



Minutes of a meeting of Nailstone Parish Council
Held at All Saints Church, Nailstone at 7pm on Wednesday
25th June 2025.

Present: L Harris (Chair), T Harrison (Vice Chair), Cllr D Crane, Cllr H Darlington (Vice Chair), Clerk K Bates, County Cllr J Melen, Borough Cllr W J Crooks, 7 members of the public.

Council business

126/2025 Election of Vice Chair and Acceptance of Office

It was resolved that Cllr Darlington be elected as Vice Chair and the Acceptance of Office was signed.

Cllr Harrison **was thanked** for his many years of continued dedication to the PC, both as Chair and Vice Chair.

Public session

127/2025 To receive questions and comments from members of the public

There were none.

128/2025 To receive an update from County Councillor Melen

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for a report on County Council business for May. This included an update on his casework for PC's in his Ward, the proposed introduction of a Fox Connect/Dial A Ride service in mid-July and the date of the upcoming LCC meeting on 2/7/25.

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for his assistance with progressing the outstanding items reported to LCC and chasing an updated quotation for the street light work.

129/2025 To receive an update from Borough Councillor W R Crooks

Cllr Crooks **was thanked** for a report on Borough Council business.

Cllr Crooks **was thanked** for his assistance in reporting dangerous fly tipping and a collapsed gulley and missing manhole cover on Wood Road. Cllr Crooks reported on Devolution developments. New Wards would have approximately 4800 electors per Councillor instead of 2500. The District and Borough Councils were working together on the Devolution plan. The number of Members on a Planning Committees were due to decrease to between 8&11. Members would not be able to call in applications.

130/2025 To receive updates from Community Groups and other organisations

PCC: A meeting had been held with Diocesan Officials to discuss the potential evolution of the Church to a Community Church Hub. The Diocese was supportive of this. Architects were due to visit. The Diocesan representatives had commented on the disappointing appearance of the Closed Churchyard and commented that the cremation area should have simple stones with nothing placed on the top of the stone.

NCG: A meeting had been held at the start of June. The Garage Sale was due to be held on 28/6/25. It had been decided that the NCG would not run any events at the Church Summer Fete but would assist the Church with helpers where needed.

GG: The GG had met and planted over 100 home sown gap filler seedlings. The Rock bed, Centenary bed and Churchyard bed had been weeded. Work was planned to the Memorial Area which would be done in stages to maintain a tidy appearance. Plants were planned for the Pit Wheel Triangle.

Footpaths: The footpath warden asked if there was any progress on the replacement of the wooden stile on footpath R66. The Clerk responded that H&BBC had approved the application in principle but were requiring a new quotation to support the application. The Clerk had requested this and was chasing a response. Landowner permissions had kindly been given by Cllr Crane.

Village Show: No update

History Group: No update

Council business

131/2025 To consider apologies for absence from Councillors

There were none.

132/2025 To receive declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

There were none.

133/2025 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 28th May 2025

It was resolved that the minutes be approved, and they were signed by the Chair.

134/2025 To receive updates from Councillors and the Clerk

Cllr Harris: No update

Cllr Harrison: No update

Cllr Crane: No update

Cllr Darlington: There was a possibility that the September edition of the newsletter would fall when Cllr Darlington was away and Mrs K Elkin had kindly agreed to assist again if required.

Clerk:

W.I. Event: The W.I. were planning to hold their open evening on 17th July and had requested the use of Church Meadow, permission was granted.

Fly tip: Several cans of paint had been fly tipped in the unofficial layby on Bagworth Rd, this had been reported to H&BBC on 3/6/25 and cleared.

Fly tip: Approx 8 cans of paint had been fly tipped in the layby on A447 at Osbaston Tollgate, this had been reported on 11/6/25 to H&BBC and cleared.

Image licence fee: this had been settled and paid for the amount of £250, £125 less than originally requested.

135/2025 To consider planning applications submitted:

25/00545/HOU Bluebell Cottage, Yew Tree Farm, Occupation Road, Nailstone. Single storey side and rear extension and loft conversion

Cllrs had viewed the documentation associated with application 25/00545/HOU and discussed that the dormer windows were garden facing and the development would be in keeping with the area and increase the useful size of the house.

It was resolved that the PC submit a comment supporting the application.

25/00523/FUL Wiggs Farm, Wood Road, Nailstone, Coalville LE67 1GE

The erection of a B8 distribution hub with ancillary offices, quality control office and canopy, maintenance units, gatehouse and associated infrastructure and landscaping. (Bagworth Parish Council Ward)

Application 25/00523/FUL was outside the Nailstone PC Ward, but Cllrs wished to view the documentation and submit comment due to the size and potential impact of the application. Cllrs noted concerns about the development of green space, and the lack of detail regarding how the current road restrictions could support additional traffic. Cllrs discussed that this road was already under stress and strain, and they would like to see a public consultation on this application.

It was resolved that the PC submit a comment of objection on the grounds of the current infrastructure being inadequate to support such a large development and the development boundaries of the villages being extended by development of green space.

136/2025 To note comments submitted under delegated powers and applications determined:

There were none.

137/2025 To review and approve the PC's Standing Orders

A copy of the PC's Standing Orders had been circulated for comment and amendment to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

It was resolved that the Standing Orders be approved and published on the PC's website for transparency.

138/2025 To consider a request from Nailstone W.I. to plant a commemorative tree in the Closed Churchyard

The W.I. wished to plant a small tree to celebrate their 65-year anniversary. The tree would be in the North end of the Closed Churchyard adjacent to the wooden bench by the laurels. The W.I. would care for the tree until established.

A query was raised over whether the ground was suitable as a previous tree planted near this location had not thrived due to rubble under the soil.

It was resolved that as the body responsible for maintaining the ground Cllrs had no objection to the request but that the PCC needed to be consulted as the land was not within the PC's ownership and that the Clerk should forward details of the request to the Church warden who would check to see if any permissions were needed.

139/2025 To consider an invitation from NCG for the PC to contribute to a Village Fete

The request from NCG was withdrawn.

140/2025 To consider a quotation from LCC for upgrading work to the PC's streetlights

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for continuing to chase the outstanding quotation.

141/2025 To receive the analysis of data collected from the Stoneshollow Community Benefit Funding Questionnaire

The PC had published a questionnaire, delivered with the Graphic to all households on the Graphic distribution list in early May 2025. The aim of

the questionnaire was to gain an initial understanding of the views of the community in identifying potential projects to benefit from the Stoneshollow Community Benefit Funding. The PC is limited by law on what it has the legal power to spend on, for certain categories the PC is not legally allowed to spend on, wherever that funding originates from. The majority of the returned questionnaires had selected multiple options; each was recorded separately and each additional idea presented was also recorded.

Response percentage: 41 out of 240 questionnaires were returned either by post or email; a response rate of **17%**.

Indicated preferences (number of votes):

Community space within All Saints - 25,
Community Space within Nailstone – 25,
Open Green Space – 10,
Minibus – 6,
Allotments – 5,
Improvements to Oval Green Space – 5,
Other – 16.

Other: 16 responders made 18 additional suggestions

Improvements to Church Meadow - 4
Improvements to Church Meadow paths - 4
Traffic Calming - 3
Pub provision - 3
Shop provision - 3
New village signs - 2
Heritage Signage - 2
Pétanque pitch - 2
Public Footpath Lighting - 2
Lych gate repair - 1
Give to school - 1
Solar panel subsidies for households - 1
Maintaining the Church - 1
Restriction of traffic through village - 1
Repairing Malthouse Close wall - 1
Financial funds for pensioners - 1
Financial funds to support education - 1
Financial funds to support those with disabilities – 1

Cllrs had been made aware of all additional comments made on the returned questionnaires including noting drawbacks and support or opposition to specific ideas.

Cllrs noted that there was appetite for an open public meeting at a later stage.

It was resolved that the data be published in the newsletter.

It was resolved that feasibility studies would be carried out on both the Community Space options as they had received the largest votes and additionally the Open Space and Minibus as supporting options.

It was resolved that the feasibility studies would be reported on a future date through the medium of PC meetings and the newsletter as Cllrs considered this the most appropriate and most wide-reaching medium. An Open Meeting would then be held for engagement followed by detailed analysis of the identified project/s.

142/2025 To review the progress of items reported to H&BBC and LCC:

County Cllr Melen **was thanked** for offering to pursue updates for the items reported to LCC.

15/01/2025 FS679009549 - 982549

Wood Road, Nailstone. Missing Ironwork. Works Ordered by Utility company

Wood Road, Nailstone Re-reported Carriageway in poor state. Passed to Officer for response. Carriageway damage first reported in 2022 via FS 403010734 and again in February 2024 via FS 591 66212. This matter was followed up in April 2024 by Borough Cllr Crooks FS590803459. **UPDATE- Repair work scheduled, to be carried out 12 September 2025.**

6/3/2025 FS666305927

Vero's Lane, Nailstone Re-reported Carriageway in poor state. Passed to Officer for assessment. Issue first reported in December 2024 via case FS666305927 which was closed following the placement of 'mud on road' signs. **UPDATE :Remedial work planned, timescale and details sought**

07/03/2025 HC/5000-988652

Grange Lane, Nailstone Pot hole in carriageway, bend warning sign needing replacement, reported by Borough Cllr Crooks. Works ordered, no timescale given. **UPDATE: Potholes repaired. Awaiting sign. Timescale sought.**

28/4/25 FS709830357

Main St/Bagworth Rd, Nailstone Non illuminated bollard hit and missing. **UPDATE: Works ordered.**

143/2025 To consider a monitoring report on the play equipment

Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for chasing the repairs to the monkey bar unit which were due to start in June.

Cllr Crane **was thanked** for chasing the repairs to the Pit Wheel repainting.

Cllr Harrison reported that there were no new items of concern.

Cllr Harrison **was thanked** for carrying out the playground inspections.

144/2025 To receive any updates regarding Grounds Maintenance

The PC had received several complaints regarding the mowing of the Closed Church and the appearance of Church Meadow. All Cllrs had walked the area on 17/6 and were disappointed at the unmown appearance of the Closed Churchyard. The contractor had been asked to rectify this, and a cut had taken place to all areas on 21/6. The grounds maintenance specification had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the PC meeting and Cllrs had reviewed this. Cllrs noted a desire to see the areas cared for according to the specification.

Cllrs discussed that the grounds specification was straightforward and that several areas within it were below the standard outlined. Cllrs noted hedges were overdue for a cut with brambles extending from them, paths were weedy and the long border in Church Meadow overgrown. Cllrs noted that the Closed Churchyard had now been mown but to a poor standard.

It was resolved that Cllr Darlington would walk the areas daily and note the attendance of the contractor and tasks carried out.

Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for volunteering to carry this out.

It was resolved that the Clerk email the contractor requesting attendance at a site meeting with the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to outline the concerns and what was expected.

145/2025 To consider any monitoring reports on Stoneshollow Solar Farm

There were none.

146/2025 To approve invoices for payment

The Clerk and RFO presented the payment schedule, breakdown of reserves, bank reconciliation and bank statements which were checked and signed by the Chair.

It was resolved that the following invoices be paid:

Supplier	Details	£.p
K Bates	Clerk's salary June 2025	289.35
HMRC	PAYE June 2025	32.40
K Bates	Brother Ink Subscription refund	4.49
Hames Partnership	Payroll for May 2025	34.20
<u>The Graphic</u>	<u>Newsletter printing June 2025</u>	<u>125.00</u>
TOTAL		485.44

147/2025 To confirm the time, date and place of the next meeting; scheduled for 30th July 2025, 7pm, All Saints Church.

The meeting closed at 21:10.

