funds returned to the Parish Council. The Parish Council had thanked all those involved in creating a memorable day in the village.

c) Christmas Tree and Lights

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

RESOLVED that a donation of £130 will be provided to purchase the Christmas Tree and a contribution towards the lights, which will be sited in the garden of the Stanton Arms for all to see and enjoy.

080.26 Finance and Governance Matters

a) Financial Reports

i) The financial report and reconciled balance sheet had been circulated to Members and confirmed that the balance is currently £46,235.89.

ii) Thanks were extended to Cllr Crackett who monitors the bank account and confirmed that the balance in Barclays reflects the report provided to the parish council.

b) Payments

There were no payments for authorisation at this meeting.

c) Budget 2027/28

Members will meet before the next Full Council Meeting to consider the budget and set the precept.

d) Risk Management

Members confirmed that there were no matters of concern.
It was confirmed that the Asset Register is available on the website.

e) Gifts & Hospitality

Members were reminded of the need to declare any offers over £25.00.

081.26 Highways and Transport

a) Stanton Village Work

A reminder had been sent to SC regarding the signs, as promised in the site visit, which will highlight the bend as you leave the village towards the bridge.

b) Minor Highways & Environment Contract

Following a site meeting with a local contractor, a quotation had been received to continue the contract (previously held by Leighton Landscapes) until the end of the financial year. It was proposed by Councillor Dee, seconded by Councillor Crackett, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the current contract will continue for November and March with a new contractor. A tender process will begin in February 2027 for the contract for 2027 onwards. This will give the Parish Council an opportunity to introduce any changes and its promotion of a competitive procurement process.

Members agreed that there is a lot of outstanding work around both Stanton and High Hatton and it was agreed that the remaining funds in the budget should be used to complete these tasks and also to ensure good visibility around the parish, including signs. This is also an opportunity to clear the roads of sand and other debris which is often the cause of blocked drains. The new contractor has offered an hourly rate for this additional work, which will also include equipment, chemicals, removal of arisings and debris etc.

RESOLVED that this type of work, in both Stanton and High Hatton be undertaken and the Environmental Grant Funding be used.

c) Hazles Road

Councillor Yeadon had put forward this area of the parish for urgent repairs to the highway in the hope of preventing accidents or incidents due to the deep ruts and speeding vehicles, particularly the HGVs which use the road regularly.

RESOLVED that this area of the Parish should be highlighted to Shropshire Council for urgent action. It may be necessary to work with TWC as the road as it passes The Royal Oak is then in TW boundary.

d) New Matters

Concerns were raised that significant visibility issues are caused by the temporary 'Road Closed' and instruction signs that are randomly placed on highways and verges by contractors. A message will be sent to the highways team at Shropshire Council.

082.26 Planning

a) Planning & Development Updates

i) Application 03186 is subject to an appeal. No further comment has been requested from the Parish Council.

ii) The recent Mill House application has been withdrawn.

b) New Applications

None

c) Other Planning Matters

Delegation of Planning Application Determinations

Information has been received from Shropshire Council, which is in line with the Government guidelines for across the Country.

083.26 Shropshire Association of Local Councils

a) Bulletins and Information

Members are encouraged to read the information sent from SALC.

b) North Shropshire Area Committee

Councillor Crackett had attended the last meeting. It was interesting to hear that Severn Trent is not a statutory consultee in planning applications.

c) SALC AGM – this will take place on 3rd November 2026 at Shrewsbury Town FC. Councillor Crackett will attend to represent the Parish Council.

084.26 Stanton Village Hall

Councillors Shaw declared an interest

Councillor Barrett has sent in a short report to say that more events were taking place and were well supported by the community. Also, a new carpet has been fitted in the Snooker Room.

Councillor Shaw reported that the Village Hall Chairman intends to bring forward a presentation to the Parish Council to enquire if funding can be made available to support this, as a village asset. It was noted that the Charity Commission website is not up-to-date – this would be a requirement before the Parish Council can consider a grant application. The previous accounts will be available on the CC website once it is up to date.

085.26 Correspondence

All correspondence is circulated to Members throughout the month.

a) Parish Newsletter – also available on the website

b) PCC Newsletter – circulated to members and on the website

c) Future Builds – this is an APP available to download which Members might find useful – we, as a Council however, need to be aware of any costs.

d) RAF Shawbury have 'volunteers' available for work in the local area. Whilst the bridge was suggested, it is unlikely that this will be possible due to the health & safety regulations of volunteers working on the highway. Members also recalled that the Bridges Officer at Shropshire Council was not at all in favour of the Parish Council undertaking any maintenance on the bridge.

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086.26 Clerk's Report

None

Councillor's Reports

None

087.26 **Parish Matters & Exchange of Information**

Fibre Provision

Copper Lines will be discontinued in January. The advice is to contact your provider and discuss your options.

St Andrew's Church

Further meetings have taken place, although no progress has been made with the appointment of a Vicar. However, it is important to note that the church remains available for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

The PCC received permission to change the boiler.

There will be a short service of Remembrance on 8th November by the Lychgate War Memorial - everyone welcome at 10.50am.

There will be Carols around the Christmas Tree and a Christingle Service – once again, everyone is welcome to attend. Thanks were extended to Colin and Catherine at The Stanton.

088.26 **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 5th January 2027	7pm	Finance Meeting	Stanton Village Hall
	7.30pm	Full Council	

There being no further business, the chairman thanked everyone for the contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed …….Date ……

These minutes will remain DRAFT until confirmed at the next meeting of the Parish Council in January 2027.