

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2026

Present: Cllr K Watkins (Chair), Cllr Barratt, Cllr Walsham & Cllr Weston

Attending: Di Hoyes (Parish Clerk)

Public: Trustee from the VHT

Public Session. To receive comments and information from the Village Hall Trust and members of press & public.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

Report from the VHT

- Ward Cllr Greenhalgh & Ward Cllr Dudley have agreed to provide £100.00 from their ward funds to contribute towards the care of the Muscovy ducks
- Kitchen exterior door has been ordered and will be fitted in the near future
- Fire door and canopy have been painted
- AGM scheduled for the 17th February

22/26 Chair's opening remarks and any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest

No declarations were received.

23/26 To receive and approve apologies

Apologies were received from Ward Cllr Greenhalgh & Ward Cllr Dudley, they were approved with a show of hands. **Matter resolved.**

24/26 To sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2025.

The minutes were approved by a show of hands. **Matter resolved.**

25/26 To note matters arising from the minutes

Clerk notified Council that a First Aid and Defibrillator Training event has been arranged for the 14th March at 1.00pm at the village hall. Refreshments will be kindly served by the trustees. The training will be delivered by YAS. **Matter resolved.**

26/26 Councillor Priorities over the next 12 months

Walking Board - Planned route & sign posts

Cllr Watkins reported that she had posted a walking route consultation on social media and had received positive feedback from the community. A discussion was then had for plotting the route and what signage and landmarks would be needed on the mile walk. Cllr Watkins also reported that rough costing for the project would be £2k. Council agreed that this would be budgeted for in the next financial year. Cllr Watkins agreed to approach the resident who kindly made the bird houses, to see if he would be interested in creating the sign board. **Matter ongoing.**

Maintenance of benches across the Parish

Cllr Walsham confirmed that Breedon PLC had agreed to offer financial support in the purchase of some of the new benches required across the parish. **Matter ongoing.**

Clerk agreed to approach Ward Cllr Greenhalgh & Dudley to see if there was any further ward funding in the financial year. Clerk to action. **Matter ongoing.**

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Additional maintenance throughout the Parish

No report received.

Remembrance Day Poppies for additional lighting columns

Clerk reported that the large poppies were £5.00 ea. Clerk also notified Council that a licence was now required through CDC to attached the poppies to their lighting columns/street furniture. **Matter ongoing.**

Festive Lighting

Council discussed this matter and agreed provisionally that a large festive star would be purchased to light up the back of the village hall. Further festive lighting would be discussed in the new financial year. **Matter ongoing.**

27/26 To receive the latest Police report (December 2025)



Village	Road	Crime	Statistics
Stanton	Jct of School Lane & Old Scotch Spring Lane	Vehicle Crime	3
	Jct of School Lane & Old Scotch Spring Lane	Public Order	1
	School Lane	Violence & Sexual Crime	1
Wilsic			0
Lambcote Grange			0
		Total	5

28/26 To receive the Ward Councillor report

No report received.

29/26 To discuss and comment on new applications for planning permission

26/00025/FUL – The Hen House, Wilsic Road, Wilsic. Doncaster

Proposal – Erection of single storey rear extension, alterations to front fenestration, erection of a new detached double garage, and associated landscaping works.

Council discussed this application and supported it with a show of hands. **Matter resolved.**

30/26 To discuss matters relating to, the recreation field and facilities

Clerk notified Council that CDC Playground Inspection Report had been received. Clerk summarised the report and the conclusion was that the play equipment and conditions were satisfactory.

Clerk notified Council that a request had been received from the Sheppy Pub Football Team, for them to be able to hold fixtures on the field. Council agreed this was a decision for the VHT. **Matter resolved.**

31/26 To discuss issues relating to anti-social behaviour in the parish

No specific matters discussed.

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32/26 To discuss and review highways & footpath issues in particular:

Insufficient Street Lighting on Raw Lane Pathway

Cllr Weston updated Council on the Solar Ice Lighting proposal on Raw Lane. Cllr Weston reported that the proposal would be £1.9k in total. The costs include equipment and installation. Cllr Weston also reported that travelling expense by the provider would not be required as they would come and install when they were in the locality. Clerk agreed to speak to Ward Cllr Greenhalgh about a progress report on this matter. **Matter ongoing.**

Pathway adjacent to the pond

Council again discussed the state of the pathway and how unsafe it was to traverse. Clerk agreed to write to CDC Highways again. Councillor Walsham and Cllr Weston also agreed to report the matter in the hope that multiple complaints might achieve a reaction. **Matter ongoing.**

Rubbish Bin on Raw Lane

Cllr Weston reported the littering on the layby on Cockhill Lane. Cllr Weston felt that there was a need for a Council rubbish bin to be sited in this location due to the layby being used by HGV's and commercial vehicles visiting the three quarries. Clerk to action. **Matter ongoing.**

33/26 To discuss the maintenance of the pond, Ruddie Dyke and surrounding area.

Council discussed the distressing matter of the theft of the domestic ducks who had taken up residency at the village pond.

Clerk confirmed that five Muscovy ducks had been purchased as agreed at the last Parish Council meeting. Clerk also confirmed that the new ducks were now registered with APHA and all agencies who had been involved in the theft were aware that the Muscovy ducks are owned and looked after by the Parish Council and its residents. Clerk also reported that signage had gone up at the pond to explain to residents what the birds should not be fed. Cllr Watkins spoke of the new duck group which has been set up to specifically look after the new arrivals. **Matter ongoing.**

34/26 To Discuss any Environmental Issues in particular the proposed solar farm application off Stainton Lane – Maltby Solar Farm

Clerk reported that multiple objections had been received by RMBC with regard to this solar farm proposal. Due to the number of objections, the proposal will have to be heard at RMBC Planning Committee.

Council again discussed the spending options if a community grant was received by the parish on behalf of this proposal. Council agreed spending options should include hard standing area on the recreational field for vehicles to park safely.

35/26 To discuss the reintroduction of public transport in Stainton

Clerk reminded Council that Ward Cllr Dudley had brought this matter to a CDC Full Council meeting in Qtr 3, which resulted in CDC not agreeing to offer any assistance. Clerk reported that correspondence had been sent to Mayor Ros Jones, who had responded with the agreement to forward the correspondence to Mayor Oliver Coppard. **Matter ongoing.**

36/26 To Discuss matters relating to the Church and church yard.

Council discussed the letter that was sent by Rev. Richardson with regard to the potential closure of St Winfred Church. Council agreed that some members would attend the meeting scheduled at the church on the 14th March. **Matter ongoing.**

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37/26 To receive updates relating to Wilsic.

No update received.

38/26 To received updates relating to Lambcote Grange

No update received.

39/26 Finance

Bank Statement – The bank statement was reconciled and approved with a show of hands. **Matter resolved.**

Online Payments

DC Hoyes – February Salary	£158.20
DC Hoyes – ICO Annual Renewal	£52.00
Kate Watkins – Duck Feed Bin	£39.12
DC Hoyes – Muscovy Ducks	£160.00
DC Hoyes – Travel Expense	£20.00
DC Hoyes – Duck Bedding	£5.70

40/26 To note correspondence and consider any necessary action.

No correspondence received.

41/26 To receive matters for the next general meeting

No matter received.

42/26 To approve the date for the next meeting.

It was agreed that the next general meeting would be held on the 30th March 2026. With no further business to conduct, Cllr K Watkins closed the meeting at 8.15pm.



Signed:

Dated: 30th March 2026

Cllr K Watkins – Chair of Stainton Parish Council