# MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2026

**Present:** Cllr K Watkins (Chair), Cllr Barratt, Cllr Walsham, Cllr Weston & Cllr Dobson
**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

- The VHT have formally changed their new financial year end to 31st December, so that it aligns with how they report to the Charities Commission.
- Trustees have had a meeting with the Church to confirm dates for joint activities. The next one will be the Harvest Festival with donations to Maltby Food bank (collected in the hall).
- Trustees have spoken to residents in the village about the re-instatement of deliveries of the Church magazine.
- Church has booked the village hall for interviews for the new vicar (19th October). A trustee has been asked to be the village representative on the informal interviews.
- The coffee morning for the Duck Group was a success with £86.00 raised for the care of the ducks.
- Craft group is well attended. Poppies are being made from home by residents who then drop them into the village hall. Decision is to be reached where they will be displayed around the village for Remembrance Day. The group want to continue after this project is completed.

## 108/26 Chair's opening remarks and any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest

No declarations were received.

## 109/26 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**.

## 110/26 To sign and approve the minutes of the general meeting held on 29th June 2026.

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

## 111/26 To note matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising.

## 112/26 Councillor Priorities over the next 12 months

**Walking Board & Other Noticeboards**

Clerk confirmed that the walking notice board was due for completion in October.
Council discussed relocating the noticeboard on Holme Hall Lane. Cllr Dobson suggested that this was under utilised and that a better location would be to replace the old noticeboard on the village hall. Cllr Watkins suggested asking residents via social media how the noticeboard could be better used/sited.
**Matter ongoing.**

**Benches**
**Cllr Watkins confirmed receipt of the three new benches, and Council again discussed and agreed where they would be sited:**
Duck pond, Raw Lane & Holme Hall Lane (near the library)
Council agreed that due to the other priorities which had been completed the following priorities would be introduced as matters on the agenda.
**Scotch Spring Lane & Old Scotch Spring Lane**
**Raw Lane Signage & Speed**
**Duck Pond Pathway**

**113/26 To receive the latest Police report (June 2026)**
No crimes were reported in June.

**114/26 To receive the Ward Councillor report**
No report received.

**115/26 To discuss and comment on new applications for planning permission**
No new applications were received.

**116/26 To discuss matters relating to, the recreation field and facilities**
Cllr Weston confirmed that one of the repaired benches had been relocated on to the recreational field.
Cllr Watkins confirmed that two applications for funding for the field had been made to CDC. Awaiting response. **Matter ongoing.**

**117/26 To discuss issues relating to anti-social behaviour in the parish**
Council discussed again the increase of people wearing balaclavas riding electric scooters through the parish. Council discussed the need for all residents to report any anti-social behaviour directly to SYP as the more reports received builds a chronology of criminal behaviour.

**118/26 To discuss and review highways & footpath issues in particular: Solar Lighting on Raw Lane Pathway**
No report had been received from Ward Cllr Greenhalgh with reference to the Solar Light project. Clerk to gain an update. **Matter ongoing**.
Council again discussed the dangers of the pathway adjacent to the duck pond. Clerk agreed to contact Cllr Dudley about the matter. **Matter ongoing.**

**119/26 To discuss the maintenance of the pond, Ruddle Dyke and surrounding area.**
Cllr Dobson reported on behalf of the Duck group, the following:

1. The duck house is to be rebuilt in early October. It will be a stone house making it more permanent. The duck house will be significantly bigger to house the fowl. Two residents have agreed to build the house which will include a veranda. They will carry out the work free of charge and only the material will need to be financially covered by the group.
   Veranda.
2. More male waders have been donated.
3. More food and cleaning equipment has been purchased.
4. £458 fund raising in the pot still.
5. May need to fence off a safe space so residents can't disturb the nesting birds.
6. A local Resident requested a few ducks be relocated for their pond
7. Farmer Jack, to come out to discuss the chipping, clipping and sexing of the 32 birds.

**120/26 To Discuss any Environmental Issues in particular the proposed solar farm application off Stainton Lane – Maltby Solar Farm**
No report received.

**121/26 To discuss the reintroduction of public transport in Stainton**
Clerk reported that SYMCA had confirmed that the survey on the key principles of bus franchising had been completed. A summary of the survey will be made available later on in the year. **Matter ongoing**.

**122/26 To Discuss matters relating to the Church and church yard.**
No report.

**123/26 To receive updates relating to Wilsic.**
No update received.

**123/26 To received updates relating to Lambcote Grange**
No update received.

**125/26 Finance**

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

2. **Online Payments**

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| DS Paddocks – August Maintenance | £240.00 |
| CDC – Field Maintenance | £160.55 |
| DC Hoyes – September Salary | £158.20 |
| Marmax – 3 x Composite Benches | £1,615.20 |
| Albany Computers – Website Renewal | £129.50 |

Payments were approved with a show of hands. **Matter resolved**.

**126/26 To note correspondence and consider any necessary action.**
No correspondence received.

**127/26 To receive matters for the next general meeting**
Grass verge adjacent to the village hall.

**128/26 To approve the date for the next meeting.**
The date for the next general meeting was agreed for the 19th October. With no further business to attend Cllr Watkins closed the meeting at 7.59pm.

Signed: 

Dated: 19th October 2026

Cllr S Weston – Vice Chair of Stainton Parish Council