



Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council

**MINUTES** of the monthly Meeting held **on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025** in Stanton Village Hall at **7.30pm.** immediately after the Annual Meeting.

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

**In attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
Lt Cdr Richardson, RAF Shawbury  
1 member of the public

**016.25 Welcome**  
Councillor Dee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **RAF Shawbury**

Lt Cdr Richardson had sent over a written report which had been circulated and would be added to the website. The construction work on site continues and is progressing well.

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

The Parish Council asked Lt Cdr Richardson to send our thanks back to RAF Shawbury for the £300 donation, some of which has been used to purchase a long-arm hedge cutter to be used around the Parish. Also, for the invitation for Freddie, this was much appreciated.

#### **West Mercia Police**

It was disappointing that no one was able to attend the meetings tonight and also that no report had been received. Although, there had been a recent newsletter circulated. Members agreed that having a police presence is important and it would be appreciated if someone could attend the meetings or hold local surgeries. An invitation will be extended for them to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in June.

#### **Public Session**

A local resident attended to ask for Parish Council assistance in liaising with the appropriate authorities regarding anti-social behaviour and parking issues. The information received will be passed to the police safer neighbourhood team and Shropshire Council to enquire about 'next steps' in resolving the local issues.

**017.25 Apologies**  
Councillor S Barrett                      Family Commitments                      Accepted

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

**019/25 Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

It was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Burden that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 be signed by the Chairman as a true record. With one abstention all were in favour and thus it was

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| <b>RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed.</b> |
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**Matters Arising**

None

**020.25 Chairman's Statement**

Councillor Dee thanked all Members for their support and for electing him to the position of Chairman for the 2025/26 year.

**021.25 Finance and Governance Matters**

**a) Payments**

Councillor Crackett confirmed that the balance at the end of the financial year was correct and that the payments as listed, had been confirmed.

Payments for authorisation – it was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Moore that the following payments be made, all were in favour.

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| K Baker              | Salary – April 2025 | LGA 1972 s 112 | £280.00 |
| HMRC                 | PAYE – April 2025   | LGA 1972 s 112 | £70.00  |
| Leighton Landscaping | Grass Cutting       | LGA 1972 s 111 | £206.09 |

**b) Financial Reports**

The bank balances at the end of the financial year 2024/2025 totalled £31,340.27 – a bank reconciliation had been circulated.

The earmarked reserves and budget will be considered following completion of the audit.

**c) Receipts**

The Clerk reported that the donation of £300 from RAF Shawbury has been received.

The funds from the Newsletter have also been received – the account has now been closed. This will appear in the Parish Council accounts and will be allocated for publicity in the future.

**022.25 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. However, it was pleasing to hear that the work in Booley had been completed and was to a high standard – the Clerk will send a thank you email to Shropshire Council.
- b) When using Fix My Street, it is important to add photographs where possible.
- c) Resurfacing at Harcourt Mill is now scheduled.

**023.25 Planning**

- a) Planning & Development Updates  
None

- b) New Applications  
25/01052/FUL 1, The Orchard, Booley Lane  
Part conversion of a garage to living accommodation

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| <b>RESOLVED to have no comment.</b> |
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- c) Other Matters  
None

**024.25 Environment and Rights of Way**

- a) Updates  
Stanton Village Hall  
Members agreed to engage the services of Leighton Landscapes to tidy up the car park areas around the Village Hall.

**025.25 Projects**

- a) Parish History Project  
Members wished to record their thanks to Tony, who is leading on this important project for the Parish. There is to be an exhibition in the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> June, two sessions from 10am until 12 noon and from 2pm until 4pm. This will be an opportunity to display the information collected to date and to talk to local residents to gather more information, photographs, memorabilia etc. This will be advertised in the local magazine.

Arrangements will be made for Councillor Crackett to upload the documents to the website on the History Project Page and to keep a register of documents uploaded.

**026.25 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.

**027.25 Stanton Village Hall**

There were 3 members of the public who attended the AGM and they have recruited a Treasurer and one new member to the Management Committee.  
The VE Day Coffee Morning promises to be an enjoyable event – everyone welcome.  
Some electrical maintenance is required and is being arranged.

**028.25 Correspondence**

All correspondence is circulated to Members throughout the month.

**a) Elections 2025**

Donna Edmunds was elected to the Hodnet Division – Donna will be an Independent Councillor on Shropshire Council.

**b) Stanton Play Area**

A request had been received from a neighbour to purchase a part of the play area / village green to be used as ancillary to their dwelling house. This area was planted with hedging and trees as part of the Parish Sustainability Plan.

Members could not support the sale of the land, especially in the knowledge that a significant proportion of any income has to transfer to Shropshire Council and therefore there is more benefit to the community by retaining the land for public use.

**029.25 Clerk's Report**

All matters have been included on the Agenda.

### **Councillor's Reports**

Councillor Crackett reported that services continue at St Andrew's and are well supported. The parishes of Shawbury and Moreton Corbett are reducing the number of services – there has been no news regarding the future for the three local churches. It is likely that the boiler at St Andrew's will need to be replaced in the near future – a procurement process is under way.

#### **030.25 Other Matters**

None

#### **031.25 Next Meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025                      7pm      Annual Parish Meeting                      Stanton Village Hall  
Guests: Craig Bethell, Housing Officer for Community Resource

It is also hoped that a representative of West Mercia Police will be in attendance.

There being no further business, the chairman thanked everyone for the contributions to a successful meeting and closed the meeting at 8.22pm.

Signed .....Date .....

These minutes will remain DRAFT until confirmed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025.