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Minutes of the Meeting of Stapleford Parish Council
held on
Thursday 30 April 2026
at Stapleford Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr J Oakins (Chair), Cllr A George, Cllr M Randall and Cllr A Roe.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr R Bewick.

   In Attendance: Cllr Joe Thomas.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 March 2026:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Traffic Calming Measures on the High Road:** The Parish Council noted that it remains awaiting installation of the dragon's teeth markings and replacement of the SID in Stapleford, to be progressed by Cllr Ken Crofton.

4. **Blocked Drain on the High Road:** Cllr Randall reported that she had written to Woodhall Estate regarding the blocked drain on the main road by the Hubbards Wood footpath. It is believed that the blockage has been caused by soil run-off from the fields above. The drain remained blocked at the date of the meeting, and no update had been received in relation to the report submitted to Hertfordshire County Council by Petter Sandell.

5. **Rat Run off Vicarage Lane, Waterford:** The Council noted that Cllr Crofton had arranged a site meeting at Vicarage Lane; however, this could not take place during the pre-election period. It is expected that the meeting will be arranged shortly following the end of that period.

6. **Waterford Marsh:** Hertfordshire County Council had raised an issue concerning a gate on Waterford Marsh. The Clerk is to respond confirming that the matter will be investigated and made safe. The Clerk is also to investigate obtaining a formal tender for the tree works required on the Marsh.

7. **Stapleford Playing Field:** The Clerk will confirm the date of purchase of the play equipment and review the playing field insurance and associated cover. The equipment is to be inspected shortly. It was also noted that repairs are required to the benches on the playing field.

8. **Donations to the Village Halls:** The Council noted that the annual donations to the village halls are now due and agreed that each hall should receive £500.00.

9. **Tree Work at Waterford Village Hall:** The Council agreed to contribute towards the cost of tree works at Waterford Village Hall and resolved to pay 50% of the total cost.

10. **Correspondence:** No correspondence requiring consideration was reported.

11. **Finance and Accounts:**

The following payments were presented for approval and noting by the Council:

1.	D Houghton Salary	£293.66
2.	Stapleford Hall Hire	£17.00
3.	HAPTC Membership	£377.10
4.	Amazon (Printer Ink)	£22.60

Receipts

Balances

Current Account – £16,716.21 as of today

12. **Planning:**

Applications: None.
Decisions: None.

13. **Information Items:**

Cllr Randall: Cllr Randall reported that there had been a significant fly-tip at Bullsmill Lane, which had since been dealt with by Hertfordshire County Council.

Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 28th of May 2026 at Stapleford Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.