



Minutes of a meeting of Nailstone Parish Council at All Saints Church on Wednesday 24th September 2025, 7pm.

Present: Cllr L Harris (chair), Cllr H Darlington (Vice Chair). Cllr D Crane, Cllr T Harrison, K Bates (Clerk), County Cllr J Melen, Borough Cllr W J Crooks, 1 member of the public.

Public session

189/2025 To receive questions and comments from members of the public

There were none.

190/2025 To receive an update from County Councillor J Melen

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for a report on County Council business which included an update on his current casework, and news from the first full County Council meeting. The Rural Communities Tax Reform motion was passed which called in part for assistance and tax advice to be given to family farms affected by the Government's Bill. A motion to change the planning recommendation requirements around flooding was also passed. Cllr Melen noted that the weight restriction sign on Bagworth Rd was in 2 pieces and **was thanked** for reporting this to LCC. Cllr Melen would be checking if the new Fox Connect Service included Nailstone.

191/2025 To receive an update from Borough Councillor W R Crooks

Cllr Crooks **was thanked** for a report on Borough Council business which included updates on the revised Local Plan, free trees and the new kitchen waste collection service. Cllr Crooks updated Cllrs on the new SHELAA for Nailstone and Barlestone. Cllr Crooks **was thanked** for providing the PC with news of a new community fund run by Miller Homes.

192/2025 To receive updates from Community Groups and other organisations

Nailstone Community Group: No update

Nailstone Gardening Group: No update

Village Show: The recent Village Show had been a great success and organisers reported that entries and takings were up from the previous year. Organisers were pleased to be able to welcome Dr Luke Evans MP who opened the show and Borough Cllr Bill Crooks who presented the

awards. The new venue of the Church had been complimented as having a sociable community feel.

PCC: No update

Footpath Warden: No update

Council business

193/2025 To consider apologies for absence from Councillors

It was resolved that apologies from Cllr Waterlow be accepted.

194/2025 To receive declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

There were none.

195/2025 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 27th August 2025

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

196/2025 To receive updates from Councillors and the Clerk

Cllr Harris: 25/00060/FUL Land NE Of ALDI Distribution Centre Wood Road Nailstone Leicestershire. Deed of Variation to S106 agreement on planning application. Cllr Harris updated Cllrs with details of the application which detailed that a small amount of land owned by Aldi was being given to an electricity supplier to increase the land clearance around the electricity substation.

Cllr Darlington: No update

Cllr Crane: No update

Cllr Harrison: Cllr Harrison reported that he had ordered x2 Remembrance Wreaths as per previous years. Cllr Harrison and Cllr Harris **were thanked** for volunteering their time to place the lamp post poppies.

Cllr Harrison **was thanked** for inspecting the wooden bench at the entrance to The Oval which now needed replacement. **It was agreed** that the Clerk source 3 quotations for potential replacement benches and investigate the possibility of applying to Miller Homes before the closing date on 15th October.

Clerk:

Precept: The 2nd instalment of the precept had been received into the PC's account.

Fly tipping: A second fly tip of nitrous oxide canisters in the Bagworth Rd unofficial layby had been reported to and collected by H&BBC.

197/2025 To consider planning applications submitted:

25/00828/HOU 9 Grange Road Nailstone,
Erection of a single storey side and rear extension with associated works

Details of the application had been circulated to Cllrs who had reviewed the documents.

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

198/2025 To note comments submitted under delegated powers and applications determined

25/00545/HOU Bluebell Cottage Yew Tree Farm Occupation Road
Nailstone Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 0QG

Single storey side and rear extensions and loft conversion including dormer windows to the side elevations.

Status: Planning Permission

199/2025 To consider the Premises Licence consultation from H&BBC for The Bull's Head, Nailstone

The PC had been notified by H&BBC of the Premises Licence application for The Bull's Head and had been given the opportunity to make a comment.

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

200/2025 To receive an update on the street name for the development at the rear of The Bull's Head and consider any actions arising

Representatives from Arden had previously informed the PC that they had submitted a proposed street name of Arden Court for the development at the rear of The Bull's Head. Following inquiries with H&BBC regarding name consultation, Officers from H&BBC had informed the PC that H&BBC were not required to consult the PC regarding the naming as the location was not a publicly accessible adopted road and the location would be recorded as Arden Court/Place, off Main Street, Nailstone.

201/2025 To consider the response from the NCG Facebook moderators to the PC's request for assistance

Following agenda item 160/2025 the Clerk had contacted the Secretary of the Nailstone Community Group with a request for assistance with posts on the Nailstone Community Group Facebook page. The moderators of the page had replied and clarified that the Nailstone Community Group Facebook page was not governed by the Nailstone Community Group and was separate. The moderators explained that they would not be meeting

the PC's request for assistance as they felt the requests were too onerous and not something that was appropriate for them to do. The email had been forwarded to all Cllrs. It was re-stated that neither the Chair or Clerk were users of Facebook and personal circumstances prevented them both from being users and from being associated with a generic 'Nailstone Parish Council' account.

Moderators had indicated they were able to give Cllrs Darlington and Harrison the ability to post without preapproval and that comments on these posts could be turned off. Moderators had indicated that any posts specifically referring to the PC would not be posted and the original poster referred to the PC.

It was resolved that Cllr Darlington and Cllr Harrison would post the PC meeting agenda with the comments turned off.

202/2025 To consider a proposal from Nailstone Gardening Group for top up bulb planting

The gardening group had submitted a proposal for top up bulb planting. The locations proposed were the Post-box corner, the Christmas Tree triangle, Church Meadow Pit Wheel, the A447 crossroads and the Church and Church Meadow flower beds. The proposal had considered visibility at junctions and flowering times, to remove interference with mowing. Some Cllrs questioned the rationale of the proposed planting sites and if top up planting was necessary.

It was resolved that the proposal be approved.

203/2025 To consider a grant application from Nailstone Gardening group to fund bulb planting

The gardening group had made an application to the PC for a grant award to fund the bulb planting. The cost of the proposal was £343.38.

The groups choice of bulb supplier and pricing was queried. Some Cllrs stated that they wished to see 3 quotes for supply in future. As Cllrs were not in agreement the proposal proceeded to a vote.

For: Cllrs Harris and Darlington, Against: Cllrs Crane and Harrison. The Chair used his casting vote, and **it was resolved** that the proposal be approved and a reimbursement of £343.38 be made on production of receipts.

204/2025 To receive an update on the PCC's application for a faculty for the interment of cremated remains

The PC had been notified that the faculty application by the PCC had been successful. The faculty covered both retrospective permission and future permission to fill the potential remaining interment spaces.

205/2025 To consider the report of a trip incident in the Closed Churchyard and approve actions arising

It had been reported to the PC that a visitor to All Saints Church had tripped and fallen within the Closed Churchyard. On inspection it was

noted that the paving slabs where this occurred were slightly uneven and the row of slabs was cracked. Cllr Harrison reported that he had spoken to the grounds contractor and asked him to view the slabs and ascertain what was needed and provide a quotation.

It was resolved that the contractor be asked to provide a quotation for the reseating of the slab and if the quotation was under £150 then the contractor be authorised to proceed.

206/2025 To consider a Service Level Agreement with LCC for the maintenance of the PC's Street lights

A proposed SLA had been received and circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

The SLA covered (i) maintenance of the lights and (ii) the provision of electricity to the lights, with LCC becoming the new provider of electricity, replacing Npower.

The quoted cost for the SLA with LCC was: maintenance £163.72, and electricity £158.46, totalling £322.18 per annum.

The last quarterly street lighting electricity only charge from Npower was for £244.72, meaning a projected annual spend of £978.88.

Therefore, the SLA with LCC meant a projected saving of £656.70 per annum with maintenance also included as part of the agreement. Npower would need to be notified that the PC was changing its supplier.

It was resolved that the PC accept the SLA and consequently the Chair signed the agreement.

207/2025 To consider updates regarding the Grounds Maintenance contract and endorse and approve actions arising

Following agenda item 183/2025 the Clerk had contacted Inspire with a final settlement offer of £1600. Inspire had accepted this amount and submitted an amended invoice. This amount had been paid, and this action **was endorsed**, with future grounds invoices to be paid following the PC meeting.

Bosworth Groundcare had continued to carry out the grass cuts to Church Meadow, and the Closed Churchyard. Bosworth Groundcare had also carried out overdue pruning and clearance work to the overgrown long border in Church Meadow that was still part of the PC's grounds specification. An extra invoice had been submitted for this work.

208/2025 To review the progress of items reported to H&BBC and LCC:

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- Works completed, carriageway resurfaced.**

209/2025 To consider a monitoring report on the play equipment

There were no new issues reported.

Cllr Harrison **was thanked** for continuing to carry out the inspections.

210/2025 To consider any monitoring reports on Stoneshollow Solar Farm

A parishioner had reported a flashing amber light from the site at nighttime. Ethical Power had responded that this was a one-off event due to integrity testing of the solar panels.

However, it had been reported to the PC that the nighttime illumination was ongoing, with a flashing amber and bright solid light. Ethical Power had been contacted and asked for an explanation of the illumination.

Ethical Power responded that the lights were due to the carriageway resurfacing work by the Aldi depot on Wood Rd.

It was noted that the Aldi depot was on a different road a mile away in a different direction from Stoneshollow Solar Farm and that reports of the lights on Stoneshollow had preceded Wood Rd carriageway resurfacing by some weeks.

However, it was noted that following the follow up email to Ethical Power, the lighting on Stoneshollow had now discontinued.

It was resolved that at this time no further action was required due to the lighting having ceased.

211/2025 To approve invoices for payment

The Clerk and RFO presented the bank statements, bank reconciliation, invoices, payment schedule and location 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 September 2025	289.35
HMRC	PAYE September 2025	32.40
K Bates	Brother Ink Subscription refund	4.49
Hames Partnership	Payroll for August 2025	34.20
The Graphic	Newsletter printing September 2025	125.00
Bosworth Groundcare	July/August grass cuts, clearance work	1,417.20
		1,902.64

212/2025 To confirm the time, date and place of the next meeting; scheduled for 29th October 2025, 7pm, All Saints Church.

The meeting closed at 21:00

