

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH MAY 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.

Report from the VHT

- 2nd defib- location (pub or Waters Edge), cost (possibly money raised by the pub?)
- We were successful in our application the the ward councillors for £100 to be ringfenced for the Duck Group
- The Easter Stone/egg hunt went very well. Collecting the eggs in the church went very well, with children and adults ringing the bells
- At our next committee meeting we will be discussing the 6 week wellness course delivered by Amanda and if agreed we will be applying for funding.
- We will be advertising craft group to knit, crochet, make poppies to be placed around the village asap
- We will be hosting a Northern Soul night in the hall
- We are seeking Tombola prizes for the funday
- We will be carrying out the Fixed Electric service
- A resident has replaced 2 of the trees on the playing field
- Was there any feedback about the grass in front of the stables?

63/26 Chair's opening remarks and any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest

No declarations were received.

64/26 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.**

65/26 To sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2026.

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

66/26 To note matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising.

67/26 Councillor Priorities over the next 12 months

Walking Board - Planned route & sign posts

Cllr Watkins confirmed that the bird sculptures had arrived. A discussion was had as to where they should be sited and how they would be fixed so they couldn't be removed. Cllr Watkins suggested that ½ wooden barrels could be used and the base of the birds could be concreted in. Cllr Watkins also suggested that colourful flowers should be planted around the birds. Council agreed to this with a show of hands. Cllr Watkins and family agreed to start siting the sculptures.

Cllr Watkins also recommended that each sculpture should have a QR code, so that residents could identify the birds. **Matter ongoing.**

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Maintenance of benches across the Parish

Cllr Weston suggested replacing 3 of the 8 benches though out Stainton. With the locations being:

- 1 – Near to telephone box
- 2 – Swing bench near the pond
- 3 – Junction of Raw Lane & Stainton Lane

Cllr Weston suggested that the two benches at the third location should be repaired and relocated to the recreational field. Council agreed this matter. **Matter ongoing.**

A discussion was also had about the ownership of the bench at the top of Raw Lane. Cllr Weston agreed to find out the ownership details and report back to Council. **Matter ongoing.**

Cllr Walsham also reported that Breedon had agreed to donate monies to cover the cost of one of the benches.

Additional maintenance throughout the Parish

Cllr Walsham again brought up the state of the pavement on and around the telephone box. Cllr Walsham reported that he had had a site meeting with DS Paddocks who confirmed they could carried out the work for £200.00. Council agreed this quote and asked Clerk to action work. **Matter resolved.**

68/26 To receive the latest Police report (March 2025)



Village	Road	Crime	Statistics & Outcome
Stainton	Limekiln Lane	Criminal Damage & Arson	1 – Investigation complete: no suspect identified There is insufficient evidence to bring anyone to justice at this time. The investigation may be reopened if more information becomes available.
	Limekiln Lane	Other Theft	1 – Investigation complete: no suspect identified There is insufficient evidence to bring anyone to justice at this time. The investigation may be reopened if more information becomes available.
Lambcote Grange			0
Wilsic			0
		Total	2

69/26 To receive the Ward Councillor report

No report received.

70/26 To discuss and comment on new applications for planning permission

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Proposal – Erection of pitched roof garden room/studio

Location – Wishing Well Barn, Fish Pond Lane, Braithwell. Rotherham.

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

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71/26 To discuss matters relating to, the recreation field and facilities

No report.

72/26 To discuss issues relating to anti-social behaviour in the parish

Council discussed the increased fly-tipping on Stainton Lane. Clerk suggested that Ward Cllr Dudley should be contacted in her official capacity as Civic Mayor. Clerk to action. **Matter ongoing.**

73/26 To discuss and review highways & footpath issues in particular:**Solar Lighting on Raw Lane Pathway****74/26 To discuss the maintenance of the pond, Ruddle Dyke and surrounding area.**

Council discussed the quotation received from Oakland Dream Landscapes for a duck noticeboard. Council agreed the quote of £1,200 for the following reasons:

Bespoke design

Natural Wood

Timber Canopy

Roofing Tiles

Shelf for duck food on side of the display board.

Clerk confirmed that two other companies had been approach for a like for like quote and no response was received. **Matter resolved.**

Council asked if the new Highways Manager for Doncaster South could be contacted about the pathway from School Lane to Stainton Lane. Clerk to action. **Matter ongoing.**

75/26 To Discuss any Environmental Issues in particular the proposed solar farm application off Stainton Lane – Maltby Solar Farm

No report received.

76/26 To discuss the reintroduction of public transport in Stainton

Clerk reported that no communication had been received from Oliver Coppard. Council discussed the recent request from SYPT to complete an online survey to allow residents to put forward their views on how public transport could be improved. Council recognised that a lot of residents completed the survey asking for public transport to be reinstated in Stainton. **Matter ongoing.**

77/26 To Discuss matters relating to the Church and church yard.

Council discussed the state of the churchyard and asked the Clerk to find out the new POC in light of Rev Richardson departure. Clerk to action. **Matter ongoing.**

78/26 To receive updates relating to Wilsic.

No update received.

79/26 To received updates relating to Lambcote Grange

No update received.

80/26 Finance

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

2. **Online Payments**

DS Paddock – April Maintenance	£240.00
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DS Paddock – June Maintenance	£240.00
JC Chainsaw – Bird Sculptures	£960.00
WEL Medical – Defib Pads	£64.70
DC Hoyes – April Salary	£158.20
DC Hoyes – May Salary	£158.20
Clear Councils – Annual Insurance	£543.08

3. **To Approve the 2025 – 2026 AGAR**

Council reviewed the 2025- 2026 AGAR and approved it with a show of hands. Cllr Watkins signed in the presence of Council all three sections as did the Clerk & RFO. Clerk confirmed that the Certificate of Exemption would be sent to PKF Littlejohn and that the Notice of Public Rights would be published within the correct timescales. Clerk also confirmed that all of the Accounting documentation would be published on the PC website for full transparency.

Matter resolved.

81/26 To note correspondence and consider any necessary action.

No correspondence received.

82/26 To receive matters for the next general meeting

Second Defib on Holme Hall Lane

83/26 To approve the date for the next meeting.

The date for the next general meeting was agreed for the 29th June. The date for the Annual Parish meeting & Annual Council meeting was scheduled for either the 10th or 17th May 2027. With no further business to attend Cllr Watkins closed the meeting at 8.35pm.



Signed:

Dated: 29th June 2026

Cllr K Watkins – Chair of Stainton Parish Council