

STOCKTON-ON-THE-FOREST PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2026 AT 7.30PM

Councillors Present: Bryan Cockerill David Crossley
 Russell Dowson Rosie Dunn
 Chris Small

In Attendance: City of York Councillor (Strensall Ward) Tony Fisher
 Parish Clerk Fiona Hill

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- 27/16 a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting:**
Stephen Flint
b) To consider the approval of reasons given for absence:
Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)
- 27/17 To discuss the casual vacancy:** Nothing to report
- 27/18 To record declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None
- 27/19 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29 July 2026:**
Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)
- 27/20 To discuss matters arising from previous minutes:**
Parish Council Website –
Resolved / The Parish Council would contact Bentley of York to ask if they could continue with the current website, even though it is not Gov.UK, which would be a cheaper option now and in the future.
- 27/21 To discuss long-standing matters:**
- Issues within the parish – grass cutting, litter, speeding:
 - Regular visits by speed van
 - Grass cutting OK
 - Litter along Barr Lane was bad
- Cllr Small had not received any feedback from his report to CYC after the visit from the Community Caretaker. This would be chased up before the next visit
- Cllrs reported that the A64 visibility splays had been cut back.
- Cllr Fisher would report the missing bench and the soiled up road edges.
- 27/22 To receive any matters raised by members of the public:** None
- 27/23 To receive matters raised by City of York Ward Councillors:**
Cllr Fisher gave an update on City of York Council projects, funding etc
- 27/24 To report and make relevant recommendations on new planning applications:**
26/01479/FUL – Erection of a 1no. detached residential dwelling to rear @ Oak Dene, Sandy Lane
Resolved / No Objection, subject to planning and building regulations (Unanimous)
26/01380/FULM – Erection of 32no. holiday chalets with associated access and landscaping @ Land to the rear of Four Alls Inn, Malton Road
Resolved / Objection - The Parish Council feels that very special circumstances do not exist to outweigh the harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness and the other harms resulting from the development including adverse impact upon landscape character and visual amenity. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy GB1 of the Local Plan and Section 13 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). (Unanimous)

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- 27/25 To discuss the Stockton-on-the-Forest Play Area:**
 Cllr Small had conducted the inspections this month and found no issues.
 Cllr Cockerill would conduct the inspections next month.
 North Yorkshire Police would conduct occasional drive bys in response to reports regarding teenagers at the last meeting.
 Play Safety had confirmed they would conduct the RoSPA inspection in September 2026.
- 27/26 To discuss matters raised with/by representatives of following outside bodies:**
 - Rights of Way – Nothing to report
 - Foss Internal Drainage Board – No meeting
 - North Yorkshire Police – Report received/noted
 - Stockton Hall Hospital – No meeting
- 27/27 To report any new correspondence received by the council:** None
- 27/28 To receive matters raised by members:**
 Light No 9, opposite Sunny Brae, Sandy Lane was not working despite recently been repaired, so would be reported to Cllr Fisher.
- 27/29 To discuss matters raised with/by Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer:**
 - Bookkeeping current year to date – Cllrs had received a bank reconciliation totalling £38157.39, along with an income & expenditure report.
 - Financial Management – Draft Budget 2027/2028 – Added for discussion at next meeting
 - Financial Management – Policy Review:
 The Parish Council does not own/manage any cemeteries or allotments, but does have a play areas –
 There are no documents listed as Statutory Requirement, but there are all Best practice
 Record of play equipment inspections - Listed in minutes
 Record of Annual inspection and copies of inspection certificate - C/o Playsafety
 Record of contractors' insurance - Quotes obtained from recognised suppliers
 Play Area Management and Improvement Plan - C/o Annual Budget
 - Financial Management – Internal Controls – Conducted, everything found in order
 - Financial Management – Unity Trust Bank – Additional Signatories – Needed Urgently
 - Payment approval:

Parish Clerk/HMRC	Salary/PAYE	£
Aspects Horticultural	Play Area Work	£84.00

Resolved / Approved (Unanimous)
- 27/30 To confirm the dates of the future meetings as:**
 2026 - 30th September, 28th October, 25th November*, 16th December
- * This meeting would be cancelled, as the Parish Clerk is away

Approved

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