



Minutes of a Meeting of Nailstone Parish Council held on Wednesday 29th July 2026, 7pm, All Saints Church.

Present: Cllr H Darlington (Chair), Cllr T Harrison, Cllr C Waterlow, Clerk K Bates, Borough Cllr W J Crooks, 2 members of the public.

Public Session

134/2026 To receive questions and comments from members of the public

There were none.

135/2026 To receive an update from County Councillor J Melen

Cllr Melen had sent his apologies prior to the meeting.

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for a report on County Council business which included updates on his Parish caseload and objections to the PCC's proposals to divert £2,000,000 of funding to hire private security marshals. Cllr Melen was thanked for following up on uncompleted Highways works within the village which remain outstanding.

136/2026 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 structural work was required to the wooden frame of The Cock Inn at Sibson. The outcome of a vote on the future structure of Fenny Drayton/Witherley PC's was awaited. A joint site visit with planning officers from NWLDC and H&BBC would be held at the new traveller's site opposite the Cinnamon Tree and Cllr Crooks would be objecting to the planning application for the land at 87 Barton Lane.

137/2026 To receive updates from Community Groups and other organisations

NCG: A recent Quiz evening held at The Bull's Head had been a success, and a Village Treasure Hunt in aid of charity was to be held at the coming weekend.

Gardening Group: The group had held 2 in person meet ups and had enjoyed an outing to a local Plant Hunters Fair. An inaugural group 'garden safari' was proposed for August 30th with members touring each other's gardens, gaining inspiration, and finishing with a cream tea.

PCC: The recent Church fete had been an immense success with £962 having been raised. 15 children had attended the Teddy's Bears picnic. Upcoming events included a breast cancer fundraiser on 29th August, the Village Show on 5th September, MacMillan coffee morning on 8th September and Ride and Stride on 12th September. The recent introduction of having the Church opened each Sunday had led to an increase in the second-hand book sales.

Footpath Warden: Walk 35 was due to be inspected. It was agreed that despite the hot weather and drought the PROW crossing Stoneshollow was still boggy.

Council business

138/2026 To consider apologies for absence from Councillors.

It was resolved that apologies from Cllr Harris and Cllr Crane be accepted.

139/2026 To receive declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

There were none.

140/2026 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 24th June 2026

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

141/2026 To receive updates from Councillors and the Clerk

Cllr Darlington: Mrs K Elkin **was thanked** for putting together the August newsletter when Cllr Darlington had been on holiday.

Cllr Harrison: no update

Cllr Waterlow: Cllr Waterlow **was thanked** for kindly offering to include his garden in the upcoming garden group 'garden safari.'

Clerk:

Playground Inspection – the annual inspection for the play equipment on Church Meadow was due in September 2026. Cllrs asked that the same company be asked to conduct the inspection for continuity.

CiLCA update – Out of the 7 total sessions, 5 have so far been held and attended, with 17 assignments set having been completed.

Dead tree, Church Meadow – one of the fastigate crab apple trees adjacent to the Rock bed was completely dead.

It was agreed that the Clerk ask the grounds contractor to cut the tree off at ground level.

Church Meadow paths - A quotation for the renovation of Church Meadow paths had previously been approved, and the work was due to commence in Autumn 2026.

The Clerk reported that at present there were unfortunately no available grants for this type of project. By using accumulated bank interest on the HSBC Money Manager account Cllrs had earmarked £2933, a further £317 interest was available to be earmarked, bringing the total to £3250. The Clerk would continue to look for suitable grants.

It was agreed that the decision of which reserve the remainder of the funding would be taken from would be added to the next agenda.

142/2026 To consider planning applications submitted

26/00558/CLE Land adjacent to 87 Barton Lane, Nailstone, CV13 0PY

Certificate of existing lawful development relating to the use of the building and associated operational land as a commercial workshop, with ancillary storage, office/administration, parking, and access.

It was resolved that the PC submit a comment of objection based on:

- a) The current facilities on the site were not sufficient and did not support the proposed use set out in the application
- b) New facilities would be required on the site to support the use set out in the application
- c) The site had not been an industrial site
- d) The use of the site as an industrial site would not be in keeping with the rural setting between dwelling houses
- e) Concern over vehicle movements on and off the site given the lack of sightlines on a rural road
- f) Concern over the applications attempts to establish use of the site given the previous unsuccessful planning applications for the site.

143/2026 To note applications determined and comments submitted under delegated powers

There were none.

144/2026 To consider quotations for the design and supply of a replacement noticeboard at the entrance to The Oval.

Following agenda item 128/2026 the Clerk had sourced the requested quotations.

Quotation A was for a 'prestige range 3 door aluminium noticeboard mounted onto ornate style posts' for £2440 plus VAT.

Quotation B was for a 'prestige range aluminium 3 door noticeboard mounted onto 80mm square aluminium posts' for £2020 plus VAT. Supply, delivery and installation of the board was quoted at £895 plus VAT. Delivery only was quoted at £130 plus VAT.

Cllrs discussed the desirability of the aluminium construction having more durability and being more cost effective than a timber construction.

It was resolved that

- a) quotation B be approved
- b) the colour to be dark green
- c) the order to be placed initially for delivery only
- d) Rob Jonhson be asked to quote for installation
- e) the Clerk apply for 50% funding through H&BBC's Community Equipment Grant fund
- f) that the remainder of the funding be allocated from the General reserve fund
- g) the Clerk be authorised to pay the 50% deposit on ordering.
- h) The Clerk be permitted to retain the opening windows of the old wooden noticeboard

145/2026 To receive and note any updates regarding the Stoneshollow Community Benefit Fund

There were none.

146/2026 To review and approve the PC's Anti-bribery, fraud, and corruption policy

The PC's Anti-bribery, fraud, and corruption policy had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

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

147/2026 To consider and agree a date for an informal councillors' workshop to discuss the creation of a 5-Year Plan for the village.

Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for kindly formulating a draft 5-year village plan for Cllrs consideration. The purpose of the village plan was to consider a schedule of projects for community and village benefit for the next 5 years. Funding for projects could then be maximised as quotations for the programmed works could be sought and funding applied for when it opened. Cllrs considered that an informal Cllrs workshop to freely discuss potential projects would be beneficial and ideas would be brought back to a formal PC meeting for decision.

It was resolved the following dates for Cllr availability were proposed which the Clerk would communicate to Cllrs Harris and Crane:
Monday September 7th and Tuesday September 8th.

Cllr Waterlow **was thanked** for offering to host the workshop.

148/2026 To consider any monitoring reports on Stoneshollow Solar Farm

There were none. See 137/2026 Footpath Warden.

149/2026 To review the progress of items reported to H&BBC and LCC:

FS796554529 9/2/26 Bagworth Rd B585 at Wood Rd junction. Blocked gully 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 gully. **UPDATE: Marked up for repair**

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

150/2026 To consider a monitoring report on the play equipment

No new issues were reported.

Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for continuing to conduct the inspections.

151/2026 To approve the bank reconciliation, location of reserves and invoices for payment

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

It was resolved that the following invoices be approved for payment:

Supplier	Details	£.p
K Bates	Clerk's salary July 2026	283.55
HMRC	PAYE July 2026	38.20
K Bates	Ink Subscription refund	4.49
Hames Partnership	Payroll for July 2026	36.60
Latitude Printing	Newsletter printing June 2026	65.00
Ken Greenfield	Newsletter delivery June 2026	20.00
Cuttlefish Multimedia	Email provision annual renewal	282.00
TOTAL		729.84

152/2026 To confirm the time, date, and place of the next meeting: scheduled for August 26th 2026, 7pm, All Saints Church

Cllr Waterlow offered his apologies for the August meeting.

The meeting closed at 8pm.