



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Stansfield Parish Council

Wednesday 29th October 2025, Village Hall, 7pm

Present: Cllrs: R Barnes (Chair), A Pallett (Deputy Chair), J Ball, A Corlett, K Spillett, P Barnes. Also two members of the public.

Apologies: Annie Lines (Parish Clerk), Cllr. M Slater.

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, Cllr P Barnes agreed to record the meeting and take the meeting notes.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. The minutes of the SPC meeting on the 10th September 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.
4. Public Forum. No issues were raised.
5. There were no planning applications to consider.
6. a) The Chair reported that the main reason for this extraordinary meeting was to appoint Abbie Lee as the new Parish Clerk and RFO commencing on 1st November. All councillors had sight of her impressive CV in advance of the meeting and some had communicated directly with her. Voting was unanimously in favour and she was welcomed to the post by the Chairman.
Her contract, essentially the SALC standard contract of employment for parish clerks, had been circulated to all councillors in advance of the meeting. No queries were raised and the contract was signed by the Chairman. It was proposed and voted unanimously to give Abbie a week's retrospective pay to cover the large amount of work she had undertaken in preparation for this meeting.
- 6b) It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Annie Lines, the retiring clerk, for all her work during the past two years plus.
7. **Community Matters:**
 - 7a) It was decided to send a letter thanking MP Nick Timothy for attending the important Parish Meeting on 30 September and for all his work to improve policing in rural areas.
 - b) It was decided to send a letter welcoming Inspector Matt Paisley as the new Locality Inspector for Sudbury and Haverhill in place of Insp. Ben Hollands.
 - c) All Councillors able to make the date were asked to attend the special meeting with Tim Passmore Police and Crime Commissioner on **Monday 24th November**

at 1.30pm. This is to discuss rural policing methods and procedures and police engagement with the parish council.

d) **Tom's Sheep Fund.** This initiative, to help out the shepherd who lost around 40 sheep in dog attacks in the village, was applauded. All councillors agreed to make a personal donation to this fund. Advice had been given that as this fund was not a registered charity the actual Parish Council could not make a donation per se.

9. Agenda Items for future meetings:

Potholes(!), Road Closures, Speeding and Road Safety, incl. missing speed data from SCC, Salt Bins, EV charging point not going ahead at VH.

The meeting was closed at 7.27pm and followed by informal chat with the new Parish Clerk. Refreshments were served by a Good Neighbour Scheme volunteer.

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