STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Lacy Parish Council on 19th November 2026

Present: Cllrs Phil Parker (Chair), Emma Gatehouse, Robin Gatehouse, Viv de Haan, Jenna Hossbach, Phil Jones and Peter Williams **In attendance:** Cllr Colin Stanford (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

26/076 **Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Apologies**: Cllr Martin Finch (work)
RESOLVED: to accept Cllr Finch's apology.

26/077 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**: Cllr Emma Gatehouse (item 26/081 ii)

26/078 **Public involvement session**. There were two members of the public in attendance. At the request of a member of the public Cllr E Gatehouse left the meeting prior to the public session. A member of the public (MP1) asked what had been done regarding the planning application in item 26/081 ii. The clerk reported that the application had been refused by both Shropshire Council and the Planning Inspectorate and this application is attempting to remedy the points raised in the refusals. MP1 continues to be concerned about the work done which increased the footprint prior to the original planning application.

26/079 **Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on the 24th September 2026:**
RESOLVED: that the minutes were a true record and they were signed by the chair.

26/080 **Reports from Representatives:**

i. Shropshire Council – Cllr Colin Stanford reported that the government have introduced a National Scheme of Delegation which has removed the requirement for planning applications to automatically go to the planning committee if the Parish Council objects. External auditors of the council were critical of the council's previous contract management and procurement. They consider the council will have financial stability by March 2029 but will continue to need additional government support. The Park and Ride at Meole Brace has been given a reprieve whilst the council looks at alternatives to closure. He attended two remembrance services.

ii. Stanton Lacy Village Hall – Mr Alan Gatehouse reported to the council that members of the village hall committee, Cllr Robin Gatehouse and H Coonick (clerk) had met to finalise the changes to the Village Hall Trust Deed which will go before a public meeting in January before being submitted to the Charity Commission. He intends to stand down from the committee once the transfer to the Parish Council has been completed. The Winter Warmer went well and there is another one in December. More tickets sales are needed for the Christmas Lunch.

26/081 **Planning**

i. 26/03830/FUL Porch to front elevation and single storey side extension 4 Vernolds Common, SY7 9LP
RESOLVED: to support the application

ii. 26/04037/FUL Proposed conversion of existing farm building to a single dwelling. Residential Barn Conversion West Of, Thriftwicket Lane, Haytons Bent. (Cllr E Gatehouse was not in the meeting during this item)
RESOLVED: to support the application but note that the parish council does not support the work carried out on the site and building prior to the planning application being submitted.

iii. Update on the Proposed Solar Farm at Norton, SY7 9AS: the council noted the developer's application for a screening opinion.

26/082 **Update on Expression of Interest to Shropshire Council to Provide Streetscene Services – Verge Cutting:** Shropshire Council have offered to meet with the council

to consider the options for partnership working. They have not provided any costings for the proposals.
RESOLVED: that the council does not wish to enter into a partnership arrangement particularly as Shropshire Council has not been able to provide any costings for the work that he Parish Council could take over.

26/083 **Review the Stanton Lacy Village Hall Amended Trust Deed to Allow Stanton Lacy Parish Council to Become Sole Trustee of the Charity:**
RESOLVED: to accept the Trust Deed and support the transfer to the Parish Council

26/084 **Note Re-declaration of Compliance with the Pension Regulator on 8/10/2026:** noted**.**

26/085 **Agree Priorities for Neighbourhood Policing:**
RESOLVED: that the priorities should be a. Farm Thefts b. Speeding c. Drugs

26/086 **Consider a Grant to Ripples to Assist with Purchasing the New Printer**
RESOLVED: to donate £100

26/087 **Finance:**

i. Review the Reserves Policy:
RESOLVED: to transfer any unspent money from 2026-27 into the general reserve.

ii. Consider the Clerks Renumeration and Expenses for 2027-2028:
RESOLVED: in recognition of the increased responsibility and time involved in the role, the clerk will move to LC1 on the NJC scale, increase hours from 3.5 to 4 per week and receive 55p per mile for travel expenses from 1st April 2027.

iii. Consider the Draft Budget: considering the additional costs of item 26/087 ii and a 2% inflation rate the council is considering an increase in precept of in the region of 13.5% for a Band D property. The budget will be finalised and the precept set at the January meeting.

iv. Appoint the Auditor for 2027-2028:
RESOLVED: to appoint Ms Tavi Meeson and accept her quote of £150.

v. Authorise Payments:
   a. D Lewis Repair of Notice Board Inv 1094 £10, Environmental Maintenance inv 2014 £100 and inv 2032 £100.
   b. Clerk and HMRC, (Salary Oct- Dec) £635.03 travel (Sept – Nov) £6.75 and office expenses £25
   RESOLVED: to make the above payments.

26/088 **Agenda Items for the next meeting:** a. adopt the budget and set the precept.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 21st January 2027 at 7.30pm.

Signed: (Chair) Date: