

**STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2026 AT 7.45PM**

**Councillors Present:** David Crossley                      Russell Dowson  
Rosie Dunn    Stephen Flint

**In Attendance:** City of York Councillor Tony Fisher  
Parish Clerk Fiona Hill

**Public:** 0

**24/486 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:**

Parish Councillor Bryan Cockerill and Chris Small

**b) To consider the approval of reasons given for absence:**

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

**24/487 To discuss the casual vacancy:** Nothing to report

**24/488 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None

**24/489 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25 March 2026:**

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)

**24/490 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:**

Parish Council Website – The Parish Clerk had circulated quoted received and summarised as follows:

Company	Set Up / First Year	Subsequent Years	Example	Notes
Parish Online	£250.00	£350.00	2.	Set Up Gov.UK Email, Support Excellent
Parish Council Websites	Basic Package £569.00 Complete Package £749.00* Extended Package £929.00*		Flaxton PC	
Town and Parish Council Websites	Small Precept Councils £299.00		2.	
Active Council	Lite Website £369.00	£185.00	Haxby TC	1.
VCS	Classic Package Costs £240.00	£240.00	2.	1.
JKE Web Design	£450.00	£135.00	2.	1.
Aubergine	£499.00	£299.00	2.	1.

Notes:  
1. Quote/Email Attached  
2. Example Parish Council To Research

Domain Name/Hosting To Research If Included Or Extra

Vision ICT, who developed website for Foston & Thornton-le-Clay PC, have not approached for quote, as recently their support has been a little "clunky"

The Parish Clerk advised that more research/studying of the information was required before a decision was made.

The Parish Clerk had saved copies of all documents in the media library of the current website, to they could be migrated to the new website.

The parish Clerk was currently researching old minutes for website set up/governance information.

**24/491 To discuss long-standing matters:**

- Issues within the parish – grass cutting, litter, speeding:
  - Various visits by speed van
  - Drains/gulleys are still in need of clearing
  - Grass cutting done, but daffodils left
  - the fence/wall are leaning along the snicket
  - the post is still missing the no cycling sign
  - the VAS sign has been removed for testing, but will be subject to survey to decide whether it will be replaced.

Approved .....

Date .....

**24/492 To receive any matters raised by members of the public:** None

**24/493 To receive matters raised by City of York Ward Councillors:**

- Sandy Lane resurfacing will start soon
- Boundary Commission review brings no changes for the parish or Strensall Ward.

**24/494 To report and make relevant recommendations on new planning applications:** None

**24/495 To discuss the Stockton-on-the-Forest Play Area:**

- Cllr Dowson had conducted the inspections this month and found no issues.
- Cllr Dun would conduct the inspections next month.
- Cllr Dunn and her husband would take a look at the roundabout.

**24/496 To discuss matters raised with/by representatives of following outside bodies:**

- Rights of Way – Nothing to report
- Foss Internal Drainage Board – Nothing to report
- North Yorkshire Police – Report received/noted
- Stockton Hall Hospital – Meeting cancelled

**24/497 To report any new correspondence received by the council:** None

**24/498 To receive matters raised by members:** None

**24/499 To discuss matters raised with/by Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer:**

- Bookkeeping current year to date – Cllrs had received a bank reconciliation totalling £37480.67, along with an income & expenditure report.
- Financial Management – Internal Controls – Conducted, everything found in order
- Financial Management – Unity Trust Bank – Additional Signatories - NTR
- Payment approval:

Parish Clerk/HMRC	Salary/PAYE	£*
Bentleys of York	Website Hosting/Domain Name 2018-2027	£930.51 <sup>(1)</sup>
Aspects Horticultural	Play Area Work	£234.00, £84.00, £84.00*
Yorkshire Local Councils Association	Subscription 2026-2027	£496.00

\*Resolved / Approved (Unanimous) <sup>(1)</sup>Deferred until next meeting

**24/500 To confirm the dates of the future meetings as:**

2026 - 27<sup>th</sup> May<sup>1</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> June<sup>2</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> July, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 16<sup>th</sup> December

<sup>1</sup>Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting

<sup>2</sup>Parish Clerk on holiday, so if there are planning applications to discuss, it would be a shortened agenda, but if there were no planning applications to discuss, the meeting would be cancelled.

Approved .....

Date .....