



Minutes of a Meeting of Nailstone Parish Council held at All Saints Church on Wednesday 27th August 2025.

Present: L Harris (Chair), Cllr D Crane, Cllr T Harrison, Cllr C Waterlow (co-opted and joined meeting 8:10pm), Clerk K Bates, County Cllr J Melen, Borough Cllr W J Crooks, 6 members of the public.

Public session

170/2025 To receive questions and comments from members of the public

Representatives from Arden developments reported that they hoped to be able to re-open the Bull's Head public house towards the end of October 2025. Cllr Harrison had been contacted earlier in the month by Arden regarding the naming of the road of the housing development and potential names with a historical connection were suggested. However, Arden reported they had already submitted a request to H&BBC to name the road after the company. Arden representatives agreed that the historical naming suggestions would be taken to the company directors.

It was noted that H&BBC had not yet contacted the PC regarding the naming of the road.

A member of the public asked if there was any update on the use of the Stoneshollow Community Benefit Funding. The Chair replied that case studies and research were ongoing and there was no update at present.

A member of the public reported that flashing amber lights from the Stoneshollow Solar development were visible at night from 10pm. Cllrs were not aware of any reason for this.

It was agreed that the Clerk would email Martin Lee and seek clarification regarding the lighting on the development.

171/2025 To receive an update from County Councillor J Melen

Cllr Melen **was thanked** for a report on County Council business which included the opening of the 1485 sculpture trail, and the Battle of Bosworth's 540th anniversary ceremony at Bosworth Battlefield. Cllr Melen confirmed that LCC were opposing the expansion of Leicester City boundaries as part of local government reorganisation. Aldi Head Office had confirmed that some head office staff would be relocated to the new

distribution centre. LCC Highways had submitted their response to the Pall Ex relocation application and further actions were required by Pall Ex representatives. Highways had recommended the relocation of the entrance from Station Road to Wood Road.

It was noted that the PC had objected to the planning application. Cllr Melen **was thanked** for his assistance in progressing all matters on behalf of the PC.

172/2025 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 Council's housing stock, and awards received by H&BBC planning department. Cllr Crooks reported that developments of 415 houses in Hinckley and 120 houses in Desford were deferred and 126 in Market Bosworth refused by the planning committee although housing officers had recommended acceptance of all 3 applications.

173/2025 To receive updates from Community Groups and other organisations

Nailstone Community Group: A formal meeting was to be held on Thursday 4th September. Christmas event planning was to be started.

Parochial Church Council: The Church Fete was reported to be a great success with takings the highest for some years. The proposal for the Church to become a Community Church had been passed by the DAC Leicester and would now be put forward for national approval. A faculty had been granted by the Diocese for the retrospective interment of cremated remains and to use the projected 8 remaining plots. The MacMillan Coffee Morning was to be held on 20th September.

Nailstone Gardening Group: The continued hot and dry weather had postponed heavy gardening work and had prevented the planting of new plants. The Memorial Area project would be attended to once cooler weather arrived. A practical meet up was planned for the upcoming Friday and Wreath making was booked for the end of November.

Footpath Warden: No issues were reported.

Village Show: The Show was scheduled for 6th September. A ribbon cutting ceremony was to be held at 1:30pm and prizes were to be given out at 3:30pm by Cllr Crooks. It was hoped that holding the event at the Church would increase attendance. Cllr Crane kindly offered maize from his fields for the decoration of the door.

Council business

174/2025 To consider apologies for absence from Councillors

It was resolved that apologies from Cllr Darlington be accepted.

175/2025 To receive declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

There were none.

176/2025 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 30th July 2025

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

177/2025 Co-option to fill casual vacancy of Councillor

Mr C Waterlow had expressed an interest in the casual vacancy and informal discussions around the role had taken place between Mr Waterlow, Cllrs and the Clerk.

It was resolved that Mr Waterlow be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy. The declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and Cllr Waterlow joined the meeting at 8:10pm. Cllr Waterlow completed the Register of Members Interests. Cllr Waterlow was welcomed to the PC.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Cuttlefish and ask for the vacant email account to be assigned to Cllr Waterlow.

178/2025 To receive updates from Councillors and the Clerk

Cllr Harris: No update

Cllr Crane: No update

Cllr Harrison: Parishioners had reported that the bench seat at the Oval entrance had become unsteady. Cllr Harrison kindly volunteered to inspect the bench. Cllrs noted that the bench seat on Main Street near the A447 junction was not used and could be relocated if necessary.

Cllr Waterlow: No update

Clerk:

Interim Vat reclaim: An interim reclaim for VAT paid amounting to £1335.86 from 1st April to 31st July had been submitted to HMRC and the amount had been received into the PC's account.

Play Equipment inspection: The ROSPA play equipment inspection was due in September and had been booked.

179/2025 To consider planning applications submitted:

25/00060/FUL Land NE Of ALDI Distribution Centre Wood Road Nailstone
Application to discharge the biodiversity gain condition for application
Applicant: National Grid UK Limited

It was noted by Cllrs that this was an application to discharge conditions and as such was not an application to be commented on.

180/2025 To note comments submitted under delegated powers and applications determined

There were none.

181/2025 To consider a quotation from LCC for upgrading work to the PC's streetlights

County Cllr J Melen **was thanked** for his assistance in progressing this item.

An updated quotation of £12,543.68 excl VAT for the works had been received from LCC, an increase of £24.82. The works were to include: the disconnection and removal of the damaged light outside Grange Cottages, the replacement of lighting brackets, fixtures and lamps with compliant fixings and LED lamps and a communication cell on each light. This cell would allow the lights to be programmed remotely by LCC and would alert LCC to any maintenance needed. There was a projected lead time of 10-12 weeks for the parts and equipment. LCC had requested Cllrs instructions on how they wished the lights to be programmed.

It was resolved that the quotation be accepted and LCC asked to commence the works.

It was resolved that LCC be asked to program the lights to match the nearby LCC lighting stock.

182/2025 To consider a Service Level Agreement with LCC for the maintenance of the PC's street lights

The Service Level Agreement from LCC had not yet been forwarded to the PC. This item was deferred until the next PC meeting. Cllr Melen **was thanked** for continuing to chase this item.

183/2025 To consider updates regarding the Grounds Maintenance contract and endorse and approve actions arising

Cllr Harrison reported that he had held a site meeting with Bosworth Groundcare to discuss the grounds maintenance specifications and contract. Bosworth Groundcare were willing to carry out the scope of works as per the grounds maintenance specifications for the remaining 18 months of the contract. The price for the works would be updated and forwarded to the PC. It was recommended by the contractor that the hedges were cut x3 per year. The price for the extra hedge cut, as well as a price for an ad hoc grass cut for the Closed Churchyard, and Church Meadow would be forwarded to the PC. The overgrown border in Church Meadow bordering the jitty had been discussed at the site meeting. Cllrs

discussed with the gardening group representative if the border could be given a needed severe pruning. The gardening group representative expressed a desire for the group to take over replanting and maintenance of the border in the future but at present agreed the severe pruning was necessary.

It was resolved that a price for the pruning and clearing work be requested.

Cllr Harrison **was thanked** for his efforts in meeting with the contractor. Further to agenda item 164/2025 Inspire had been requested to provide an end of contract invoice for works completed. The contract commenced in March 2024 and had been invoiced in two £2400 instalments and fully paid until March 2025.

For the period March 2025 to end July 2025 Inspire had provided a non-itemised invoice for £2400, equating to 6 months' work. Cllrs noted that 5 months had passed between March to end July and only grass cuts had been undertaken with hedge cutting, weed killing and jitty clearance being omitted. The PC had engaged Bosworth Groundcare to undertake these tasks plus a grass cut at a cost of £1200.

It was resolved that:

- (a) the invoice amount be disputed on the basis that works had only taken place over four twelfths of the year and the full scope of works had not been carried out and
- (b) a settlement offer of £1600 be made based on a pro rata payment equating to four twelfths of the annual cost.

184/2025 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- Repair work scheduled, to be carried out 12th September 2025.**

28/4/25 FS709830357

Main St/Bagworth Rd, Nailstone Non illuminated bollard hit and missing. **UPDATE: Works completed**

185/2025 To consider a monitoring report on the play equipment

Cllr Harrison reported no new items of concern.

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

186/2025 To consider any monitoring reports on Stoneshollow Solar Farm

The Clerk reported that the PC had been copied into an email sent to Cllr Crooks from a parishioner regarding a vehicular near miss on the PROW.

187/2025 To approve invoices for payment

The Clerk and RFO presented the bank statements, bank reconciliation, payment schedule and breakdown and location of reserves which were checked and signed by the Chair.

It was resolved that the invoice from Inspire be disputed and not be authorised for payment (183/2025)

It was resolved that the following invoices be paid:

Supplier	Details	£.p
K Bates	Clerk's salary August 2025	289.15
HMRC	PAYE August 2025	32.60
K Bates	Brother Ink Subscription refund	4.49
Hames Partnership	Payroll for July 2025	34.20
K Bates	x2 A4 lever arch files	5.00
TOTAL		365.44

188/2025 To confirm the time, date and place of the next meeting; scheduled for 24th September 2025, 7pm, All Saints Church.

The meeting closed at 20:50