

STALISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Stalisfield Village Hall on 9 January 2025

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

Also present were seven members of the public.

Cllr Horn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

All Members were present.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 23 October 2024

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

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

24/500882/FULL Land At Otterden Wood Stalisfield Road Stalisfield Kent ME13 0HW
Proposed ESN telecommunications installation, comprising of erection of a 30m high Swann
5SH Lattice tower, generator, and 3no. cabinets, with ancillary development, associated site
works and access.

Awaiting decision.

The Plough Inn Stalisfield Road Stalisfield Faversham Kent ME13 0HY

24/500058/FULL Demolition of single storey side extension. Erection of single storey side
extension to provide additional restaurant area.

24/500059/LBC Listed Building Consent for demolition of single storey side extension.
Erection of single storey side extension to provide additional restaurant area.

Awaiting decision.

Cllr Vant reported that he had met with a member of the Otterden Parish Meeting; although the parishes are in different boroughs it would be beneficial to attend each other's meetings. The land adjacent to the Village Hall is a mess and needs to be kept tidy; it could be a memorial garden for Rev Granville Wheler.

5. Planning Matters

There were none.

6. Finance

i. Councillor expenses

There were none.

ii. Invoices

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Stalisfield Village Hall £11.25 for hall hire (cheque no 341)

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay NALC £39.22 for training session (cheque no 342).

iii. To consider grant request from St Mary's Church Stalisfield towards churchyard maintenance

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a grant of £350 to Stalisfield Church towards the maintenance of the churchyard (cheque no 343)

iv. To consider grant request from Victim Support

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a grant of £50 to Victim Support (cheque no 344).

v. To consider budget for 2025-26

Councillors considered the budget for 2025-26. Cllr Horn **PROPOSED** to set the budget at £3697; **SECONDED** by Cllr Williams: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

v. To set precept for 2025-26

Councillors considered the precept for 2025-26. Cllr Horn **PROPOSED AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to set the precept at £3439 being a 3% increase for a Band D property, the balance of the budget would be taken from reserves.; **SECONDED** by Cllr Williams: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

7. Public Time

The meeting was adjourned for the Public Time

Residents raised concerns about the helicopter fly and dine service to The Plough; there were environmental concerns; the village is in the Kent Downs Natural Landscapes (formerly Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) and is a Conservation Area; the flights are intrusive; the flights cause disruption, noise pollution, fuel pollution, and possible damage to listed buildings; the village is a tranquil setting within the Kent Downs Natural Landscapes and this is being compromised by the flights and the fumes. The Plough works hard to get business.

Cllr Horn said that the Parish Council has no power to intervene in disputes in the village or get involved in reconciliation. The Council appreciates that there is a high level of feelings. Swale Mediation offers a free service and would be better placed to help resolve the issue.

ACTION: Clerk to send details of Swale Mediation to residents.

The meeting was reconvened,

8. Highways

There was nothing to report.

9. KALC Community Award

Cllr Horn **PROPOSED** to give the **KALC** Community Award to Tracy Dove: **SECONDED** by Cllr Williams: **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

ACTION: Cllr Horn to write citation.

10. Any Other Business

Hillside- item for next agenda.

11. Date of next meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting on Thursday 15 May at 7.45pm.

ACTION 1: Cllr Horn to invite groups to attend.

ACTION 2: Clerk to purchase refreshments.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8.50pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 15 May 2025