



**Minutes of Stanton under Bardon Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
starting at 7:00pm at Stanton Under Bardon Village Hall, St John Cole Crescent, Stanton  
Under Bardon, LE67 9AE**

**Parish Councillors Present:** Cllr Alan Ramsay (Chairman) Cllr Anthony Johnston (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Zoe Howard

**In Attendance:** Two members of the public  
Cllr Chris Lambert – Borough Councillor  
Joanne Lowe (Parish Clerk and RFO)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public expressed support for the grant application for the Stanfest event scheduled for September. This will be the third time the event has been held, with last year's event raising funds for Rainbows. Without financial support from the Parish Council, the event could not be offered free of charge to the community.

Cllr Lambert provided an update. As the Borough Council is currently in the pre-election period, updates are limited. However, the Local Plan has progressed to the next phase, and Cllr Lambert will continue to keep the Parish Council informed. The Borough Council's proposal for the recent Local Government reorganisation was submitted in March, with further updates expected around November 2025. In the meantime, new Town Councils are currently being established, such as Hinckley Town Council.

*Council Meeting started at 19:06*

208/24-25	<p><u>To receive apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council received and resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Underdown and Cllr Barratt.</p>
209/24-25	<p><u>To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda</u></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> Cllr Johnston and Cllr Howard both declared interests in agenda item 7d.</p> <p>Cllr Johnston used his current 4 year dispensation as without the dispensation, the number of councillors prohibited from taking part would impede the transaction of business.</p>

	<p>Cllr Howard applied for a dispensation as without the dispensation, the number of councillors prohibited from taking part would impede the transaction of business.</p> <p>As per Standing Order 13e, the Proper Officer granted these dispensations.</p>
210/24-25	<p><u>To consider the adoption of the draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council resolved to adopt the draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March with no amendments made. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>
211/24-25	<p><u>To receive updates from the Clerk relevant to the Parish Council activities during March 2025.</u></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> The Council noted the Clerks Report.</p>
212/24-25	<p><u>To review and approve the financial statement for March 2025</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council approved the financial statement for March 2025</p>
213/24-25	<p><u>To review and approve bank statements and bank reconciliations for March 2025</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council approved the bank statements and bank reconciliations for March 2025</p>
214/24-25	<p><u>To review and approve the list of invoices scheduled for April 2025</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council approved the list of invoices scheduled for April 2025</p>
215/24-25	<p><u>To review and approve the draft Investment Strategy for financial year 2025 – 26</u></p> <p>The Council reviewed the draft Investment Strategy.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council approved the draft Investment Strategy for financial year 2025-26.</p>
216/24-25	<p><u>To review and approve the Investment Report for April 2025</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council approved the Investment Report for April 2025.</p>

	<p><u>To review the annual budget report for financial year 2024 – 25.</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> This item was deferred.</p>
217/24-25	<p><u>To note the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for parish and town councils in England for the year 2025-26 is £11.10</u></p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> The Council noted this figure and its impact on Section 137 payments during 2025-26.</p>
218/24-25	<p><u>To discuss and consider applying for the Local Government Award Scheme - Bronze Award</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council resolved to apply for the Local Government Award Scheme – Bronze Award.</p>
219/24-25	<p><u>To discuss and consider the draft designs for the Village Sign at Stanton under Bardon</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council chose option 2 as a village sign and asked for the Village Sign</p>
220/24-25	<p><u>To consider applying for funding to the Hinckley and Bosworth VE80 Grant to pay for commemorative VE80 bunting and flag as well as a themed coffee morning at the Village Hall</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council agreed to apply for the funding.</p>
221/24-25	<p><u>To discuss and consider applying to the Digital Inclusion Grant from CityFibre Community Fund for a public computer and printer at Stanton under Bardon Village Hall.</u></p> <p>The Council discussed the proposal, including the potential benefits and risks.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council agreed to investigate options to be presented at a future Council meeting.</p>
222/24-25	<p><u>To consider an application to the Parish Council Community Grant for £2000</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council agreed to support the application to the Parish Council Community Grant for £2,000.</p>

223/24-25	<p><u>To discuss and consider the installation of Electric Car Charging Points at Stanton under Bardon Village Hall</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> This item was deferred because Lisa Rees was not present at the meeting.</p>
224/24-25	<p><u>To discuss and consider the quotations for an Energy Performance Certificate at Stanton under Bardon Village Hall</u></p> <p>Four quotations were presented to Council.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Council accepted the quote from GES Limited at a cost of £250 + VAT.</p>
225/24-25	<p><u>To discuss and consider the quotations for an Electrical Installation Condition Report and replacement of three broken car park lights at Stanton under Bardon Village Hall</u></p> <p>Three quotations were presented to Council.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Council accepted the quote from Leicestershire Electrical Services of £538 + VAT.</p>
226/24-25	<p><u>To discuss and consider the quotations for a two year contract to undertake Legionella monitoring at Stanton under Bardon Village Hall.</u></p> <p>Three quotations were presented to Council.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Council accepted the quote from Aqua Solutions to undertake monthly and annual checks at a cost of £1020+VAT per year on a two year agreement, as well as remedial works to the existing system at a cost of £291.61 + VAT.</p>
227/24-25	<p><u>To review and approve the draft Dignity at Work Policy</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Council agreed to adopt the policy.</p>
228/24-25	<p><u>To consider signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Council agreed to adopt the policy.</p>
229/24-25	<p><u>To consider implementing a deposit scheme for new allotment tenants at Stanton under Bardon</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> Council agreed to introduce a £50 refundable deposit scheme to new allotment tenants.</p>

230/24-25	<p><u>To discuss and consider the request from an allotment tenant to plant a community orchard area on unusable land at St John Cole Crescent allotments</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council agreed to purchase 8 fruit trees for £100 for the community orchard.</p>
231/24-25	<p><u>To consider whether to submit formal responses to the following applications:</u></p> <p>Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton under Bardon Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 16 Submission Consultation</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council agreed to give no comment</p> <p>North West Leicestershire District Council – Local Plan Consultation – no comment</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council agreed to give no comment</p> <p><u>Householder planning application for the construction of upper floor extensions and single story side extension to an existing residential dwelling at Dearleap Farm, Stanton under Bardon LOCATION : Deer Leap Willow Farm Thornton Lane Stanton Under Bardon Markfield</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council agreed to give no comment</p>
232/24-25	<p>To discuss and consider street names for the Allison Homes Development off Main Street, Stanton under Bardon</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council agreed to carry out a short consultation with the local community to gather residents' views on preferred street names for the new development.</p>
233/24-25	<p>To note the draft minutes from the Stanton under Bardon Village Hall Management Committee Meeting held on 24th February 2025</p> <p><b>NOTED:</b> The Council noted the draft minutes.</p>

*Council Meeting finished at 20:35*

Signed by

Chair .....

Date .....