



Minutes of a meeting of Nailstone Parish Council held at 7pm on Wednesday 24th June 2026 at All Saints Church.

Present: Cllr L Harris (Chair), Cllr H Darlington (Vice Chair), Cllr D Crane, Cllr T Harrison, Cllr C Waterlow, Clerk K Bates, County Cllr J Melen, 2 members of the public.

Council business

115/2026 Vice Chair Acceptance of Office

Cllr Darlington signed the acceptance of Office.

Public session

116/2026 To receive questions and comments from members of the public

There were none.

117/2026 To receive an update from County Councillor J Melen

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for a report on County Council business which included updates on his Parish casework. Cllr Melen had nominated the Barton Lane junction for consideration for improvements from this year's Highways Members Fund. The next full County Council meeting was to be 1st July.

118/2026 To receive an update from Borough Councillor W J Crooks

Cllr Crooks **was thanked** for a report on Borough Council business which included news that the food waste collection service collected 262 tons of waste in April. Planning news included the introduction of a Section 4 notice for parts of Hinckley with a consultation on a section 4 notice for Barwell and Earl Shilton, an enforcement notice had been served on the owners of the Cock Inn in Sibson, and the Right to Buy scheme was to be reviewed.

119/2026 To receive updates from Community Groups and other organisations

PCC: An updated events list had been circulated for inclusion in the newsletter. The Church would be trialling 'Open Sundays' and the hire fees were likely to increase in Winter 2026.

NCG: Quizzes had been held both at the Church and at The Bull's Head.

Gardening Group: The group had met and had tidied both the Memorial Area and the area adjacent to the Pit Wheel and weeded by the entrance gates. Due to the extreme hot weather, the next scheduled in person meet up was to be postponed.

Footpaths: An in-person survey of the footpaths across the Stoneshollow site had revealed that despite the extreme heat and dry weather the area where the PROW crossed the site road was boggy. The Footpath Warden would be reporting the issue to PROW at LCC and at Cllr Melen's request, would copy in Cllr Melen to the email.

Council business

120/2026 To consider apologies for absence from Councillors

There were none.

121/2026 To receive declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

There were none.

122/2026 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 28th May 2026

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

123/2026 To receive updates from Councillors and the Clerk

Cllr Harris: Cllr Harris reviewed the request from CAMRA to revisit the PC's former application for an ACV for The Bull's Head. At the present time due to CiLCA study the Clerk did not have capacity to review and submit another application. It was agreed that the matter would be revisited when the Clerk had finished studying for CiLCA.

Cllr Darlington: Cllr Darlington would be away when the August delivered newsletter would require assembling. Mrs K Elkin would potentially assemble the newsletter if required. Cllr Darlington would request the Village Show information for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Cllr Crane: no update.

Cllr Harrison: Cllr Harrison stated that agenda points submitted by Cllrs should be added to the agenda. Cllr Harris responded that the potential Dovebank funding application had not been added to the agenda as no application had been received from Dovebank. The Clerk responded that it was the Clerk's understanding that an informal group discussion between all Cllrs was to be held prior to a potential 5-year plan item being added to the agenda.

Cllr Harrison stated that items on the agenda should not be removed until resolved.

Cllr Harrison requested that a standing item concerning the Stoneshollow Community Funding be added to the agenda. This was agreed.

Cllr Harrison stated that the Clerk had not responded to his email asking for the questions that were asked of LRALC regarding the operation of the newsletter and the potential Dovebank funding. The Clerk responded that she had replied and that the questions were included in the email which had the May minutes attached. Cllr Harrison requested that the email be resent to him. This was agreed.

Cllr Waterlow: no update.

Clerk: **Dovebank Primary School potential grant funding application.**

Following emails to the PC from RWE regarding the potential distribution of Stoneshollow funding the Clerk had emailed the PC's grant awarding policy to the school's representative and had recommended signing up to the County Council's funding bulletin email. The emails had been copied to all Cllrs. There had been as yet no response from the school's representative.

Dead Cherry Tree – the grounds contractor had been requested to remove the dead cherry tree at the entrance to The Oval.

Wooden planter – it was noted that the planter due for removal had been planted up with summer bedding and would now be removed in the Autumn.

124/2026 To consider planning applications submitted

There were none.

125/2026 To note applications determined and comments submitted under delegated powers

There were none.

126/2026 To consider quotations for the repair of the brickwork under the pit wheel on Church Meadow

Quotations had been sought for the repair of the brickwork and the re-seating of the coping stones. Separate contractors had advised that due to

the poor condition of the red bricks, structure and pointing, it was preferable to rebuild the structure with blue engineering bricks and then re-seat the coping stones.

It was resolved that quotation B for £1,150 be approved, the repairs be funded from the General Contingency Fund and the Clerk request that the pit wheel also be painted as part of the quoted amount.

127/2026 To review and approve the PC's Standing Orders

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

128/2026 To consider quotations for the design and supply of a replacement noticeboard at the entrance to The Oval.

Following agenda item 107/2026 the Clerk had been requested to source potential quotations for a like for like wooden replacement of the PC noticeboard at the entrance to The Oval. The quotations had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that an application to the Community Equipment Grant Fund at H&BBC was possible, the grant would potentially fund 50% and the amount of funding left for the Parish was £3000. Cllr Harris presented the meeting with an alternative, less expensive, metal design.

It was resolved that the Clerk source completed quotations for the two metal designs.

129/2026 To consider any monitoring reports on Stoneshollow Solar Farm

There were none. See 119/2026 Footpath Warden report.

130/2026 To review the progress of items reported to H&BBC and LCC:

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

FS804573575 27/2/27 Main St/A447 junction. Further Pot hole around road gulley. **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 3/6/26 Officer inspected, no action to be taken.

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

131/2026 To consider a monitoring report on the play equipment

Cllr Darlington reported no new issues. Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for carrying out the inspections.

132/2026 To approve the bank reconciliation, location of reserves and invoices for payment

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

It was resolved that the following invoices be paid:

Supplier	Details	£.p
K Bates	Clerk's salary June 2026	283.55
HMRC	PAYE June 2026	38.20
K Bates	Ink Subscription refund	4.49
Hames Partnership	Payroll for June 2026	36.60
Latitude Printing	Newsletter printing May 2026	69.00
<u>Ken Greenfield</u>	<u>Newsletter delivery May 2026</u>	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL		451.84

133/2026 To confirm the time, date and place of the next meeting: scheduled for July 29th 2026, 7pm, All Saints Church

Cllr Harris offered his apologies for the July meeting.

The meeting closed at 20:30.