



Stanton under Bardon Parish Council

**DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Stanton under Bardon Parish Council  
held at Stanton under Bardon Village Hall, St John Cole Crescent, Stanton under Bardon  
on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 19:00**

**Parish Councillors Present:** Cllr Anthony Johnston (Chairman) Cllr Neil Barratt (Vice Chair),  
Cllr Kevin Underdown

**Parish Clerk:** Joanne Lowe

**Members of the Public Present:** 38

The Meeting opened at 19:00

APM1/25-26	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTIONS BY THE CHAIRMAN</b>  The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
APM2/25-26	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2024</b>  The draft minutes from the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024 were accepted with no amendments made.
APM3/25-26	<b>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b> A report was received by the Chairman.  The Chairman welcomed residents to the Annual Village Meeting and gave a brief overview of the Council's work over the past year. Thanks were given to outgoing Chairman Cllr Alan Ramsay for his service, and a welcome was extended to new councillor Kevin Underdown, who has taken on the role of School Liaison Officer. The Chairman highlighted the successful revival of the Village Hall as a community hub, with new regular hirers and over £10,000 in grant funding secured for improvements, including a refurbished meeting room and cinema equipment.  Other highlights included the planting of 150 trees at the recreation ground in partnership with the primary school and support for community events such as Remembrance Sunday, the Older People's Christmas Dinner, and Stanfest. The Council continues to oppose inappropriate developments and is actively contributing to the Borough's Rural Strategy. The Chairman thanked councillors for their hard work and reaffirmed the Council's commitment to representing residents.

APM4/25-26	<b>PLANNING MEETING</b> The idea of a hosting a planning meeting with HBBC Planning Officers was discussed and it was agreed to arrange this meeting as soon as possible.
APM5/25-26	<b>LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE UPDATE</b> PC Cunningham shared recent crime statistics and gave an overview of the geographical area covered by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team, along ways to get in touch with the police. Residents were encouraged to register with Neighbourhood Link.
APM6/25-26	<b>MIDLANDS QUARRY GROUP</b> Representatives from Midland Quarry Products gave an introduction to the activities at Cliffe Hill Quarry as well as the how dust is monitored by an external and independent company. Representatives were also introduced to a new blast notification text service that gives weekly updates to residents. A resident asked for the siren to be louder in the village to warn of blasts. Another resident requested data from the vibrations caused by blasting.
APM7/25-26	<b>HEALTH INEQUALITIES SUPPORT</b> Kate Crowfoot was not present at the meeting.
APM8/25-26	<b>LOROS BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS</b> Michelle Warden provided an overview of the bereavement sessions offered by LOROS, which are delivered free of charge at Stanton under Bardon Village Hall every Thursday afternoon. She outlined the ways in which the sessions support residents over 18 coping with loss and highlighted the positive impact on those who attend. Members expressed their thanks to the group for providing such a valuable service to the community.
APM9/25-26	<b>HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH VOLUNTEERING PARTNERSHIP</b> Kevin Taylor from RCC gave an update. The service continues to support local residents by offering assistance with applying for grants for their community project, promoting volunteer opportunities and fostering community wellbeing. If residents are interested in volunteering, they are encouraged to get in touch with RCC directly.
APM10/25-26	<b>STANFEST 2025</b> Louise Grey gave an update. An update was provided on Stanfest25, the upcoming community festival to be held for its 3 <sup>rd</sup> year in September 2025. Louise outlined key event details planned activities and a request for volunteers to come forward to help on the day. The committee also acknowledged the grant of £2000 towards the running of the event from the Parish Council.

APM11/25-26	<p><b>ST JOHN COLE CHARITY</b></p> <p>Steph Agnew gave an update. In the late 1600s, St John Cole of Stanton under Bardon left land to support the village's widows, orphans, and elderly poor. Managed by trustees, the charity operated until the 1970s, when its role was updated. The land was sold, and funds now support elderly residents and widows with state pensions.</p> <p>Today, trustees Stephanie Agnew and Heather Coules continue to manage the charity, one of the East Midlands' oldest.</p>
APM12/25-26	<p><b>REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p>Charles Whitwick introduced himself as the new County Councillor for Markfield, Desford &amp; Thornton and indicated that he might be appointed as lead member for Highways at the upcoming AGM.</p>
APM13/25-26	<p><b>QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS</b></p> <p>A resident asked for an update on the bus service. It was confirmed that the 125 route will continue to operate. Further updates are expected over the summer and will be shared by the Parish Council.</p>

Meeting closed at 20:48

Signed by

Chair .....

Date .....