



Minutes of a Meeting of Nailstone Parish Council held on Wednesday 25th March 2026 at All Saints Church.

Present: Cllr L Harris (Chair), Cllr H Darlington (Vice Chair), Cllr D Crane, Clerk K Bates, Borough Cllr W J Crooks, 2 members of the public.

Public session

047/2026 To receive questions and comments from members of the public

There were none.

048/2026 To receive an update from County Councillor J Melen

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for a report on County Council business, which included news on Parish work caseloads, work on the Norton Heath development and the Council's opposition to the closure of the four SEND nurseries in Leicestershire.

049/2026 To receive an update from Borough Councillor W J Crooks

Cllr Crooks **was thanked** for a report on Borough Council business which included information on the Borough Council's Budget meeting. The Borough Council would need to find an additional £1million to run the weekly food waste collection service due to it being a compulsory government scheme as the Government were not going to fund the cost. H&BBC's rate rise for Council Tax would be 2.6%. Nearby Parish Council's rates were Barlestone Parish 6th highest, Desford 12th highest, Newbold Verdon 13th highest, Nailstone 14th highest and Osbaston 17th highest. A consultation on an Article 4 direction had begun. This would give the Borough Council greater planning control over where HMO's were located in Hinckley.

050/2026 To receive updates from Community Groups and other organisations

Nailstone Community Group: A representative from the NCG reported that no volunteers to fill the vacant Secretary and Treasurer positions had been forthcoming and at the group's AGM it had been decided to suspend the group due to lack of Officers and insufficient community interest. NCG events scheduled to be held at The Bull's Head were to be cancelled. The History group, Book Group, Gardening Group, Village Show group and

Christmas group would continue independently. The ring fenced funds within the bank account would be given back to the subgroups, with the playground money offered to the PC and the residue donated to the Church for the Seniors lunch. Members of the former group would still assist with Church events.

Footpath Warden: No issues were reported.

PCC: The Easter Egg Hunt was scheduled for 4th April, and other scheduled events were Soup Friday on 27th March, a Spring lunch on 9th May and the AGM in May. A meeting between the PCC and the DAC was scheduled for 1st April to discuss heating and lighting upgrades.

Council business

051/2026 To consider apologies for absence from Councillors

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

052/2026 To receive declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

There were none.

053/2026 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 25th February 2026

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

054/2026 To receive updates from Councillors and the Clerk

Cllr Harris: no update.

Cllr Darlington: Cllr Darlington reported that the new bench at The Oval was to be fixed when the contractor arrived back from holiday. Cllr Darlington had spoken to the landowner of the field within the Stoneshollow development where there was localised flooding. The landowner had asked the constructors permission to remedy the issue himself rather than asking the constructors to remedy it.

Cllr Crane: Cllr Crane highlighted the 158-house development application at Barlestone/Osbaston. The Clerk would let Cllrs know when the consultation notification letter had been received and comments were possible.

The Clerk: **CiLCA training**: The first training session for this qualification was held on 17th March.

Npower: Street lighting: Npower remain insistent on a disconnection date of February 2026 for all the streetlighting. The UMSO had been asked to clarify the date as the PC had paperwork from the UMSO that stated a disconnection date of 1/12/25. The UMSO replied that 6 of the 7 PC's lights were transferred on 1/12/25 and the remaining 7th was transferred on 20/2/26. The PC should have therefore only been charged for 1 streetlight from 1/12/25 until 20/2/26. This information had been communicated back to Npower who had been asked to amend their invoice. The remaining account amount of £76.77 had been paid as despite invoices being placed in dispute a red letter had been received. Cllrs recognised the amount of time taken in dealing with this ongoing issue.

Church Meadow: Npower had stated that there was no early exit fee for this account and the contract was in force until December 2026.

055/2026 To consider planning applications submitted

There were none.

056/2026 To note applications determined and comments submitted under delegated powers

There were none.

057/2026 To receive an update on the method of delivery for the Nailstone Parish Council newsletter

Following items 015/2026 and 034/2026 Cllr Darlington reported that the delivery agreement had been signed by the delivery person. The next issue of the newsletter would be the first to be printed by The Community Voice and it would be delivered with The Graphic. The delivery invoice would be forwarded to the Clerk via Cllr Crane.

058/2026 To review and approve the PC's Insurance renewal questionnaire

The renewal questionnaire had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. There were no new items to be insured.

It was resolved that the Clerk reply to Gallagher confirming the above.

059/2026 To review and approve the PC's Data Protection policy

The PC's Data Protection policy had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. **It was resolved** that the policy be approved and uploaded to the PC's website for transparency.

060/2026 To review and approve the PC's Investment strategy

The PC's Investment Strategy had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

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

061/2026 To consider and approve earmarking the accrued interest in the HSBC money manager account towards the Church Meadow paths renovation

The PC's HSBC Money Manager account was comprised of the earmarked General Reserve, General Contingency Reserve, Playground Reserve and the Election Reserve. The interest accrued on the account was £2,933.32 greater than the total of the earmarked funds.

It was resolved that the sum of £2,933.32 be allocated to a new earmarked project fund within the Money Manager account to contribute towards the renovation of the Church Meadow footpaths

062/2026 To consider quotations for the resurfacing of the Breedon gravel paths in Church Meadow

Cllr Harris **was thanked** for sourcing quotations for the renovation of the Church Meadow footpaths. Two contractors had responded with quotations. The quotations had been circulated to all Cllrs.

It was resolved that the item be deferred to the next meeting whilst awaiting the 3rd contractor quote.

063/2026 To consider quotations for the PC's grounds maintenance contract

The PC's grounds maintenance specifications had been emailed to 5 different contractors, including the current contractor and the Clerk had met with a potential contractor on site. One quotation had been received at the time of the PC meeting.

It was resolved that

- a) this item be deferred to the next meeting and the Clerk continue chasing contractors for quotations and
- b) that the current contractor be asked to complete the mowing in April as per the price on the given additional tasks price list.

064/2026 To consider any monitoring reports on Stoneshollow Solar Farm

The land at the junction of the PROW and the contractor's maintenance road was reported to be in a very muddy and waterlogged state. Cllrs discussed that drainage issues had originated from the commencement of construction works and were not believed to be related to rain. Cllrs discussed that the PROW should be in a useable state post construction. Cllr Crooks kindly offered to take up the matter with planning at H&BBC on receipt of information.

It was resolved that Cllr Harris draft an email and the Clerk send this along with site photos to Cllr Crooks.

065/2026 To review the progress of items reported to H&BBC and LCC:

FS761107793 29/10/25 Main St. Footpath. **UPDATE:** Marked up for repair. TBC 18th March.

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.

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.

Following difficulty in both the PC and County Cllr Melen obtaining replies from Highways at LCC regarding outstanding work, County Cllr Melen kindly offered to take the matters up with the portfolio holder at LCC.

066/2026 To consider a monitoring report on the play equipment

No new issues were reported,
Cllr Harrison **was thanked** for continuing to carry out the inspections.

067/2026 To approve the bank reconciliation, location of reserves and invoices for payment

The RFO presented the bank statements, invoices, payment schedule and breakdown of reserves 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 March 2026	289.35
HMRC	PAYE March 2026	32.40
K Bates	Brother Ink Subscription refund	4.49
Hames Partnership	Payroll for March 2026	34.20
The Graphic	Newsletter printing	125.00
TOTAL		485.44

068/2026 To confirm the time, date and place of the next meeting; scheduled for April 29th 2026, 7pm, All Saints Church.

The meeting closed at 20:30.

