

MINUTES OF STANTON-ON-THE-WOLDS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN STANTON-ON-THE-WOLDS PARISH CHURCH ON TUESDAY 6th MAY 2025 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Chair:	Cllr Day.
Parish Councillors:	Cllrs Danielson and Healy.
Other Councillors:	Borough/County Councillor/ Co-opted Councillor Wells
Council Staff:	Michelle Law (Clerk), who minuted the meeting Emma Goodman (RFO)
Members of the Public:	2

1. Chair's Welcome

Cllr Robert Day welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received and accepted from Councillor's Browett and Benny. Borough/County Councillors Cottee and Inglis also sent their apologies.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting on Tuesday 7th May 2024 were **APPROVED** and signed by Cllr Day as a true record.

4. Chair's Report on Parish Council Activities 2024/25

This past 12 months has seen numerous challenges to the effective operation of the parish council. Early in the year we lost the services of Cllr Elaine Watson and other Cllrs have been prevented from attending because of health and family issues. As a result of this we made the request to the borough council to co-opt two additional Cllrs in order to guarantee a quorum for our meetings. I'm pleased to report that Cllr Tony Wells and Rob Inglis were quick to volunteer to assist and we are grateful for the additional work that they are now putting in on top of their regular duties. We are also pleased to welcome Rob Kalisiak to the parish council at this May meeting.

I will take this opportunity to thank my fellow Cllr's, Martin Danielson and Margaret Healy for their tireless hard work and valued contributions. As a parish council we also wish to register our thanks to our Clerk, Michelle Law and to our RFO, Emma Goodman for their continued expertise and efforts.

As you will see from the preceding paragraphs, our constant challenge is to encourage popular support and engagement from the parishioners of Stanton-on-the-Wolds, without whose assistance it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain and indeed justify the existence of our village Parish Council.

Indeed, such is the concern over the last few years regarding both continuity and succession within the parish council that we took advice from the Borough Council and our colleagues

at Keyworth Parish Council regarding the viability of a merger between our two bodies. It is the agreed view of the council that this outcome is now almost unavoidable given the reluctance of the public to participate in Parish council matters. We have therefore formally requested that a community governance review be undertaken so that the parishioners of Stanton-on-the-Wolds will continue to have a public voice and some influence at this important level of civic engagement. The process is expected to take at least 12 months, and the parish council will continue to keep you all appraised of any developments. In the meantime, we extend all our best wishes for a pleasant and prosperous year ahead.

Thank you.



Cllr Robert Day, Chairman.

5. Questions from residents

The following questions were asked during the meeting from members of the public:

1. **Is there anything the Parish Council can do about the junction at Stanton Lane, Willow Brook and Nicker Hill, it would be good if yellow lines could be put on the junction or the resident to cut their hedge at a diagonal and replace with a hedge.** It was reported that unfortunately the Parish Council do not have jurisdiction over where double yellow lines are placed or how residents have hedges or fences on their property. The house in questions has recently given the hedge a good cut which has helped with visibility at the junction. The Parish Council will contact VIA East Midlands to ask if a speed monitor can be put in the area with the hope that if to many cars are caught going over the speed limit then a speed sign will be installed. Furthermore, the Parish Council will ask if a stop sign can be installed rather than a give way sign which is currently at the junction. Furthermore, Borough Cllr Wells has said he will have a look at the hedge and talk to Rushcliffe Borough Council about it.
2. **The footpath the takes you from Thurlby Lane to the A606 was redirected during COVID and now walking on the grass verge is not very safe as the traffic is behind you. Is there anything the Parish Council can do?** The resident was informed that Cllr Danielson has already started a petition to get the footpath on the grass verge look at and that the petition is currently with Nottinghamshire County Council and the Parish Council are awaiting a response from Nottinghamshire County Council. The resident was informed to keep an eye on minutes from future Parish Council meetings as updates on this footpath will be in there. Furthermore, the Parish Council did say they would try and make contact with the landowner to see if there was anyway of routing the footpath along the edge of the field.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at approximately 7.30pm