



Minutes of a meeting of Nailstone Parish Council held at All Saints Church, at 7pm on Wednesday 29th April 2026.

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, Borough Cllr W J Crooks, 7 members of the public.

Public session

069/2026 To receive questions and comments from members of the public

Five representatives from Dovebank Primary School attended and informed the PC of their fundraising request for new play equipment on the school playground. The school had 147 pupils, 18 from Nailstone village. A project outline sheet was presented to Cllrs. The LIFE multi academy trust had agreed to fund £10,000 for the necessary groundworks and the PTA wished to source £52,000 from the PC for the play equipment. The PTA was in the process of acquiring charity status. Cllrs informed the school representatives of the local companies that had contributed towards the children's play equipment on Church Meadow and potential other sources of funding. The Clerk had emailed the PTA representative prior to the PC meeting to explain the legal framework the PC operated in regarding agenda items, decision making and the legality of donations to entities. More detail of the project would be required. The PTA representative would provide evidence to the Clerk of charity status once gained. The Clerk would refer to LRALC regarding legality of a donation to both the PTA as a charity or the school as part of a MAT.

It was agreed Cllrs would aim to meet informally in June to discuss further.

070/2026 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 caseload. The proposed closure of 4 SEND nurseries had been withdrawn, and the Norton Heath development had been taken out of the local plan. The next LCC meeting was 12th May and the outstanding highways issues and absence of communication would be taken to the portfolio holder at LCC.

071/2026 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 funding for 'warm rooms' was under pressure. Cllr Crooks had attended a Heritage Day at the Atkins Building. The private company that owned 50% of The Crescent had terminated the contracts of all its cleaners, leaving uncollected rubbish in Hinckley town centre.

072/2026 To receive updates from Community Groups and other organisations

Nailstone Community Group: Following the AGM the NCG had been able to appoint two new officers, including a treasurer. The group would not be running events and would act as an umbrella group for the subgroups and would continue to operate a bank account and insurance. Assets were to be stored by the Officers. The constitution would be amended to alter the terms of quoracy.

Nailstone Gardening Group: No update

PCC: No update

Footpath warden: No update

Council business

073/2026 To consider apologies for absence from Councillors

There were none.

074/2026 To receive declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

Cllr Crane declared a pecuniary interest in 077/2026, item number 5 as landowner. Cllr Crane would not take part in any discussions.

075/2026 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 25th March 2026

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

076/2026 To receive updates from Councillors and the Clerk

Cllr Harris: No update

Cllr Darlington: The new bench seat at the entrance to The Oval had been installed and Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for organising this. Following a discussion about the scope and purpose of the newsletter the Clerk was

asked to enquire of LRALC whether a newsletter paid for and written by the PC with the PC's contact details was regarded as a PC newsletter rather than a community newsletter supported by the PC.

Cllr Crane: no update

Cllr Harrison: no update

Cllr Waterlow: no update

Clerk:

Npower: Following 2 formal complaints Npower had confirmed that they now accepted the PC's position and evidence regarding the incorrect invoicing and overcharging of the street lighting. Npower had confirmed that they would be amending the invoices and rebilling which would result in a refund.

CiLCA: The second learning session had taken place and coursework submitted by the Clerk had received positive feedback.

077/2026 To consider planning applications submitted

26/00197/FUL The Limes, Wood Road, Nailstone. Conversion of three outbuildings to form four dwellinghouses with associated works

It was resolved that the PC submit a comment of objection on the grounds that the development was outside the village boundary, was an unsustainable development, would have an impact on the landscape visual amenity, the design was not in line with the vernacular architecture, made no provision for direct access and provision of services and had no highways or visibility information.

26/00196/FUL The Limes, Wood Road, Nailstone. Change of use of an existing outbuilding to form a dwellinghouse with associated works

It was resolved that the PC submit a comment of objection on the grounds that the development was outside the village boundary, was an unsustainable development, would have an impact on the landscape visual amenity, the design was not in line with the vernacular architecture, made no provision for direct access and provision of services and had no highways or visibility information.

25/00964/FUL The Larches, Ibstock Road, Nailstone. Erection of two dwellings

It was resolved that the PC submit a comment of objection on the grounds that the development was outside the village boundary, was an unsustainable development, was located opposite a busy junction, had no safe highways access or exit and had a lack of visibility.

25/01053/DISCON Land NE Of ALDI Distribution Centre, Wood Road, Nailstone.
Application to discharge condition 7 (Landscaping) attached to planning permission.

It was noted that this was a discharge of conditions and was not required to be commented on.

26/00257/OUT Land South of Cunnery Close Barlestone Outline planning application for the erection of up to 158 dwellings (all matters reserved).

It was resolved that the PC submit a comment of objection on the grounds that it was an overdevelopment of the site, and the access was unsuitable for the volume of houses, was outside the village boundary, was an unsustainable development and was not in the neighbourhood plan.

078/2026 To note applications determined and comments submitted under delegated powers

There were none.

079/2026 To approve the register of fixed assets held as of March 31st 2026

An updated Register of Fixed Assets had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Two items had been added: the PV panel for the MVAS and a new bench seat. The broken bench seat had been removed from the register.

It was resolved that the Register of Fixed Assets be approved, signed by the Chair and published for transparency as part of the AGAR documentation on the PC's website.

080/2026 To approve the Receipts & Payments Cash Book and bank reconciliation for the financial year 2025-26

The PC's cashbook comprising the receipts and payments for the year of 2025-26 in addition to the record of VAT paid and reclaimed, had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. The cashbook had been balanced and reconciled against bank statements and all VAT had been reclaimed.

It was resolved that the cashbook be approved, signed by the Chair and published as part of the AGAR documentation on the PC's website for transparency.

081/2026 To consider the Internal Auditor's report for the financial year 2025-26

The internal auditor's report and additional emailed comments had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs considered the report and comments.

It was resolved that the Internal Auditor's report as published on page 3 of the AGAR and the additional comments be approved and the report was signed by the Chair.

Mrs Brearley **was thanked** for her work in carrying out the audit.

082/2026 To approve the Annual Governance Statements for the financial year 2025-26

Statements 1-10 of the Annual Governance Statement were read, considered and answered in the affirmative by Cllrs and the statement was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

083/2026 To approve the Accounting Statements for the financial year 2025-26

The RFO presented the Accounting Statements which had been circulated to Cllrs and signed by the RFO prior to the meeting.

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

084/2026 To approve the Explanation of variances

The Explanation of Variances had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

It was resolved that the Explanation of Variances be approved and they were signed by the Chair.

085/2026 To approve the Breakdown of reserves held

The Breakdown of Reserves had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

It was resolved that the statement of reserves be approved and they were signed by the Chair.

086/2026 To approve the dates for the period of public rights

It was resolved that the accounts and supporting documentation be available for inspection by prior appointment at 46 Main Street from Wednesday 3rd June 2026 to Tuesday 14th July 2026 inclusive. The Clerk noted that in practice questions about the accounts could be asked at any time.

087/2026 To approve the explanation of Additional information required to be submitted with the AGAR

The Additional Information to be submitted with the AGAR had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

It was resolved that the additional information to be submitted be approved and it was signed by the Chair.

088/2026 To consider quotations for the resurfacing of the Breedon gravel paths in Church Meadow

Cllr Harris **was thanked** for obtaining 3 quotations for this project. The quotations had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs discussed the various potential surface and edging options.

It was resolved that

- a) the Clerk would look to source a potential grant for part funding and
- b) Quotation 1 with the option of Breedon buff chippings with milestone tumbled kerb edging and the extended hard standing area be approved at a cost of £16,195.

089/2026 To consider quotations for the PC's grounds maintenance contract

The Clerk reported that the 6 tender invitations that had been sent out had resulted in only 1 quotation despite numerous follow up attempts. Cllrs discussed that the quotation received was within the amount set aside in the approved budget. Cllrs wished to see the contract settled and regularised.

It was resolved:

- a) to suspend the usual requirement of obtaining 3 quotation and
- b) to award the 3 year contract to contractor who had submitted the quotation and
- c) the Clerk would amend the contract document and request the contractor sign and return and undertake the contract effective 1st May based on the prices quoted.

090/2026 To consider any monitoring reports on Stoneshollow Solar Farm

There were none.

091/2026 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. Works not completed, update sought.

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**

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**

092/2026 To consider a monitoring report on the play equipment

No new issues were reported.

Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for kindly volunteering to take over carrying out the inspections.

093/2026 To approve the bank reconciliation, location of reserves and invoices for payment

The RFO presented the invoices, payment schedule, bank reconciliation 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 April 2026	283.55
HMRC	PAYE March 2026	38.20
K Bates	Ink Subscription & printing overage refund	8.05
Hames Partnership	Payroll for April 2026	36.00
LRALC	LRALC and NALC Membership Fee 2026-27	351.11
Latitude Printing	Newsletter printing March 2026	65.00
Ken Greenfield	Newsletter delivery March 2026	20.00
TOTAL		801.91

094/2026 To confirm the time, date and place of the Annual Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting

Due to Cllr holidays the PC would not be quorate on the scheduled date of 27th May.

It was resolved that the Annual Council Meeting would take place as scheduled on Thursday May 28th 2026 at 7:45pm, at All Saints Church and the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Thursday May 28th 2026 at 7pm, at All Saints Church.

The meeting closed at 21:15