



Minutes of a Meeting of Nailstone Parish Council held at All Saints Church, 7pm on Wednesday 26th August 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, 1 member of the public.

Public Session

153/2026 To receive questions and comments from members of the public

A member of the public asked about the status of the Stoneshollow Solar Development.

Cllr Crane stated that the original construction company was no longer in existence and a second firm had been brought in to sign off the build. However structural issues requiring extensive remedial works were reported to have been found. The current anticipated timeline for energisation was unknown. Remedial works had been carried out to the drainage near the PROW resulting in a drying out of the field.

A member of the public asked if the PC had any plans for Christmas events. The Chair explained that the PC was not organising any events but if groups wished to apply for grant funding there was an allowance made in the budget for this.

154/2026 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 the decision from the Government on LGR. There would be elections held in May 2027 to elect the 94 new 'shadow' Councillors for the Unitary authority. Nailstone was warded with Market Bosworth, Shackerstone, Carlton, Sutton Cheney, Shenton, and Dadlington. Cllr Melen reported that Highways had stated that FS796554529, blockage to drainage on Bagworth Rd junction needed more investigation. The Clerk reported that Highways had said that FS804573575, damage to road surface around gulley on A447 junction, was within tolerance, despite the initial repair being a temporary patch and it being marked up for further repair.

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for following up on these outstanding issues.

155/2026 To receive an update from Borough Councillor W J Crooks

Cllr Crooks **was thanked** for a report on Borough Council business which included updates on the Government's decision on Local Government Reorganisation and the protest meeting that was held at County Hall. New planning regulations were due to come into force in September 2026, and the 5-year land supply now had to have a 20% rather than 5% buffer. The planning committee had been reduced to 13 members to meet the statutory requirement. A planning development of 535 houses in Ratby had been passed and a large development in Desford was coming to planning soon. A joint planning visit to the traveller's site opposite the Cinnamon Tree had resulted in NWLDC taking the lead as 85% of the land was in their area. There was potential for an injunction.

156/2026 To receive updates from Community Groups and other organisations

NCG: no update

GG: A practical meet up had been held, and the Rock bed had been thoroughly weeded and tidied. The group had welcomed 3 new members from the village during the month. The inaugural group 'garden safari' was organised and was set to take place on August 30th, ending with a cream tea and social.

PCC: no update

Footpaths: no update

Council business

157/2026 To consider apologies for absence from Councillors.

There were none.

158/2026 To receive declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

There were none.

159/2026 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 29th July 2026

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

160/2026 To receive updates from Councillors and the Clerk

Cllr Harris: no update

Cllr Darlington: Cllr Darlington reported that the contractor carrying out the works to Church Meadow paths had scheduled the works for the end of October 2026.

Cllr Crane: no update

Cllr Harrison: no update

Clerk:

Pit Wheel brickwork – works to rebuild the brickwork underneath the pit wheel had been completed and the pit wheel repainted. The submitted invoice was for £200 less than quoted as the contractor found fewer bricks were needed than thought and the black paint already belonging to the PC was used. The contractor had kindly offered to repaint the pit wheel in future years using the remaining paint.

Community Equipment Grant / Noticeboard– The PC's application for a Community Equipment Grant from H&BBC to fund 50% of the replacement noticeboard had been successful. The grant would cover 50% of the carriage costs, but not the VAT, as this could be reclaimed. The noticeboard had been ordered, and a 50% deposit had been paid. Rob Johnson had confirmed he would be able to site the board.

Conclusion of audit certificate – the conclusion of audit certificate and notice had been displayed for 2 weeks as per best practice on each PC noticeboard.

Play Equipment annual inspection – the annual play equipment inspection had been booked for September 2026.

Transfer of monies into reserves – the budgeted monies Cllrs had resolved to set aside into the reserve accounts for this fiscal year would be transferred from the current account following the PC meeting ahead of the receipt of the precept in September.

161/2026 To consider planning applications submitted

There were none.

162/2026 To note applications determined and comments submitted under delegated powers

There were none.

163/2026 To consider the siting and possible replacement of the litter bin on Church Meadow

The open topped litter bin located in the hedge to the rear of the noticeboard on Church Meadow had been reported as a source of unwanted odours to neighbouring properties during the summer due to the dog waste in the bin. The Clerk had requested interim emptying of the litter bin by H&BBC but not assisted by the extreme hot weather the nuisance

had persisted. The bin was the property of the PC and was located on the PC's property. Dog waste could be placed in any available bin, but litter could not be placed in designated dog waste bins for which the PC would need to pay a fee. The PC could not provide additional litter bins in the village. The Clerk had circulated potential options for a replacement bin with costs for Cllrs information to assist their decision making.

It was resolved that

- a) the Clerk ask H&BBC for the cost of collection from a designated dog waste bin
- b) the Clerk source quotations for the purchase of a designated dog waste bin
- c) the Clerk inform the affected parishioners that the PC were considering the purchase of a designated dog waste bin.

164/2026 To consider and approve which reserve fund will finance the Church Meadow paths refurbishment

The Clerk would continue to search for potential grant funding for this project as per 141/2026.

By using the accumulated interest on the invested amount in the HSBC Business Money Manager account the PC had already earmarked £2,933.32 towards the refurbishment. A further £317.73 interest was now available to be earmarked bringing the total to £3,251.05.

The total approved for the refurbishment in agenda item 088/2026 was £16,195, leaving a balance of £12,944 to be funded.

It was resolved that

- a) The £317.73 interest be added to the earmarked amount
- b) The £12,944 balance of the funding to be sourced from the Stoneshollow Community Benefit funding located in the HSBC Business Money Manager account.

165/2026 To consider and approve a Privacy Notice and Information Processing Policy

The UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)(2018) required the PC to adopt and issue a privacy notice, to be published on the PC's website. As a data controller the PC was also required to register with the Information Commissioner's Office. A Privacy Notice and Information Processing Policy was circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

It was resolved that

- a) the Privacy Notice and Information Processing Policy be approved and published as required on the PC's website.
- b) The PC register with the I.C.O. and the Clerk pay the fee, set this year at £52.

166/2026 To review and approve the PC's Financial Regulations

The PC's Financial Regulations had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. There was no change from the previous review.
Cllr Harrison requested this item be considered within the closed section.
This item was deferred until the next meeting.

167/2026 To receive and consider a report from Cllr Waterlow on the feasibility of a Nailstone Church Community Space

Cllr Waterlow had visited Sheepy Parish Church and had produced an illustrated report on the reordering works at Sheepy Church, their accessibility, facilities, and design.

Cllr Waterlow **was thanked** for producing an informative report. Cllrs discussed the potential for this kind of space within All Saints and the need for careful assessment and planning of the space.

It was resolved that

- a) Cllrs would discuss the report further at the informal Cllr workshop in September and any decisions and reasoning would be brought to a PC meeting for resolution.
- b) The Clerk would email the report to the Churchwarden and Church treasurer.

168/2026 To receive and note any updates on the 5-Year Plan for the village

It was noted that all Cllrs and the Clerk were available on both September 7th and 8th for the informal Cllrs workshop. Cllr Waterlow had kindly offered to host.

It was resolved that September 7th at 7pm, be set as the date for the informal workshop.

169/2026 To receive and note any updates regarding the Stoneshollow Community Benefit Fund

See agenda item 164/2026 above.

It was noted that future potential projects may also arise from decisions at a PC meeting following the informal Cllrs workshop.

170/2026 To consider any monitoring reports on Stoneshollow Solar Farm

There were none. See 153/2026

171/2026 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 Pothole 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 completed**

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for following up on the outstanding issues.

172/2026 To consider a monitoring report on the play equipment

No new issues had been noted.

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

173/2026 To approve the bank reconciliation, location of reserves and invoices for payment

The RFO presented the bank statements, payment schedule, bank reconciliation, 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 August 2026	283.55
HMRC	PAYE August 2026	38.20
K Bates	Ink Subscription refund and printing overage	5.38
Hames Partnership	Payroll for August 2026	36.60
Latitude Printing	Newsletter printing July 2026	65.00
Ken Greenfield	Newsletter delivery July 2026	20.00
Moore	25-26 External Auditor's Fee (AGAR)	283.50
K Bates	Dog waste bags and dispensers refund	27.98
I.C.O.*	Annual ICO Registration Fee	52.00
N Pennelli	Repairs to Pit Wheel brickwork	950.00
TOTAL		1,762.21

174/2026 To confirm the time, date, and place of the next meeting: scheduled for September 30th, 2026, 7pm, All Saints Church

Cllr Harris submitted his apologies for the September meeting.

175/2026 To resolve that, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

A vote of Cllrs present was taken.

It was resolved that the resolution be approved and the Council moved to a confidential session.

Confidential session

176/2026 Confidential matter: To consider correspondence received

It was resolved that the Council would cooperate with the correspondence received.

The Clerk stated that she did not wish to receive payment for the additional hours worked.

The meeting closed at 21:40