

STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stanton Lacy Parish Council on 17th July 2025

Present: Cllrs Phil Parker (Chair), Robin Gatehouse, Vivien de Haan, Corin Redman, Peter Williams. **In Attendance:** Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

- 1. Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Apologies:** Cllrs Martin Finch, Emma Gatehouse, Jenna Hossbach and Phil Jones.
- 2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None
- 3. Public involvement session.** A member of the public reported that the Stanton Lacy Village Hall Committee had issued a letter barring an individual from visiting the hall due to their recent conviction for making indecent photographs of a child and of possessing an extreme pornographic image involving animals. This person is now on the sex offenders register for ten years. The committee have been supported by West Mercia Police in this matter.
- 4. Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 15th May 2025:**
RESOLVED: to accept the minutes as correct and they were signed by the chair.
- 5. Reports From Representatives:**
 - 5.1. Shropshire Council – Cllr Colin Stanford reported that he had attended his first full council meeting. Work on the Northern Relief Road has been paused indefinitely. The new administration continues to have the same financial issues as the previous one which will affect what they can do. As Shropshire Council develop the Local Plan, they will inform Parish Councils how they can feed into the plan. The Pyrolysis Plant in Ludlow is likely to be given the go ahead by Shropshire Council. He has recently attended a planning committee meeting on behalf of another Corvedale Parish Council to support a housing development but the application was refused. He now sits on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Partnership.
 - 5.2. Stanton Lacy Village Hall – Cllr Phil Jones had sent his apologies. Mr Alan Gatehouse, Chair of the Village Hall Committee was asked to report on his behalf. He reported that the thirtieth anniversary of the refurbishment of the village hall would be celebrated on the 16th August with a tea party and showing of recordings of previous events. Solar Panels have been installed at a cost of over £13,000. The hall has not been able to obtain a grant for the cost of the panels and this has been paid for from the reserves. It is hoped that the panels will reduce the amount spent on electricity particularly as a battery had also been installed. Cllr Parker thanked Mr Gatehouse.
 - 5.3. South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr Robin Gatehouse reported that he had attended the meeting and there was an Update of the Local Plan by the Planning Policy and Strategy Manager. Shropshire is required to provide 2,025 new homes and are preparing the new Local Plan – a draft copy should be complete by the end of 2026. The main issues are the infrastructure required for the new developments. There was some discussion on Shropshire NHS trust rankings compared to other areas, and the issues some Parish Councils are having with solar panel sites. Cllr Stanford added that the last draft of the Local Plan did not have sufficient information on the employment opportunities for the increased number of houses.
- 6. Update on Repairs to the Closed Road at Cuckoopen:** neither the Clerk nor Cllr Colin Stanford had a response from Shropshire Council highways team regarding the repairs to this road. The Clerk will write again.
- 7. Response from Under Secretary of State for Housing and Local Development re Permitted Development:** Baroness Taylor of Stevenage responded to the Parish

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Council that the government has no current plans to restrict the ability of farmers to undertake development under agricultural permitted development rights. The Parish Council noted the response.

- 8. Consider a Response to the Call for Information from Town and Parish Councils from Shropshire Councillor David Minnery, Chair, Transformation and Improvement Overview Committee:** Cllr Stanford stated that the new administration was keen to improve the links between Shropshire Council and Town and Parish Councils.

RESOLVED: for the Clerk to collate the responses made and complete the survey.

- 9. Review the Parish Boundaries at Sutton Hill:** various maps of the parish were reviewed and it was agreed that the Shropshire Council map was correct.

- 10. Review the Risk Assessment:**

RESOLVED: to adopt the Risk Assessment

- 11. Review the Health and Safety Policy:**

RESOLVED: to adopt the Health and Safety Policy.

- 12. Finance:**

12.1. Review the Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation: As of the 27th June 2025 the current account held £6,726.21 and the Savings account held £5,017.32 on the 6th June 2025. The expenditure was within budget except an overspend of £20.90 on insurance.

RESOLVED: to accept the report and the bank reconciliation was signed by Cllr Parker.

12.2. Environmental Maintenance Grant Income: £750 – noted.

12.3. Authorise Payments:

12.3.1. D Lewis, Environmental Maintenance Inv787 £85.50

12.3.2. H Coonick, Reimbursement Inks, stamps, stationery, software £113.35

12.3.3. Information Commissioners Office Fee £52

12.3.4. SALC Affiliation Fee £235.69

RESOLVED: to make the above payments.

- 13. Agenda Items for the next meeting:** a. Decide on the expenditure of the Neighbourhood Fund b. Road Sign on the B4365 to warn of the Stanton Lacy turn c. Items for Inclusion in the budget for 2026-27

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 18th September 2025 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

(Chair)

Date:

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