Minutes of a meeting of Nailstone Parish Council held at All Saints Church, at 7pm on Wednesday 30th September 2026.

Present: Cllr H Darlington (Vice Chair, acting as Chair for the meeting), Cllr D Crane, Cllr C Waterlow, Clerk K Bates, Borough Cllr W J Crooks, 1 member of the public.

Public Session

177/2026 To receive questions and comments from members of the public

A member of the public asked about progress on the Stoneshollow Solar Development. Cllr Crane commented that there had been no remedial works carried out on the development during the last month. The date for electrification remained unknown.

178/2026 To receive an update from County Councillor J Melen

Cllr Melen had offered his apologies for the meeting.
Cllr Melen **was thanked** for a report on County Council business which included updates on his Parish casework and the news that the Government had now paused the process of LGR. Consequently, the elections due in May 2027 would take place, but representatives would be elected to the current arrangement of District, Borough, and County Councils.

179/2026 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 new planning system and the difficulties some PCs within Leicestershire were encountering. Cllr Crooks raised application 26/00558/CLE for 87 Barton Lane as being available for consultee comments. On checking H&BBC's planning portal the PC's consultee comment had been registered following the August PC meeting and the consultation period was now closed, with the application pending consideration. 482 new houses were due to be built in Hinckley next to an existing new build of circa 400 houses.

180/2026 To receive updates from Community Groups and other organisations

NCG: The quizzes at The Bull's Head were contributing money towards the NCG's bank account. Cllr Darlington was giving a talk on her visit to the

island of Socotra at the end of October with funds also to be contributed to the NCG's account.

Gardening Group: The group planned a practical meet up to tidy the Memorial Area before Remembrance Sunday. The Wreath making workshop to be held in November was already 50% full.

PCC: The new treasurer had attended treasurer training, and a PCC meeting was due to be held by the end of October. The treasurer reported that she would be proposing an increase of 100% on all-day hire and an increase from £25 to £35 for half-day hire.

Footpaths: no update.

Council business

181/2026 To consider apologies for absence from Councillors.

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

182/2026 To receive declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

There were none.

183/2026 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 26th August 2026

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

184/2026 To receive updates from Councillors and the Clerk

Cllr Darlington: A scarecrow trail had been held the previous weekend with 6 entrants.

Cllr Crane: The Rotary had sanded and oiled benches within the Closed Churchyard and Church Meadow and were due one more visit to complete the work.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write a thank you letter to the Rotary from the PC, to be delivered by Cllr Crane.

Cllr Waterlow: no update.

The Clerk:

Remembrance Wreaths: Two Remembrance Wreaths needed to be purchased for 2026.

It was agreed that the Clerk would make the purchase and be refunded up to a limit of £80. Receipts would be brought to the October PC meeting. Cllr Waterlow indicated he would be available if necessary to lay the

wreaths, however **it was agreed** to revisit this aspect at the October meeting when all Cllrs were present. The Church treasurer kindly agreed to ask the Churchwarden to give a short dedication and prayers prior to 11am.
It was agreed Cllr Darlington would add the event to the newsletter, so parishioners were informed.
Financial Services Compensation Scheme: the protection limit under the scheme had increased to £120,000, the amount in each of the PC's accounts were within that limit.

185/2026 To consider planning applications submitted

There were none.

186/2026 To note applications determined and comments submitted under delegated powers

There were none.

187/2026 To consider the purchase of a designated dog waste bin for Church Meadow

Following agenda item 163/2026 in August 2026 the Clerk had sourced quotations for the purchase of a new designated dog waste bin to be sited on Church Meadow. These had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. The Clerk had informed the affected parishioners that the PC were considering the purchase of a designated dog waste bin.
H&BBC had confirmed that the cost for emptying the bin would be £2.29 per visit if carried out weekly. This equated to £119.08 per annum.
A Community Equipment Grant for 50% of the cost of the supply of the bin could be applied for.
Cllrs discussed the provision, design, and siting of a dog waste bin.
It was resolved that:

a) The PC purchase a Retriever 60 dog waste bin, colour green, from Glasdon
b) The Clerk be authorised to pay a 50% deposit if required
c) The bin to be sited to the left of the Pit Wheel (when entering from main gate)
d) The Clerk to apply for a Community Equipment Grant for 50% funding of the bin
e) The Clerk ask H&BBC to commence weekly collections once the bin was installed
f) Rob Johnson be asked to site the bin
g) The Clerk communicate the decision to the affected parishioners

Cllr Crane **was thanked** for volunteering to take delivery of the bin.

188/2026 To review and approve the PC's Financial Regulations

Copies of the PC's Financial Regulations had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the August meeting and there had been no changes to the document.
It was resolved that the Financial Regulations be approved and uploaded to the PC's website for transparency.

189/2026 To receive and note any updates on the 5-Year Plan for the village

Cllrs Waterlow, Darlington, and Crane provided a summary of the informal Cllr workshop. Cllrs discussed the wish to see the interest accumulated on the investment to be ring fenced into a small projects fund for community groups to apply to. Cllrs expressed a wish to identify viable large projects on which to spend the majority of the capital amount. Identification of such suitable projects was ongoing.
Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for writing a summary 5-year plan for publication on the PC's website. Amendments were to be made to the wording before approval and publication.
It was resolved that the allocation of the interest into a ring-fenced fund be added to the October agenda.

190/2026 To receive and note any updates regarding the Stoneshollow Community Benefit Fund

There was none. 164/2026 refers.

191/2026 To consider any monitoring reports on Stoneshollow Solar Farm

There was none.

192/2026 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.

FS804573575 27/2/27 Main St/A447 junction. Further Pothole around road gulley. UPDATE: Works completed

193/2026 To consider a monitoring report on the play equipment

No new issues were reported.
Cllr Darlington **was thanked** for carrying out the inspections.

194/2026 To approve the bank reconciliation, location of reserves and invoices for payment

The RFO presented for inspection the payment schedule, invoices, bank statements, bank reconciliation, 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 September 2026	283.55
HMRC	PAYE September 2026	38.20
K Bates	Ink Subscription refund	6.27
Hames Partnership	Payroll for September 2026	36.60
Latitude Printing	Newsletter printing August 2026	69.00
Ken Greenfield	Newsletter delivery August 2026	20.00
Signs of Cheshire Ltd [a]	3-door noticeboard & delivery	1,257.00
Rob Johnson	Installation of bench at The Oval	105.00
TOTAL		**1,815.62**

195/2026 To confirm the time, date, and place of the next meeting: scheduled for October 28th 2026, 7pm, All Saints Church

There were no apologies from those present.

196/2026 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 meeting would move to a confidential session.

Confidential session

197/2026 Confidential matter: To receive an update on correspondence received

Cllrs received an update on correspondence received.

The meeting closed at 20:20