NOTICE

Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Parish Council Meeting

Monday 10 November 2025 at 7.00pm

Stanton St Bernard Village Hall

AGENDA

Items to be considered

1. Those present

2. Apologies for absences

3. Minutes (to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2025)

4. Matters arising

5. Wiltshire Councillor's Report – Paul Oatway

6. Finance
   - Bank Reconciliation
   - Quote from Mark Goddard & Sons for 2026 playground mowing
   - Approval of cheque number 000319 for £926.40 to Mark Goddard & Sons for 2025 playground mowing, signed on 15 October 2025.
   - South West Ambulance appeal

7. Village hall and village matters
   - Update

8. Coronation Wood and Coronation Walk
   - Update

9. Any other business:
   - Discussion about encouraging volunteers to come forward to support the different committees in the village
   - Planning Application Number PL/2025/08090, Householder planning permission for proposed single storey rear extension at Rose Cottage, Stanton St Bernard, Marlborough, SN8 4LP
   - Any other business.

10. Date of next meeting

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 10 November 2025
at the Village Hall, Stanton St Bernard

1. Present

Councillors: Mr Bryan Read, Chairman
Mr Adam Pratt, Vice Chairman
Mr Dominic Hawker
Mrs Wendy Tarver
Mrs Sarah Kendall

Parish Clerk: Mrs Karyn Bidmead

In attendance: Mr Paul Oatway – Wiltshire Councillor
Mr Aubrey Newman
Mrs Kay Newman
Mrs Alison Bushby
Mr Philip Humphries-Cuff

2. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 30 July 2025 were read and approved, having been proposed by Mrs Tarver and seconded by Mr Hawker.

4. Matters arising

- It was noted that the Parish Clerk had been unable to obtain quotes to replace the roof of the bus shelter as the roof is made of asbestos. Mr Oatway is looking into possible funding and will provide an update.

- An electrical quote has been received for the village hall lighting improvements and another quote will be sought. The Parish Council agreed to fund the cheaper of the two quotes using the parish share of £1,723.45 received on 14 January 2025 for the Community Infrastructure levy re planning application PL/2023/06606.

5. Wiltshire Councillor's Report

Mr Oatway will provide a full update at the next meeting about 3 Field View.

Mr Oatway addressed the meeting regarding the household support fund, transport/freight plan, housing, possibility of wind turbines on the west of Wiltshire and devolution.

6. Finance

The state of the accounts as at the date of the meeting stand at:

Bank: £9,894.10 (available funds)

- <u>Bank Reconciliation</u>
  A bank reconciliation together with a copy of the latest bank statement was circulated and read by all the Parish Councillors. This was formally agreed, and

a copy is attached and forms part of these minutes, having been proposed by Mrs Tarver and seconded by Mrs Kendall.

- Playground Mowing
  - Quote QU-0440 from Mark Goddard & Sons for 2026 playground mowing for £969.60 (incl VAT) having been circulated by email was approved.
  - The signing of cheque number 000319 for £926.40 to Mark Goddard & Sons for 2025 playground mowing on 15 October 2025 was ratified.

- Parish Clerk Salary
  - Cheque number 000320 for £18 to K Bidmead was approved and signed, this being the salary shortfall following the salary increase approved at the last meeting.
  - A new standing order letter increasing the monthly Parish Clerk salary to £94.50 per month with effect from the end of December was approved and signed.

- South West Ambulance Appeal
  It was agreed to make a donation of £300 to the South Western Ambulance Charity for their Community Response Vehicle Appeal. A copy of the letter received from the charity is attached a forms part of these minutes.

7. Village Hall and village matters

- A Pop-Up-Bar was held on 17 October and a quiz is taking place on 14 November. A Christmas Pop-Up-Bar is scheduled for 12 December.
- Villagers Peter Brundell and Marianne MaGuinness have very generously donated 100 jars of honey to raise funds for the village hall, these are being sold for £5 each and are selling very well.

8. Coronation Walk and Coronation Wood

Mr Read explained he was thinking of planting smaller trees along the Coronation Walk, and maybe a few apple trees. He estimated approximately 15 trees would be needed. £251.52 is still held towards the purchase of new trees.

9. Any other business

- Discussion about encouraging volunteers to come forward to support the different committees in the village
  A discussion took place between the Parish Council, Mr and Mrs Newman (representing the Church), Mr Humphries-Cuff (representing the Millennium Committee) and Mrs Bushby (representing the Village Hall) as all the committees are struggling for volunteers and contributions. It was agreed that each committee draft a paragraph explaining what they do and what assistance is required, with the view that this be circulated around the village in the New Year. A further meeting of the committee representatives will be held on Monday 24 November.

- Planning Application Number PL/2025/08090
  Householder planning permission for a proposed single storey rear extension at Rose Cottage, Stanton St Bernard, Marlborough, SN8 4LP was supported and the Parish council was asked to submit the paperwork.

- Any other business.

    - Mr Hawker is replacing Mrs Tarver as the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.

    - The winterbourne needs clearing from the culvert by The Copse down the side of the children's playing field. This is difficult to clear out because the climbing frame will need to be taken down for access.

    - Street lights are not working outside Follifoot, Corner Cottage and opposite the Village Hall. The Parish Clerk will report these to Wiltshire Council.

    - The Parish Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of 20 mile per hour wheely bin stickers as there have been a number of concerns about vehicles speeding through the village.

11. Next Meeting The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 21 January 2026 at the Village Hall at 7pm.

Termination There being no further business for discussion the meeting was closed.

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Chairman Date