



Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council

MINUTES of the monthly Meeting held **on Tuesday 4th March 2025** in Stanton Village Hall at **7.00pm**.

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Lt Cdr Richardson, RAF Shawbury
Tony Collins
West Mercia Police – Community Support Officer
Cllr P Gill, Shropshire Council

097.25

Welcome

Councillor Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting.
There were no members of the public in attendance.

Shropshire Council

Councillor Gill updated the meeting on current issues, which included the abandoned trailers in lay-bys in and around our Parish – this is being dealt with by the County Council as organised crime. This will be Paul's last meeting as he is no standing for re-election in May.

Planning Reform is high on the agenda at this time, as it will mean that the vast majority of planning applications will be determined by officers, rather than Committee. Due to the current housing targets, it is likely that Shropshire will see a significant increase in planning applications as they have no 5 year land supply. Their latest Local Plan was deemed as 'invalid'.

Members need to be aware of the Devolution White Paper, which could abolish 2-tier councils and therefore Shropshire may merge with one other.

Although Shropshire Council is in a difficult financial position, the budget was signed off.

Members thanked Paul for his support over the last 4 years.

RAF Shawbury

Lt Cdr Richardson reported that the night flying is coming to an end. The construction work on site continues – there is about 12 months work still to be completed.

There are officers and cadets at RAF Shawbury who may be interested in being part of the History Project.

West Mercia Police

The PCSO reported that they have visited the Parish 3 or 4 times in accordance with the identified priorities but had not witnessed any speeding issues. The current newsletter had been circulated, for information. There had been a recent incident involving the hounds, it was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the Rural Officer for further support and information.

- 098.25 Apologies**
None – all Councillors were in attendance.
- 099.25 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**
Cllrs Renton, Moore & Barrett Members of the Village Hall Committee
- 100.25 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2025**
It was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Barrett that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2025 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.**
- Matters Arising**
Rights of Way – Gate on The Common
Councillor Warren had visited the site and some remedial work had been undertaken – the gate is now functional and does self-close.
- 101.25 Chairman’s Statement**
Councillor Moore thanked all Members for their support during her period as Chairman. She informed the Council that whilst she would re-stand for the Parish Council in May, she could not continue as Chairman.
Thanks were also extended to the Clerk for the help and support.
- 102.25 Finance and Governance Matters**
a) Payments
As we approach the end of the financial year, all payments would be brought up to date and a list circulated to Members, for their information.
- b) Financial Reports**
The bank balances at the end of February 2025 totalled £32,770.86.
The earmarked reserves and budget will be considered early in the new municipal year.
- c) Parish Council Email Addresses**
The new emails are now available and operational. Following the elections, there will be no use of personal email addresses.
- 103.25 Highways and Transport**
a) Whilst SC continue to promote the use of Fix My Street, the situation remains frustrating as the reports do not get actioned in a timely manner.
b) A request will be sent to SC Highways, for a review of the roads and lanes around the entire Parish which are in a poor state, particularly the areas where there are dangerous potholes and lack of road edges – which result in deep ruts.
- 104.25 Planning**
a) Planning & Development Updates
None

b) New Applications
None

- c) Other Matters
The Old Mill Site
Members are keen to see work on the site – an update regarding planning permission will be requested from Shropshire Council.

105.25 Environment and Rights of Way

- a) Updates
None

106.25 Projects

- a) Parish History Project
Tony has kindly agreed to lead on this exciting project and he attended the public session to update Members and to request their support. A copy of the 'project outline' had been circulated to members.
Updates will be included on the website regularly and the parish noticeboards can be used for posters and information.
Thanks were extended to Natalie, who is undertaking some oral recordings with local residents. It is hoped that more will be available, particularly at the Coffee & Chat events.
A list of possible questions will be created so that a model conversation is available to assist with the informal interviews.

107.25 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 minutes of the last meeting are available.
- c) Local Nature Recovery Strategy
Information is available regarding the Community Land Trust, which has recently purchased Minsterley Meadows and will maintain the area for use by the public.

108.25 Stanton Village Hall

There will be a cheese and wine event at 7pm on 24th April incorporating the AGM. New Committee members are required. Everyone welcome, including residents from High Hatton.

109.25 Correspondence

All correspondence is circulated to Members throughout the month.

a) Newsletter Funds

The Chairman had received information that there is funding available from the newsletter, which is no longer required, due to the publications now being available electronically. This funding is to be received by the Parish Council.

Thanks are extended to the Newsletter Editor and it was agreed that a limited number of printed copies will be available of the March Edition so that they can be made available in the Library, Village Hall and Stanton Arms.

b) Elections 2025

Details of the upcoming elections are now available. All Members agreed to re-stand and the nomination forms were made available. There are 8 vacancies, 4 in Stanton and 4 in High Hatton – anyone can complete a nomination – these have been submitted to Shropshire Council by the closing date in order to be considered for the May Elections.

110.25 Clerk's Report

All matters have been included on the Agenda.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor Warren informed members that there is a fallen tree was downstream of the village bridge, accessible from River Cottage. Help would be needed to clear the obstruction.

111.25 **Other Matters**
None

112.25 **Next Meeting**

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| 6 th May 2025 | 7pm | AGM followed by the monthly meeting | Stanton Village Hall |
| 3 rd June 2025 | 7pm | Annual Parish Meeting | Stanton Village Hall |

It is hoped that guest speakers will be available to attend

Signed Date