



Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Nailstone Parish Council held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 8:15pm at All Saints Church, Nailstone.

Present: Cllr L Harris (Chair), Cllr D Crane, Cllr C Waterlow, Clerk K Bates, Borough Cllr W J Crooks.

### **Council business**

#### **095/2026 Election of Chair and Acceptance of Office**

**It was resolved** that Cllr Harris be elected as Chair for the forthcoming civic year. Cllr Harris signed the Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Harris **was thanked** by Cllrs and the Clerk for his service.

#### **096/2026 Election of Vice Chair and Acceptance of Office**

**It was resolved** that Cllr Darlington be elected as Vice Chair for the forthcoming civic year. Cllr Darlington would sign the Acceptance of Office as first business at the June PC meeting.

Cllr Darlington **was thanked** by Cllrs and the Clerk for her service.

### **Public session**

#### **097/2026 To receive questions and comments from members of the public**

There were none.

#### **098/2026 To receive an update from County Councillor J Melen**

Cllr Melen had sent his apologies in advance for the meeting.

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for a report on County Council business which included updates on his Parish caseload and the removal of the Norton Heath Development from the local plan.

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for his support for the Parish during the past year and his attendance at PC meetings.

#### **099/2026 To receive an update from Borough Councillor W J Crooks**

Cllr Crooks **was thanked** for his monthly and annual Borough Councillors reports. Monthly Borough Council business included: the removal of Norton Heath development from the local plan, an update on the planning aspect of the campaign to have the Cock Inn at Sibson re-opened, an update on

the Article 4 consultation regarding HMO's in Hinckley, news of additional Article 4 consultations in Barwell and Earl Shilton, and the LGR consultation plan having received more than 6000 responses. Cllr Crooks annual report included news that in a compulsory peer review H&BBC was rated as Outstanding, an update to the upcoming changes to the planning committees, the potential shape and size of new 'wards' following LGR, the news that by Spring 2026 H&BBC hoped to have planted the equivalent of 1 tree per resident and that H&BBC now required 711 new homes plus a 5% buffer per year.

Cllr Crooks **was thanked** for his support for the Parish during the past year and his attendance at PC meetings.

**100/2026 To receive updates from Community Groups and other organisations**

There were none, as annual reports had been submitted by groups to the earlier Annual Parish Meeting.

**Council business**

**101/2026 To consider apologies for absence from Councillors**

It was resolved that apologies from Cllr Darlington and Cllr Harrison be accepted.

**102/2026 To receive declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda**

There were none.

**103/2026 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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

**104/2026 To receive updates from Councillors and the Clerk**

Cllr Harris: no update

Cllr Crane: no update

Cllr Waterlow: no update

Clerk: **Npower** – Npower had amended the incorrect invoices and a refund of £185.02 had now been received into the PC's bank account. Both formal complaints had been resolved and the Npower streetlighting account was now closed.

**LRALC advice** – potential Dovebank grant. Advice regarding any potential grant award to Dovebank primary school had been sought following the April meeting. The PC's grant awarding policy had been forwarded to LRALC who advised that in line with the PC's grant awarding policy:

Awards can only be given to organisations or community groups that are recognised and/or nonprofit making, individuals and businesses are excluded.

The application needs to be brought forward in line with your policy. It is up to the group applying to provide a persuasive case for an award.

Lots of other councils will not consider grants to schools but will consider grants to the PTA or similar. One key thing is whether the application is for resources that are core educational essentials, or additional benefits that would be nice for the children but wouldn't cause an issue if they didn't have them. If it was educational essentials, this would run the risk of double taxation as in theory we all pay for these things through our income and other taxes. Council needs to be sure about the status of the group making the application, the purpose of the award, and the benefit to members of your parish. Council could choose to give full funding, partial funding, or no funding. This will depend on them being convinced of the need and benefit attached to this proposal.

**LRALC legal advice** – Nailstone News. Following the April meeting the Clerk was asked to clarify the status and operation of the Nailstone News. LRALC advised that:

If it's a newsletter, and it's controlled and published by the parish council, by definition it looks like a parish council newsletter.

This is from NALC Legal:

Our NALC view is that councils have no power to carry commercial advertising. This is because section 142 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 Act enables local councils to carry or provide information concerning the services available within the council's area provided by the council or other local authorities and other authorities specified in subsection (1B) or by government bodies or charities and other voluntary organisations, and other information relating to the functions of the relevant council. Our view of the section is that local councils could advertise community organisations that come within the section 142 definition on their websites and newsletters etc. but they cannot advertise local businesses or commercial organisations.

From LRALC's solicitors:

There is no power for the newsletter to contain commercial advertising.

Come back directly to the legislation LGA (1972)s142. Council can provide, or assist in the provision of, information about your own services and activities or those provided by other authorities (listed in section 1b), government departments, charities or voluntary organisations. If the activities reported on are included within this list and anything else explicitly covered by the legislation, there is no problem. If they fall outside this list or the legislation, they can't be included. If the activities referred to are provided on a commercial basis, my view would be that a parish council newsletter cannot feature these, either before or after the event.

## **105/2026 To consider planning applications submitted**

There were none.

**106/2026 To note applications determined and comments submitted under delegated powers**

There were none.

**107/2026 To review and approve the PC's Property Register**

The PC's property register had been updated and circulated to all Cllrs prior to the PC meeting.

**It was noted** that the cherry tree at the entrance to The Oval was dead.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk ask the current grounds contractor to remove the tree.

**It was noted** that the noticeboard at the entrance to The Oval was rotten at the base of the posts and could be moved.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk source potential designs for a new wooden noticeboard for Cllrs consideration at a future meeting.

**It was noted** that the old wooden planter on the Bagworth Rd/Main St junction was rotten and in poor repair.

**It was resolved** that the planter be removed and that Rob Johnson be asked to remove it.

**It was noted** that the brickwork under mining wheel on Church Meadow needed repointing and the coping stones re-seating.

**It was resolved** that the Clerk source a quotation for the repair of the brickwork and the repainting of the pit wheel.

Cllrs inspected the northeast plinth and base of the lych gate.

**It was resolved** that no action be taken at present.

**It was resolved** that the PC's property register be approved.

**108/2026 To review and approve the PC's Code of Conduct**

The PC's Code of Conduct had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the PC meeting.

**It was resolved** that the Code of Conduct be approved and published on the PC's website.

**109/2026 To review and approve the report on the Condition of Memorials in the Closed Churchyard**

The 2026 report on the Condition of Memorials had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

**It was resolved** that the report be approved.

Cllrs expressed a desire to see the memorials that had previously been laid flat to be repaired to enhance the historic and visual amenity of the

Churchyard. Cllr Crooks informed the PC that an application to H&BBC's Environmental Improvement Grant for part funding may be appropriate.

**It was resolved that:**

- a) BARRS 1887 – no action was required
- b) HARRIS 1965 – no action was required as the headstone was much smaller than average.
- c) TOWNSHEND CLARKE 1974 – no action was required
- d) KNOWLES 1906 – no action was required

**110/2026 To consider any monitoring reports on Stoneshollow Solar Farm**

Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for an update on the flooding to the PROW which had been emailed to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

The landowner of the field with the flooding had contacted the solar construction company and requested that he himself be able to clear the drainage ditches which would allow the surface runoff to be channelled into the ditches rather than across the PROW. The constructors had responded that an electricity cable had been routed in the ditches and once its precise location could be determined the landowner would be advised and able to carry out the necessary works.

**111/2026 To review the progress of items reported to H&BBC and LCC:**

**FS761107793 29/10/25** Main St. Footpath. **UPDATE: Works Complete**

**FS796554529 9/2/26** Bagworth Rd B585 at Wood Rd junction. Blocked gully leading to carriageway flooding. **UPDATE: Response chased 27/2. Chased again 16/3. LCC target date for works 1<sup>st</sup> June.**

**FS804573575 27/2/27** Main St/A447 junction. Further Pot hole around road gully. **UPDATE: Marked up for repair**

**FS806140948 3/3/26** A447 Ibstock Rd S-Bend Both sides of carriageway. All Non-illuminated bollards damaged/missing/facing wrong way. **UPDATE: Officer to inspect**

**FS838284016 15/5/26** Bagworth Rd. Metal guard barrier outside pedestrian gate to Dovebank Primary School. Barrier leaning, impacted by object.

**FS838284967 15/5/26** PROW adjacent to new kissing gate behind Dovebank Primary School. Yellow painted waymarker post out of the ground. **UPDATE: Waymarker reinstalled.**

**112/2026 To consider a monitoring report on the play equipment**

Cllr Darlington was to update the currently used recording sheet, removing the sections regarding items the PC did not possess.

Cllr Harrison **was thanked** for his work in carrying out the inspections and was kindly requested to forward the completed documentation to the Clerk for storage for insurance purposes.

**113/2026 To approve the bank reconciliation, location of reserves and invoices for payment**

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

**It was resolved** that the following invoices be paid:

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>£.p</b>
K Bates	Clerk's salary May 2026	283.55
HMRC	PAYE April 2026	38.20
K Bates	Ink Subscription refund	4.49
Hames Partnership	Payroll for May 2026	36.60
K Bates	Refund dog waste bags	15.99
Latitude Printing	Newsletter printing April 2026	69.00
Ken Greenfield	Newsletter delivery April 2026	20.00
Nailstone PCC	Church hire x5 meetings Oct 25-Mar 26	125.00
Gallagher Insurance	Insurance 1.6.26-31.5.27	709.09
LRALC	CiLCA Training 2026	575.00
Bosworth Groundcare	Works for March/April 2026	1,152.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,028.92</b>

**114/2026 To confirm the time, date and place of the next meeting: scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> 2026, 7pm, All Saints Church**

The meeting closed at 21:10