

STANLEY & STANLEY COMMON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23rd March 2026 at 7pm in United Church of All Saints, Belper Road, Stanley Common

Present: Parish Cllrs: S Doherty (*chair for the meeting*), A Lawrence, M Pain, C Tomlinson, J Beardmore
Also in attendance were: Parish Clerk - A Skidmore and Borough/County Councillor C Hart plus 8 members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.00pm

714/26 Apologies for absence

Three apologies were received from Parish Councillors from Cllrs Carroll, Eyre and McGraw. The meeting was established as quorate. Borough Cllr Eddy sent apologies.

715/26 Variations of order of business

RESOLVED: Cllr S Doherty proposed, C Tomlinson seconded and all Councillors unanimously resolved moving item 12 – Clerk's Report – forward to after item 4 – public participation.

716/26 Declarations of Interest

None

717/26 Public participation

Members of the public discussed:

a) Abusive and rude behaviour from managers and supporters at Stanley Recreation Ground on Sunday 22nd March 2026. Cllr Hart, as president of WHJFC, stated she would raise this with the football club as it was not acceptable behaviour.

ACTION: Clerk to raise with WHJFC by end of week.

b) Siting of Stanley Christmas Tree, survey and communication that was sent around to Stanley residents. Cllr Doherty stated that residents can ask their local Councillor to propose a motion to the Parish Council. A local resident noted that the move in Stanley Common is better for accessibility purposes.

718/26 Clerk's Report

FOI requests

The Clerk has received two FOI requests, dated 26th February and 13th March relating to Stanley Christmas Tree. These were responded to within the legal time limits.

Christmas Tree Survey

A number of Stanley residents have completed an individual survey/petition expressing a preference for locating the Christmas tree on Hurst Drive rather than at the White Hart. The Chair asked that a letter be distributed to residents, and this communication was subsequently issued by the Clerk at the Chair's request. However, it was not a formal resolution of the full Council, nor was it approved or adopted at a Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council apologise for issuing this communication. This was an oversight, and the Parish Council recognises the importance of obtaining formal approval before sharing information publicly. While the communication reflected the operational arrangements at the time, the Parish Council will ensure that all future correspondence follows the agreed process.

Grit Bins

The Clerk has requested information from Highways requesting a grit bin for Glendon Street. Highways have not yet responded.

Emergency Plan

The Clerk contacted relevant Councils about emergency plan. DCC have responded encouraging the following:

- **Regular Reporting Channels via PC to contacts within Councils**
- **Community Emergency Plans capturing local insight like** key locations, resources, risks, and volunteers, within Community Response Plans. A template was provided.
- **Direct Resident Input via existing channels**
- **Incident Feedback**

Title Register

The Clerk has obtained the title register for Stanley Recreation Ground. In order to move this forward, the Title deeds now need to be located. The Chair has volunteered to source these from the filing cabinet.

Internal Audit

This has been arranged for mid-April. The Clerk will be focussing much of her attention on IA for the forthcoming weeks.

Charity Commission Report

The annual charity commission report has been submitted.

Commoner's Lot

EBC are considering the bid to transfer ownership of Commoner's Lot to PC. There is currently no protocol in place for this within EBC therefore a new protocol is being created.

VAT

VAT refund has been applied for and reimbursement provided for £1,317.46 on 5th March.

Stanley Stables

Following on from several resident complaints about presumed illegal planning queries at Stanley Stables, Dale Road, Stanley, the Clerk submitted information to EBC planning in July 2024. The Clerk has since chased this up several times and been told that the issue has not yet been looked into by the LPA. Further illegal planning activities have been reported. The Clerk recently requested assistance from the MP. A response has been received from the MP who has been told that: "The case record is live and under investigation. Unfortunately, due to lack of resources we have not made progress on this case. However, we have had new team members join the enforcement team recently, I will flag this case to them for a site visit to be conducted in due course."

Amber Valley SHELAA review

The PC were consulted on the AV SHELAA review.

National Grid Consultation

The PC have been consulted on Phase Two of the National Grid proposals to install electricity pylons to the south west of the parish.

Securing of Recreation Ground perimeter

Cllr Tomlinson has suggested that tree trunks be used around the accessible perimeters of the recreation grounds to ensure vehicles are unable to access the grounds. Quotes will need to be obtained.

External Communications

Councillors have been discussing the merits of a parish newsletter to keep residents informed of what the Parish Council are doing. Quotes are being obtained.

Strategic Plan

Councillors have reviewed the strategic plan and are currently on target. Consideration is being given to the Local Council Award Scheme. The Clerk will compile a GAP analysis to assess potential for application.

Inkjet printer

It has been noted that large print sessions are taking a vast amount of the Clerk's time. The chair has suggested the Clerk obtain quotes for an alternative printer that will increase the speed of printing.

719/26 County and Borough Councillor reports

C Hart reported:

DCC -

- The new CEO is now in place but that the Director for Corporate services and transformation has resigned. The Director for Highways has been transferred into this vacant role.
- 'Stop the Pylons' will be coming to West Hallam village hall on 16th April – there is opportunity for people to object, requesting underground cables instead.
- A 4.9% council tax increase has been agreed.

EBC –

- Council Tax has been frozen due to £8 million surplus.
- A parish grant meeting was held in February – the Executive Report from this meeting will be going to Council on 24th March proposing 'option 3' from the five options provided. This would give SSCPC £15,000 but the Parish Council would need to provide ways to spend this money before it is granted. Additionally, a pot of £185,000 funding is available for any Parish Council. Bids will need to be provided to EBC.
- The Stanley bus shelter has finally been restored.

- Developers will be putting in a planning application for land opposite Scargill School. SSCPC residents can object.
- DALC – LGR will be forthcoming and DALC may be able to support with this.

720/26 Previous minutes

RESOLVED: Cllr Doherty proposed, Cllr Tomlinson seconded and all Councillors unanimously resolved to approve the minutes from the full parish council meeting on 26th January 2026.

721/26 Confidential agenda items

RESOLVED: Cllr Doherty proposed, Cllr Tomlinson seconded and all Councillors unanimously resolved to move item 9a to confidential

722/26 Policies and Procedures

a) New and updated policies and procedures:

- Civility and Respect Policy
- Communication Policy
- Co-option Procedure
- Expenses Policy and Claim Form
- Scheme of Delegation
- Safeguarding Policy (New)
- IT policy (amended in line with NALC policy)
- Data Protection Policy (amended in line with NALC policy)

RESOLVED: Cllr Doherty proposed, Cllr Pain seconded and all Councillors unanimously resolved the new and amended policies and procedures

ACTION: Clerk to ensure the website is updated by next meeting

723/26 Recreation Grounds

a) Proposed legal agreement for PC/Charity and WHJFC

Item moved to Confidential 727/26

b) Grounds Maintenance Quotation

Councillors discussed the three quotations.

RESOLVED: Cllr M Pain proposed quote 1, S Doherty seconded, all Councillors unanimously resolved the acceptance of quote 1.

ACTION: Clerk to inform Grounds Maintenance contractor responsible for quote 1 by end of week.

c) Local Advertisement of Additional Weekly Playground Inspector

Councillors discussed the motion to accept the advertisement for a relief playground inspector. Cllr Pain proposed a second motion.

RESOLVED: Cllr Pain proposed assessment of introducing a third weekly inspector to act on equal rotation with the existing inspectors. Cllr Tomlinson seconded the motion. All Councillors unanimously resolved the second motion.

d) Changes to Herbicide Spraying

Councillors discussed the motion to change from glyphosate to non-glyphosate spraying. Cllrs Pain and Lawrence suggested reducing the amount for spraying that takes place on the recreation grounds.

Cllr Pain proposed a second motion.

RESOLVED: Cllr Pain proposed a site meeting with the grounds maintenance contractor to assess the reduction of spraying before changing herbicide spraying. Cllr Tomlinson seconded the motion. All Councillors unanimously resolved this second motion.

724/26 Local Environment

a) NEP event details

Councillors discussed the dates proposed for the Nottingham Energy Partnership event.

RESOLVED: Cllr Lawrence proposed and Cllr Doherty seconded the first choice of 16th May and the second choice 23rd May depending on venue availability. All Councillors unanimously resolved the motion.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm room hire availability with Village Hall at Stanley by end of the week.

b) EBC funding options

Councillors discussed the proposal made to EBC for parish council grant funding. Four Councillors preferred Option 2, one Councillor preferred option 3. EBC will propose Option 3 in the forthcoming report.

RESOLVED: All Councillors unanimously resolved the votes as put forward for Stanley and Stanley Common Parish Council.

725/26 Finance & Accounts for payment:

a) Increase in SLCC subscription

RESOLVED: Cllr C Tomlinson proposed and Cllr Lawrence seconded the increase in subscription to SLCC for 26/27.**ACTION:** Clerk to ensure payment by end of week.b) Increase of S137 spending from £11.10 to £11.60 for 26/27
Councillors noted this item.

c) 26/27 subscription to DALC - £973.09

RESOLVED: Cllr S Doherty proposed, Cllr Tomlinson seconded the motion to pay increased membership charges to DALC for the year 26/27.**ACTION:** Clerk to ensure payment to DALC in April 2026.d) Increase of bank charges from £6 per month to £7 per month from 1st April for PC and Rec Charity accounts
Councillors noted the bank charge increases for the Parish Council and Recreation Grounds Charity Accounts.

e) Bank Balances

Bank Balance for Parish Council at the end of January 2026 £31,639.81- and end of February 2026 - £31,495.46
Bank Balance for SCSSC Recreation Grounds Charity at the end of January 2026 £3,270.33- and end of Feb 2026 - £3,429.61

Councillors noted the bank balances for the Parish Council and Recreation Grounds Charity Accounts.

f) Accounts for Parish Council accounts payment:

Payments February 2026 – Parish Council

Payment	Item	Amount (£)
Staff Costs	Salary, HMRC, Pension etc	898.93
Lloyds Corporate Card	MS Office	46.37
	Phone	10.00
UCAS	Room Hire – 2/2/26; 17/02/26; 23/02/26	90.00
UCAS & St Andrews Church	Grounds Maintenance Donation	60.00
Bank Charges	Service Charge	6.00
	TOTAL	1111.30

Payments March 2026 – Parish Council

Payment	Item	Amount (£)
Staff Costs	Payroll; HMRC; Pension etc	764.64
Lloyds Corporate Card	MS Office	46.37
	Phone	10.00
SLCC	Membership	158.00
UCAS & St Andrews Church	Grounds Maintenance Donation	60.00
Hazel Accountancy Services	Payroll	30.00
Bank Charges	Service Charge	6.00
	TOTAL	1075.01

Bank Balance:**Receipts – Parish Council – Jan 2026**

Receipt	Item	Amount (£)
None		
	TOTAL	0.00

Receipts – Parish Council – Feb 2026

Receipt	Item	Amount (£)
None		
	TOTAL	0.00

Payments February 2026 – SCSSC Rec Charity

Payment	Item	Amount (£)
Water Plus	Water – SC Changing Rooms	24.44
EDF	Electricity – SC Changing Rooms	21.90
Wards	Waste – SVH Car Park	54.78
Weekly Playground Inspectors	Weekly Playground Inspections	148.00
Fox Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance – Jan 26	233.04
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	6.00
	TOTAL	488.16

Payments March 2026 – SCSSC Rec Charity

Payment	Item	Amount (£)
Water Plus	Water – SC Changing Rooms	24.44
EDF	Electricity – SC Changing Rooms	18.76
Wards	Waste – SVH Car Park	54.66
Weekly Playground Inspectors	Weekly Playground Inspections	180.00
Fox Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance –Feb 26	233.04
Archer Farming	Fallow Field Hedge cutting	96.00
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	6.00

		TOTAL	612.90
Receipts – SCSSC Rec Charity – Jan 2026			
Receipts	Item		Amount (£)
WHJFC	Sports Pitch Hire		120.00
		TOTAL	120.00
Receipts – SCSSC Rec Charity – Feb 2026			
Receipt	Item		Amount (£)
WHJFC	Sports Pitch Hire		60.00
Play Inspection Co	Overpayment		206.40
		TOTAL	266.40

726/26 Reports from Meetings/Events

a) EAG meeting – Cllr Pain

Cllr Pain reviewed the EAG meeting from 2nd February 2026:

- The wildlife gardening competition will not go ahead this year due to lack of voluntary support in both villages.
- Derby City Council – are providing a fuel-poverty-and-energy-efficiency-in-the-home event.
- A local Community Benefit Society are looking to install PV solar on community buildings.

b) Christmas review meeting with local organisers

The Clerk summarised the meeting:

- Roles and responsibilities of Parish Council and Friends of Stanley Common were agreed
- Minor alterations to the events to help them run smoother were suggested.

c) EBC meeting re. grants for parishes – Cllrs Tomlinson and McGraw

Cllr Tomlinson and McGraw attended the meeting with EBC. Not every Parish Council was represented. EBC requested a vote on the night, which the representatives were not permitted to give on behalf of the Parish Council.

Public left at 7.56pm

727/26 CONFIDENTIAL

Cllr Doherty has identified some discrepancies in the proposed legal agreement and proposed a second motion to send this document to a legal advisor for redrafting.

RESOLVED: Cllr Doherty proposed, Cllr Tomlinson seconded and all Councillors unanimously resolved the second motion to send the legal agreement document to a legal advisor for re-drafting following acceptance of acceptable quotations

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotations on behalf of the Charity by next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.22pm

DONM: 7:30pm 18th May 2026 following the Parish meeting at 7.00pm– United Church of All Saints, Stanley Common