

Minutes of the meeting of Stapleford Parish Council,
Held on
Thursday 17th April 2025
Stapleford Village Hall at 19:30

The meeting commenced with the following members present: Cllr J Oakins (Chairperson), Cllr M Randall, Cllr A Roe, Cllr George

1. **Apologies:** Cllr R Bewick
In Attendance: Danielle Houghton (parish clerk)
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20th of March:** Signed as a true record.
3. **Traffic Calming Measures:** The A119 runs through Waterford at 30, therefore it stands that the segment through Stapleford could be 30. The best choice may be to have an average speed check either installed or conducted ad-hoc by police. The declassification of the road may give the council more options on installing calming methods. Cllr George to send a piece into the Parish News for the residents to add comments so that the councillors can formalise the letter drafted by Cllr Bewick and present the ideas to Chris Hinchliff MP.
4. **Rat run off the main road in Waterford:** Local feedback needed on this topic to formally present the information, Cllr George to include this in the piece for the Parish News.
5. **Waterford Village Hall:** Hopefully, the planning for the new hall is now progressing. Donation has been sent 17.04.25.
6. **Stapleford Village Hall:** AGM set to take place before the summer. Donation has been sent 17.04.25.
7. **Waterford Marsh:** The company responsible for conducting tree surveys on the marsh has downsized. As a result, Cllr Oakins is reaching out to a contact to find a new company to take over the survey. The cattle are due on the marsh in May. Cllr Oakins has ordered the electric float for the water troughs and will install it once it arrives. The gate that enters the marsh is not wheelchair accessible and will need to be changed within the next few months.
8. **Stapleford Playing Field:** The clerk has contacted Cliff Ward, who has kindly mowed the area but it still needs strimming. The clerk will message him and ask for this to be completed fortnightly.
9. **Parish Council Website:** Nothing to report.
10. **Internet Banking:** Nothing to report.

11. Correspondence:**12. Finance and accounts.**

The council is asked to approve / note the following payments:

1. D Houghton Salary	£284.55
2. Stamps	£13.60
3. Stapleford Hall Hire	£17.00
4. Waterford Hall donation	£500.00
5. Stapleford Hall donation	£500.00

Receipts**Balances**

Current Account – £15,657.24 as of the 17th of April 2025

6. Planning:

New Applications: None

Decisions: None

Informational:

Cllr George: the Clerk to email Cllr Thomas regarding the query on whether or not a new top needs to be ordered for the Stapleford playing field bin.

Clerk emailed highways regarding the query from a resident last month on the layby issue in Stapleford.

Benches at the Stapleford Playing Field are rotted through and unsafe, they are going to be removed and replaced with a donation from the Parish Council.

Date of next meeting: The Parish Council will meet on 15th May 2025 at Waterford Village Hall, at 7.30pm.