

STALISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Stalisfield Village Hall on 16 July 2026

Present: Cllr Cat Horn (Chair), Cllr Jerry Brown, Cllr Chris Norwood and Cllr Nina Williams: and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk)

Also present was Ward Member Terry Thompson

Cllr Horn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Richard Vant (harvest);

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14 May 2026

i. To consider the minutes of the meetings and if in order sign as a true record

Cllr Horn read the minutes. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record, Cllr Horn duly signed the minutes.

ii. Matters Arising from the Minutes

All matters on the agenda.

4. Public Time

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Time

SBCllr Thompson reported that the Secretary of State has announced the geographical areas for the Local Government Reorganisation; Swale will be merged with Ashford and Folkestone and Hythe to form a unitary authority. There will be elections in May 2027 and those elected will sit on a shadow Council and take on information for the unitaries.

There are boundary reviews regarding new Town and Parish Councils.

The Council is working on extending the national Landscape area.

Ashford and Folkestone have a lot of brown field sites, Swale has Grade 1 agricultural land which is currently disappearing under housing; the new unitary may use the brown field sites to help stop the building on Grade 1 agricultural land.

Cllr Horn asked why Swale does not take part in the Warm Homes Scheme which gives grants to people on benefits to get grants for insulation and boilers.

SBCllr Thompson said he will find out.

Swale Borough Council is trying to get fully accessible housing in rural locations, it is hoped the properties will be owned by the Local Authority.

Cllr Horn said Stalisfield has four accessible properties but unless people have lived in the village all their lives, it is difficult for people to settle in the village as there is no access to services, there needs to be good public links.

Cllr Horn thanked SBCllr Thompson for attending and for his report.

The meeting was reconvened

5. Planning Matters

Ref: 26/501480/FULL

Address: Hazelhope Barn Stalisfield Road Stalisfield Kent ME13 0HY

Section 73 - Application for Removal of condition 2 (Agricultural Occupancy) pursuant to 17/503918/FULL for Temporary to Permanent dwelling ancillary to existing equestrian use.
Application permitted.

Address: Holbeam Cottage Stalisfield Road Stalisfield Kent ME13 0HN

Ref: 26/501654/LBC

Listed Building Consent for pitched roof to replace existing flat roof to single-storey garage/utility; formation of new side entrance on the north-east elevation by lowering an existing window opening; replacement of existing side door with glazed panel; repair of lean-to roof; repair of roof valley in lead; reinstatement of chimney pots; repair and redecoration of existing windows; repainting of external brickwork; and reconfiguration of existing internal stair in existing stairwell.

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Proposal: Pitched roof to replace existing flat roof to single-storey garage/utility; formation of new side entrance on the north-east elevation by lowering an existing window opening; replacement of existing side door with glazed panel; repair of lean-to roof; repair of roof valley in lead; reinstatement of chimney pots; repair and redecoration of existing windows; repainting of external brickwork; and reconfiguration of existing internal stair in existing stairwell.

Awaiting decision.

Ref: 26/500553/FULL

Address: Land North Of Tabard Stalisfield Road Stalisfield Kent ME13 0HY

Proposal: Erection of a new self-build dwelling and detached garage/annexe with associated landscape and ecological enhancements.

Awaiting decision.

6. Finance

i. Councillor expenses

There were none

ii. Clerk's salary and expenses

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay the Clerk's salary and expenses.

iii. Invoices

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to reissue a cheque for the payment of £540.00 for the village green grass cutting (cheque no 360).

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Stalisfield Village Hall £15.00 for hall hire (cheque no 361).

iv. Review of banking arrangements

Councillors considered the banking arrangements.

Cllr Horn **proposed** moving to a Community Account with the NatWest Bank which offers free banking; **SECONDED** by Cllr Williams: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ACTION: Clerk.

7. Highways

SBCllr Thompson reported that the issues at the bottom of Gravel Hill were commented on at the Eastern Area Committee meeting.

Cllr Brown said there are lots of flints on the road, just past the church, and this is a hazard to drivers.

SBCllr Thompson said he will raise this at the next Eastern Area Committee meeting.

8. Any Other Business

No other matters were raised.

9. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 14 October 2026 at 6pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair

Date: 14 October 2026

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