

# STALISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held in Stalisfield Village Hall on 15 January 2026

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

Also present was one member of the public

Cllr Horn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Jerry Brown (unwell) and Cllr Richard Vant (unwell): apologies accepted.

Apologies had also been received from SBCllr Terry Thompson at another meeting: apology noted.

## 2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

## 3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 23 October 2025

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

The Clerk reported that the Foodbank at Eastling had been discontinued due to poor uptake. Cllr Horn reported that there were still issues with flooding at the bottom of Gravel Hill.

*ACTION: Clerk to contact KCCllr Lehman again.*

## 5. Public Time

No matters were raised.

## 6. Planning Matters

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.

Application refused 18 December 2025.

## 7. Highways

Cllr Horn raised concern about the degeneration of roads.

Cllr Norwood said the surfacing is dangerous in places.

Cllr Williams said the surfacing on Bowl Road is bad and passing places are an issue; there are three official passing places in Bowl Road and only two have been maintained.

*ACTION 1: Clerk to request a map of passing places from Kent Highways.*

*ACTION 2: Cler to report surfacing in Bowl Road from the top of Charing Hill to the cattery.*

## 8. Finance

### i. Councillor expenses

There were none.

ii. Invoices

a) Stalisfield Village Hall: £7.50 hall hire

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Stalisfield Village Hall £7.50 for hall hire (cheque no 196).

iii. To consider budget for 2026-27

Councillors considered the budget for 2026-27 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to set a budget of £3786.

iv. To set precept for 2026-27

Councillors considered the precept for 2026-27 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to set the precept at £3421 being a 3% increase for a Band D property, the balance of the budget would be taken from reserves.

v. To consider grant application towards Churchyard maintenance from the church

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a grant of £375 to Stalisfield Church towards the maintenance of the churchyard (cheque no 197)

vi. To consider grant application from Marie Curie

Councillors considered the request for a grant and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to donate £25 to Marie Curie (cheque no 198).

It was agreed that residents be consulted about future charitable donations.

**9. Any Other Business**

No other matters were raised.

**10. Date of next meeting Thursday 14 May- Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting**

It was agreed that the Clerk would purchase light refreshments.

*ACTION: Clerk to invite representatives to give their report to the Annual Parish Meeting.*

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8.30pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 14 May 2026