Minutes of a meeting of Nailstone Parish Council held at All Saints Church, at 7pm on Wednesday 28th October 2026.

Present: Cllr L Harris (Chair), Cllr H Darlington (Vice Chair), Cllr T Harrison, Cllr C Waterlow, Clerk K Bates, 2 members of the public.

Public Session

198/2026 To receive questions and comments from members of the public

There were none.

199/2026 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 casework and news that refurbishment of The Cock Inn at Sibson was underway with a projected late 2026 re-opening.

200/2026 To receive an update from Borough Councillor W J Crooks

Cllr Crooks had sent his apologies prior to the meeting.
Cllr Crooks **was thanked** for a report on Borough Council business which included an update on the illegal waste dumping site along the A47, and confirmation that next May's elections would elect representatives to the current structure of councils.

201/2026 To receive updates from Community Groups and other organisations

NCG: Cllr Darlington was to give a talk on the island of Socotra on 29th October at the Church. The Christmas Lights switch on was scheduled for 6pm on November 28th.
Gardening Group: The group had held a practical meet up and had thoroughly weeded and tidied the Memorial Area ahead of Remembrance Sunday. Additional permanent and seasonal planting had been added which had been funded by the group via the 2025 wreath making workshops.
PCC: A new lettings policy had been approved at the recent PCC meeting. A full programme of events was timetabled up to Christmas, including wreath making, a Christmas fair, a children's Christmas party, a Choir

concert, a carol service and a Christmas Day service. There had been a leak in the Church roof with water penetrating inside the Church.
Footpath warden: No issues to report.

Council business

202/2026 To consider apologies for absence from Councillors.

It was resolved that apologies from Cllr Crane be accepted.

203/2026 To receive declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

There were none

204/2026 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 30th September 2026

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

205/2026 To receive updates from Councillors and the Clerk

Cllr Harris: no update
Cllr Darlington: Cllr Darlington was enquiring with Cadeby Tree Trust about the provision of a village Christmas Tree. Cllr Waterlow and Cllr Harris kindly volunteered to install the lights on the tree.
Cllr Darlington raised that a small branch on the tree at the A447 crossroads had been broken by a lorry. It was agreed to ask the PC's grounds contractor to remove this.
Cllr Darlington had been approached by a member of the public regarding the safety of the A447 junction. Cllr Melen had put forward the junction for consideration for Highways improvements. **It was agreed** to follow this up with Cllr Melen at the next PC meeting.
Cllr Darlington was meeting with the contractor renovating the Church Meadow footpaths and had requested that a copy of the public liability insurance and risk assessment be forwarded to the PC.
Cllr Harrison: no update
Cllr Waterlow: no update
Clerk:
VAT reclaim: an interim reclaim for VAT paid for the period April-September 2026 had been submitted and £763.68 had been received into the PC's account.
New noticeboard: the new noticeboard had been delivered, and Rob Johnson had been notified and asked to site it.

Dog waste bin: the dog waste bin had been delivered and an application for a Community Equipment Grant had been applied for.
CiLCA update: the last in person teaching session of the course had been held. Once complete, the coursework would be submitted to the course tutor before being submitted to the assessing body.

206/2026 To consider planning applications submitted

There were none

207/2026 To note applications determined and comments submitted under delegated powers

There were none

208/2026 To consider and approve arrangements for wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November 2026

Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for volunteering to install the lamppost poppies. Cllr Waterlow also offered to assist.
The two Remembrance wreaths had been ordered and delivered. The Church warden would offer a short dedication and prayers prior to the 11am silence. Parishioners would be able to lay their own tributes if they wished.
It was resolved that Cllr Darlington and Cllr Waterlow would attend to lay wreaths on behalf of the PC and the arrangements would be publicised via the newsletter and on the community group Facebook page with a suggested meeting time of 10:45am.

209/2026 To consider and approve the ring fencing of accumulated bank interest into a small project fund

The PC was to determine the precept at the November 2026 meeting when all current available budgetary and spending information would be available.
It was resolved that this item be deferred to the November 2026 meeting.

210/2026 To consider quotations for the supply of electricity to Church Meadow

The PC's 1 year contract with NPower for the supply of electricity to Church Meadow was due to end in December 2026. Quotations for alternative suppliers had been sought due to NPower's high daily standing charge of £5.78.
Quotations had been forwarded to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

It was resolved that a 1 year contract with a standing charge of 115p per day and a unit cost of 32.5 per kWH be accepted with a projected saving of £1,582 per annum.

211/2026 To consider the annual Play equipment inspection report

The annual inspection of play equipment had been carried out and the report circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.
Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for sourcing and replacing the missing bolt cover on the monkey bars. Two other potential issues were recorded as 'green' on the risk assessment matrix in the report. Cllrs considered that any potential risk was very minimal.
It was resolved that no further action was required.

212/2026 To consider the creation of a PC Villager Award scheme

Cllr Crane had proposed the creation of a PC Villager Award scheme, similar to a scheme run by Barlestone PC.
Cllrs considered that comprehensive information on how the scheme would operate was necessary.
It was resolved to defer this item to a future meeting where Cllr Crane was present.

213/2026 To consider and approve the PC's 5-Year Plan document

Following the informal Cllrs workshop and the September PC meeting, Cllr Darlington had drafted an amended 5-year plan for the PC, which was intended to be a live document. The draft plan had been circulated to Cllrs for comment prior to the meeting.
It was resolved that the plan be approved and uploaded to the PC's website.
Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for her hard work with this project.

214/2026 To receive and note any updates regarding the Stoneshollow Community Benefit Fund

The renovation of the Breedon gravel footpaths in Church Meadow was due to start within the next month.

215/2026 To consider any monitoring reports on Stoneshollow Solar Farm

There were none.

216/2026 To review the progress of items reported to H&BBC and LCC:

FS796554529 9/2/26 Bagworth Rd B585 at Wood Rd junction. Blocked gulley leading to carriageway flooding. UPDATE: Response chased 27/2. Chased again 16/3. LCC target date for works 1st June.

FS879987709/1061349 5/10/26 Church Road. Large pothole adjacent to number 54.UPDATE: Temporary repair 8/10, marked for permanent repair.

217/2026 To consider a monitoring report on the play equipment

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

218/2026 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 for inspection. These were signed by the Chair.
It was resolved that the following invoices be paid:

Supplier	Details	£.p
K Bates	Clerk's salary October 2026	283.55
HMRC	PAYE October 2026	38.20
K Bates	Ink Subscription refund	4.49
Hames Partnership	Payroll for October 2026	36.60
Latitude Printing	Newsletter printing September 2026	69.00
Ken Greenfield	Newsletter delivery September 2026	20.00
Playsafety Ltd	Annual Play Equipment inspection	99.60
H Darlington	Play equipment bolt protection covers refund	7.87
Glasdon UK	Retriever 60 Dog Waste bin	343.20
Nailstone PCC	Room Hire April-October 2026 x7 meetings	175.00
Bosworth Groundcare	6 months mowing, x2 hedge cuts	4,094.40
TOTAL		**5,171.91**

219/2026 To confirm the time, date and place of the next meeting: scheduled for November 25th 2026, 7pm, All Saints Church

There were no early apologies.

220/2026 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 to move the meeting to a confidential session.

Confidential session

221/2026 Confidential matter: To receive an update on correspondence received

Cllrs received an update on correspondence received.

The meeting closed at 20:15