



Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council

MINUTES of the monthly Meeting held **on Tuesday 24th February 2026** in Stanton Village Hall at **7.00pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors D Dee
C Crackett
L Renton
C Warren
M Moore

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Lt Cdr Richardson, RAF Shawbury
Councillor D Edmunds

103.26

Welcome

Councillor Dee welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending

Public Session

None

Shropshire Council

Cllr Edmunds informed Members of details relating to current issues. A meeting of the parishes in the Hodnet Division took place recently with Cllr David Vasma, Cabinet Member for Highways – the focus was that the Highways Department appears unresponsive and not good at communication. The meeting was useful and Cllr Vasma took back from the Clerks and Councillors information relating to local projects that they are willing to work with SC to address, but which no answers are every forthcoming.

When considering devolution of functions to parish councils, there is consideration that funding will be available to support this for two years, after which it would be the total responsibility of the parish council. Parishes need to know what is currently funded so that they can have a discussion and consult with communities about what is statutory and what is 'nice to have'.

Details relating to the current financial position were shared and that the Government has agreed a loan to avoid bankruptcy. However, the Full Council is still being asked to support a council tax increase of 9% - the meeting is on Thursday of this week.

Cllr Edmunds believes that the Council should restructure as soon as possible. All local authorities have a statutory duty for adult and children's social care which relate to over 90% of the total budget. The Northern Relief Road has been cancelled.

RAF Shawbury

Lt Cdr Richardson had sent through a report. Locations for posters relating to drones and night flying will be available soon. Night flying will start again soon and could continue until 2.30am weather dependent.

West Mercia Police

No-one was available to attend this meeting. Members wondered if there is any update relating to the sheep attack and loose dogs on public footpaths.

- 104.26 Apologies**
 Councillor A Burden Holiday
 Councillor I Yeadon Work
 Councillor S Barrett Family

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

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, be accepted.

- 105.26 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**
 Cllrs Renton, Barrett & Moore Members of the Village Hall Committee
 Cllr Dee Blackbarn House – planning application

- 106.26 Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2026**
 It was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Warren that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 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

- 107.26 Chairman’s Statement**
 None
 Cllr Dee recorded his thanks to Cllr Yeadon for chairing the last meeting.

- 108.26 Projects**
a) History Project
 Councillor Crackett has continued to work on the website to be able to include and share documents regarding the Parish History Project. The website provider is looking to ensure that the format is suitable to be able to store photographs and information – the design of the site needs to be right. There may be a cost for the additional work – the Parish Council has set aside funds within its budget to support this.
 Members thanked Councillor Crackett for her patience and for the time taken to support Tony in this project. Thanks are also recorded to Tony.

b) Defibrillators
 Both parish defibrillators have been checked and the batteries and pads are in date.

- 109.26 Finance and Governance Matters**
a) Financial Reports
 i) The current balances are £38,478.63 as at end of January 2026.
 ii) Councillor Crackett confirmed that the bank balance reflected the decisions of the Parish Council as the balances, as noted, were correct.

b) Payments

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| Salary – February and March 2026 | LGA 1972 s112 | £560.00 |
| PAYE – February and March 2026 | LGA 1972 s112 | £140.00 |

- c) **Risk Management**
The 2025/26 Audit Process will include a new assertion with regards to Risk Management. The Policy has been updated in accordance with the guidance. Members confirmed that there were no matters of concern.
- d) **Gifts & Hospitality**
Members were reminded of the need to declare any offers over £25.00.
- e) **Updated Policies**
The Councils policies have been updated including the IT Policy which is in the new format as required by Assertion 10 of AGAR. This confirms the requirement for Clerk and Councillors to use a dedicated Parish Council email address for all parish council correspondence.

110.26

Highways and Transport

- a) **Updates**
Meeting with Shropshire Council Highway Engineer
Members were disappointed that no further updates had been received and some of the 'essential' work identified at the site meeting had not yet been completed. The Clerk will request an update.
- b) **Shropshire Council – Meeting with David Vasmer**
Councillor Warren and Clerk had represented Stanton Parish Council at this meeting held at Stoke on Tern Village Hall. The meeting was well attended. A number of points were raised with Councillor Vasmer which included a request for a PTC contact within Highways, commitment that officers will respond to enquiries in a timely manner, reports on Fix My Street will not be removed until completed.
The Parish Council has sent over to him, the proposed Minor Highway Maintenance Scheme which had previously been agreed by SC.
- c) **Moreton Mill works**
Members were surprised that funding had been allocated for this road, which is rarely used – there are many areas in the Parish where the highway is dangerous for road users including bicycles. Members believe that SC would benefit from using local knowledge when allocating funds for such projects.

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Planning

- a) **Planning & Development Updates**
None
- b) **New Applications**
25/04753/DIS Rock Farm
No comments

26/00117/FUL Hine Heath Farm – Change of Use
Members discussed the proposals and the improved access with passing places and the inclusion of a visibility splay resolved to SUPPORT this application.

26/00510/FUL Blackbarn House – Erection of a detached ancillary annexe
Councillor Dee declared an interest as a close neighbour
Members resolved to SUPPORT this application.
- c) **Other Matters**
None

- 112.26 Environment and Rights of Way**
- a) Updates
Severn Valley Water Management Scheme
Councillor Warren attended the event which shared details of pilot projects and the programme to consult on how water can be retained to reduce the flow which affects Shrewsbury and Ironbridge in particular. A question had been asked as to whether funding will be available for farmers?
- b) Footpath 22
Following the reports of the incident where sheep were badly injured and some died following a dog attack, it is vitally important that dogs are kept under control at all times and on leads where necessary, especially when near livestock. A reminder will be posted on the website and includes the law about loose dogs. An article will also be included in the next newsletter.
- 113.26 Shropshire Association of Local Councils**
- a) Bulletins and Information
Members are encouraged to read the information sent from SALC.
- b) North Shropshire Area Committee
The last meeting was on 12th January and there was a presentation from Streetworks and shared information regarding utility companies working together although SC has limited control. Other information was available which included that there are currently over 1500 defects needing remedial work and over 3000 fixed penalty notices have been issued for non compliance.
- 114.26 Stanton Village Hall**
Councillors Renton, Moore & Barrett declared interests as members of the Committee
Councillor Renton updated members in that there is a Committee Meeting on 27th February and some new volunteers have come forward to help. The AGM is set for 26th March – everyone welcome.
- 115.26 Correspondence**
All correspondence is circulated to Members throughout the month.
Notes of the future Devolution Meetings hosted by Stoke Parish Council will be circulated, for information.
- 116.26 Clerk's Report**
All items have been included on the Agenda.
- Councillor's Reports**
None
- 117.26 Other Matters**
None
- 118.26 Next Meeting**
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| 5 th May 2026 | 7pm | APM | Stanton Village Hall |
| | 7.30pm | AGM | |
| | 8pm | Full Council | |

There being no further business, the chairman thanked everyone for the contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

SignedDate

These minutes will remain DRAFT until confirmed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 5th May 2026.