



Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council

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

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

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
2 Members of the Public
Tony

071.25 Welcome
Councillor Dee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Session

Road Safety

A discussion took place regarding the junction in the village, leading to Moreton Say. There are no pavements, little street lighting and the road markings are not visible. These matters will be raised with the Highways Officer in the upcoming site visit.

RAF Shawbury

Lt Cdr Richardson had circulated his report.

West Mercia Police

The recent newsletter had been forwarded to Members and will appear on the website.

Shropshire Council

None

072.25 Apologies
Lt Cdr Richardson

073.25 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations
Cllrs Renton, Barrett & Moore Members of the Village Hall Committee

074/25 Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2025
It was proposed by Councillor Dee and seconded by Councillor Moore that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2025 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. With four abstentions all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed.

Matters Arising

None

075.25 Chairman's Statement

None

076.25 History Project

Tony updated Members and explained the process for collating material and adding it to a central point (dropbox). This should make it accessible to people in and out of the village.

Thanks were extended to Claire and Natalie, for their help and Claire confirmed that she now has access to the website in order to update the History Project content.

Shropshire Council Museum will be consulted about restoring the large map which is available but in a fragile condition – this needs to be done as soon as possible.

Members agreed to take a look at other sites, such as Wem or Hodnet, for ideas.

077.25 Finance and Governance Matters

a) Financial Reports

- i) The current balances are £41,985.13 as at end of October.
- ii) Councillor Crackett confirmed that the bank balance reflected the decisions of the Parish Council as the balances, as noted, were correct.

b) Payments

Contract Payments were authorised.

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.

d) Gifts & Hospitality

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

e) Initial Budget

Members took the opportunity to consider the draft budget, as circulated and to note the savings and earmarked reserves included. It is proposed that the precept increase to £13000 for 2026/27. This will be considered at the January 2026 meeting.

f) Stanton Village Christmas Tree

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

RESOLVED that £250 be allocated for the provision of a Christmas Tree, to be located in the garden of The Stanton Arms (with kind permission of Catherine & Colin). A contribution will be included for the electricity. Offers to help with decorating the tree would be appreciated.

078.25 Highways and Transport

a) Meeting with Shropshire Council Highway Engineer

The meeting will take place on 11th November, meeting at The Stanton Arms Car Park. Ian, Chas and Mechelle will attend to discuss a range of issues that have been noted throughout the year. A list will be provided prior to the meeting.

There will be an opportunity to discuss the proposed local project to provide Minor Highway Repairs locally – this should include the funding and provision of a shed.

Members are aware of a similar pilot Shropshire Project – Church Preen, Kenley & Hughley – this appears to offer similar services to our proposed project.

079.25

Planning

- a) Planning & Development Updates
It was disappointing to find that The Mill Application has, once again, been refused.
- b) New Applications
The Sienna – Single Storey Garden Room

RESOLVED that Stanton Parish Council would have no comment.

- c) Other Matters

080.25

Environment and Rights of Way

- a) Updates
Dog fouling remains a concern on the Village Green / Play Park – the Parish Council had been asked to consider providing a dog bin, but it was agreed that there would be no one to empty it.

Top Moss Woods
Councillors Warren and Dee agreed to undertake some necessary work including the clearance of path routes which are public rights of way.

081.25

Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- a) Bulletins and Information
Members are encouraged to read the information sent from SALC.
- b) North Shropshire Area Committee
Councillor Alex Wagner had attended the last meeting – the Minutes will be circulated. It is clear that there is a ‘will’ and a ‘need’ for partnership working between Shropshire Council and Parish & Town Councils.
- c) Shropshire Nature Recovery Strategy
Members were asked to peruse the information from the conference to consider areas where local projects can be suggested. There is a wish for more wild flower verges and for landowners to consider areas suitable for trees and ponds.
- d) Annual Meeting
Councillor Pledger has been elected as the Chairman of SALC for the coming year. Councillors Wilson (TW) and Abbiss (S) are Vice Chairman.

082.25

Stanton Village Hall

Councillors Renton, Moore & Barrett declared interests as members of the Committee
Councillor Renton updated members in that there are still two local groups using the Hall regularly, but no private-hire recently. No smoking / No vaping signs are to be put up.

083.25

Correspondence

All correspondence is circulated to Members throughout the month.
This has included the recent Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter and Stanton News

084.25

Clerk’s Report

All included in the Agenda

Councillor’s Reports

None

085.25 **Other Matters**
None

086.25 **Next Meeting**
6th January 2025 7pm Stanton Village Hall

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

SignedDate

These minutes will remain DRAFT until confirmed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 6th January 2026.