

STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stanton Lacy Parish Council on 15th January 2026

Present: Cllrs Robin Gatehouse (Vice-Chair), Martin Finch, Viv de Haan, Jenna Hossbach, Emma Gatehouse and Peter Williams. **In Attendance:** Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

26/001 Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Apologies: Cllrs Phil Jones and Phil Parker.

26/002 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

26/003 Public involvement session. No members of the public were in attendance.

26/004 Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 20th November 2025

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes and they were signed by the vice chair.

26/005 Reports From Representatives:

- a. Shropshire Council – Cllr Colin Stanford reported that Shropshire Council have not yet been successful in their application to central government for a loan. The three-year settlement from central government is less than expected and SC is appealing for a higher level considering the cost of providing services in a rural county. The government has recently published a map of the country with road maintenance ratings displayed in traffic light colours – Shropshire has an amber rating, as do most other counties. There are still a lot of concerns about the proposal to devolve some non-statutory services to the Town and Parish Councils. He is a member of the Task and Finish Group which hopes to introduce health into all decision-making processes across the council. The new administration is considering eleven different options regarding the Shire Hall building; it costs £280,000 per annum at present.
- b. Stanton Lacy Village Hall – Cllr Jenna Hossbach reported that the committee have not yet had meeting. Recent events have been successful particularly the Christmas Lunch. Cllr Robin Gatehouse reported that the January Winter Warmer was attended by 33 people. Diane Breeze, Community Wellbeing Outreach team provided Health Checks and there was a presentation on the importance of vaccinations. Warming packs from Marches Energy are being distributed to some households. A blood pressure monitor maybe purchased with the donations made to the Winter Warmers and volunteers will be trained to provide blood pressure checks to members of the parish.

26/006 Policy Review:

- a. Biodiversity Policy
- b. Code of Conduct
- c. Retention of Documents Policy

RESOLVED: to adopt the above policies.

26/007 Update on Signs Near Village Hall and Titterhill: Nick Newton, Shropshire Traffic Engineer has informed the clerk that both sets of signs are still with the consultants for final design.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should write to Mr Newton asking him to push for these signs to be installed as the process seems to have been at a standstill since early 2025.

26/008 Finance:

- a. Adopt the Budget and Set the Precept for 2026-2027:

Copies of the agenda and minutes are available from the Clerk, Heather Coonick:

email: clerk@stantonlacy-pc.gov.uk Tel: 07817607355 or on the website: www.stantonlacy-pc.gov.uk

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RESOLVED: to set a budget of £6,542 and to request a precept of £5,236 which is £30.51 for a Band D property and a 2.8% increase on the year 2026-26.

b. Authorise Payments:

- I. D Lewis Environmental Maintenance Inv 907 £185.25
- II. Hugo Fox Email clerk@stantonlacy-pc.gov.uk £2.49 plus vat per month as a Direct Debit.
- III. Clerk's Access to Work Equipment (the Council will be reimbursed by Access to Work). £3,205 plus VAT
- IV. Shropshire Council (Parish Council Election Fee May 2025) £125

RESOLVED: to make the above payments

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Agenda Items for the next meeting: a. Issues with Roadside Boundary Hedge Maintenance

The Council would like to thank Mr Alan Gatehouse and Mr Gethin Ellis-Jones for their work clearing the roads of snow and fallen branches during the recent snowfall.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 19th March 2026 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

(Chair)

Date: