

STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Lacy Parish Council on 24th September 2026

- Present:** Cllrs Phil Parker (chair), Martin Finch, Emma Gatehouse, Robin Gatehouse, Jenna Hossbach, Corin Redman. **In Attendance:** Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick (Clerk/RFO).
- 26/061** **Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Apologies:** Cllrs Peter Williams, Phil Jones and Viv de Haan.
- 26/062** **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None
- 26/063** **Public involvement session.** No members of the public were in attendance.
- 26/064** **Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 15th July 2026:** Item 26/059 should read 'the bank reconciliation was signed by Cllr Peter Williams'.
RESOLVED: to approve and sign the amended minutes and they were signed by the chair.
- 26/065** **Reports from Representatives:**
- i. Shropshire Council – Cllr Colin Stanford reported that the recent Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy review of SC deemed it in a perilous financial situation. It supports the action the council is taking and at present the council has only taken £90 million of the £120 million provided by the government. There is a lot of concern that Meole Brace Park and Ride is closing and there is an attempt to try to find an alternative solution to closure. There has been a lot of work on highways in the local area and he will mention the state of the lane below Chapel Bank at Hayton. The Ford Stages Rally went ahead with a mixture of views from residents.
 - ii. Stanton Lacy Village Hall – Cllr Jenna Hossbach had not been able to attend the latest council meeting. The Clerk has been informed that the committee supported the parameters for the relationship between the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council
 - iii. South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr Robin Gatehouse reported he had not attended a meeting.
- 26/066** **Planning**
- i. Update on the Proposed Solar Farm at Norton, SY7 9AS: Cllrs Parker and Gatehouse reported that they had attended the exhibition by ILOS the developer alongside the clerk. Copies of the information boards had been made available to councillors who had not been able to attend. There was concern that the site would be visible from all of the important viewpoints in the surrounding National Landscape areas. The access to the site has not been confirmed yet. There was concern that the developers should be required to improve the intended route and ensure that it is left in good condition after the build has been completed.
RESOLVED: to ask ILOS whether they have confirmed at route and what plans there are to improve the condition of the highways on that route.
 - ii. [26/03028/FUL](#) Formation of new shared access and parking area for Nos 3 and 4 Stanton Lacy – to note that an extraordinary meeting was not deemed necessary.
RESOLVED: to note this application.
 - iii. [26/02977/FUL](#) Proposed Barn Conversion Southwest of Downton Hall, Conversion of redundant barn into pavilion to include toilets, kitchen and first floor garden room
RESOLVED: to support the application and request a clause that it should not be used as residential accommodation.
- 26/067** **Update on Expression of Interest to Shropshire Council to Provide Streetscene Services – Verge Cutting:** councillors considered information provided by SALC about the legality of SC passing this service to Parish Councils. There has been no further information from SC since the Expression of Interest was made.

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- 26/068 Consider Shropshire Council's Request to Enter an Agreement to Help Fund Ludlow Library:** other parishes and Ludlow Town Council were not willing to enter into an agreement and there was concern about the increase in precept which would be required to fund it.
RESOLVED: to not enter an agreement
- 26/069 Review the Parameters for the Parish Council to Become the Sole Trustee of Stanton Lacy Village Hall Charity:** the parameters were discussed and considered satisfactory. If ever there is not a committee to run the hall the parish council would be responsible for closing the hall and charity.
RESOLVED: to agree the parameters and move ahead with the Parish Council becoming Sole Trustee of the Village Hall Charity.
- 26/070 Respond to the Police & Crime Commissioner Annual Parish Council Survey:**
RESOLVED: that the clerk would complete the survey.
- 26/071 Agree Three Priorities for West Mercia Police Neighbourhood Team:**
RESOLVED: defer to the next meeting.
- 26/072 Policy and Procedure Review:**
i. Reasonable Adjustment Policy
ii. Complaints Policy and Procedure
iii. Risk Assessment
RESOLVED: to adopt all three items.
- 26/073 Consider the New Road Signs Installed by Shropshire Council:** the signs have been installed around the village hall junction to try to slow traffic as this is the school bus stop and around Haytons Bent and Lower Hayton to try to prevent large vehicles from travelling along Titterhill.
RESOLVED: to thank Shropshire Council for the new signs.
- 26/074 Finance:**
i. Consider Items for Inclusion in Draft Budget for Consideration in November. Mental Health First Aid could be funded from the money already held for First Aid in the Community. No other items were suggested.
ii. Note Income: A VAT reclaim of £641 had been received for the period 1/4/25 – 31/7/26. Noted.
iii. Authorise Payments:
a. D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) invs 1070 £275 & 1086 £140
b. H Coonick, Clerk (reimbursement inks) £11.98
c. H Coonick, HMRC, Clerk Salary, Expenses & travel July – Sep £702.15
RESOLVED: to make the above payments.
iv. Consider Obtaining a Debit Card for the Clerk with Expenditure Limit of £300
RESOLVED: to obtain the debit card with a £300 item limit.
- 26/075 Agenda Items for the next meeting:** a. Priorities for Neighbourhood Policing.

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

Signed:

(Chair) Date: