

**Endon with Stanley Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 10th June 2025
7:00pm at Endon Methodist Church**

Cllr. Suzanne Sillitoe (Chairman)	Cllr Taylor (Vice Chair)	Cllr. Porter (District)
Cllr. Flunder (District)	Cllr. Adams	Cllr McCann
Cllr Richards	Cllr. Clulow	Cllr Pugh
Cllr. J Sillitoe	Cllr Houston Smith	Cllr Richards
6 members of the public	Minutes: Hayley Harrison	Cllr Edwards (District)

1) Apologies for Absence: Cllr Walker, Cllr Spooner, Cllr Jebb, Cllr Cowles.

2) Declarations of interests:

NHS/Police/Village Hall – Cllr Porter

Village Hall – Cllr Houston-Smith

3) Chairmans Remarks:, The Chair had received thanks and a receipt for the donation to the Village Hall. Following the funeral of Dennis Boulton, we will honour him with a Memorial Garden in Station Road.

4) Public Forum: Mr and Mrs Smith raised concern over a planning application in Spinney Close next to their property. Cllr Clulow discussed their objection and advised them.

Mrs Wilton raised concerns regarding blocked drains on the A53, leaves in bus shelter and potholes. The Chair noted actions for the Lengthsman and the County Council. The Chair welcomed Stanley District Councillor Cllr Edwards to the meeting and discussed the need to engage with Stanley Village. Cllr Edwards will liaise with Cllr Taylor regarding this.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2025: Cllr Sillitoe signed the minutes.

5) Matters arising from the meeting on 13th May 2025 not on the agenda: None

6) Grounds and amenities:

a) Playground maintenance: Baby swing had been damaged, repair has been completed. It was mentioned that the park closes at 7pm. The Chair advised that the Lengthsman used his discretion on Police advice.

- b) Nature in your Neighbourhood: Cllrs to decide if they would like to be involved. Four sites would be Community Orchard, Greenmeadow verge, Stockton Brook and Hillswood Park. However the Chair had been advised that children should not be involved on health and safety grounds.
- c) John Emery Land: Vandalism issue. The damaged handrail will be replaced and steps rebuilt by the Lengthsman.

7) Lawn Cemetery:

- a) Extension update: Cllr Clulow discussed the report which he had forwarded.
- b) Recording –John Bourne continues to assist the Chair in the management of the role.

8) Flood Action group: Cllr McCann reported that two meetings have been held, 9th May and 23rd May at Endon Brook. The group need to meet with the new County Councillor to discuss further actions regarding Station Road.

9) Finance update: Payments were authorised, Lengthsman and Methodist Church Hire.

10) Accounts and Expenses: Accounts have been created and reconciled by Denise Wheat, Financial Officer for Leek Town Council.

11) Notice boards and Media: Cllr Cowles had reported that the notice boards need maintaining and Cllrs to decide to repair or replace existing boards. It was agreed to set up a maintenance/replacement programme. Cllr J Sillitoe reported that all Cllrs will need to have access to email via gov.uk not personal email addresses. The website also needs updating.

12) Lengthsman Team/ Maintenance:

Bus shelter clearance
Overgrown branches A53.

13) Planning: 2 Spinney Close and 10 Spinney Close: Cllr Clulow sent the attached report after the meeting which the Chair forwarded to Planning.

14) Parish Clerk: One application received, Cllrs are invited to an informal drop-in to meet the candidate on Friday 13th June between 9:30 & 10:30am. The Chair requested that when the interview date was set that Denise Wheat, Leek Town Clerk, would be part of the interview panel. The Chair was granted permission to recruit other councillors as necessary.

15) Parish Council Vacancy: Notice has been published and the 14 day period observed. The Chair had sought advice from SPCA who concluded that a candidate from a previous co-option could be contacted if the candidate's details were circulated. Cllr J Sillitoe proposed to elect the candidate, Andy Brown, Cllr Clulow seconded and Andy Brown was elected to the Parish Council.

16) Reports: Cllr McCann reported that he has no wish to receive unpleasant and ill-advised emails from a fellow councillor. There was unanimous agreement that this behaviour should stop as all councilors received them.

Cllr Porter:

- Public protection orders are in place due to wildfires
- Community Health Services at Leek Hospital
- Community Speed Watch sessions held on A53
- Well Dressing was a great success
- Litter picks done prior to well dressing
- Virgin telecommunications box door has been replaced
- Endon Church host Café pot, for the community to get together for a coffee and chat.
- Cllr surgery with Cllr Flunder was well attended
- Love Books festival was a success.

Cllr Flunder;

- SMDC held a service delivery meeting, regarding leisure centers.
- Three children centres have been approved in planning during May
- Solar panel/battery storage unit was approved
- Planning department is very busy, with solar farms.
- Asset lists are needed to keep the community assets secured
- First Responders are needed, currently working with Brown Edge to get this service back up and running.

Cllr Edwards:

- Strengthening relations with Stanley village.

Cllr Richards:

- Co-op community funding is open.
- Pizza van was a great success

Cllr Adams:

- Allotments are being sold? Chairman unaware of this.

Cllr Houston-Smith:

- Cllr Walker to restart food collection
- Event at EVH on 20th June, tickets available.

Cllr Taylor:

- Devolution will feed into the Council
- Climate change sub group needed
- List of sub groups will be published before next meeting. :

Cllr Jebb: Chairman read out the report (see attached)

17) Correspondence: None received. Chairman will continue to forward any correspondence via email to Cllrs as it is received.

Meeting ended – 21:47

Cllr Clulow's Planning Notes

10 SPINNEY CLOSE ENDON SMD/2025/0244

This revised submission provides some visual relief compared to the previous proposals with the reduced central gable and the second gable to the former garage and the existing walls to receive a render coat finish.

Concerns still exist on the accessibility to the flat roof with the Juliet balcony effectively allowing future access should a planning consent be approved. This potential for future access with minimal works to provide it while unlawful, concern is how this would be enforced as the impact on the amenity of the neighbouring properties would be impacted on. The replacement of the Juliet Balcony with a window arrangement will remove this potential risk.

The loss of the garage, which has already been demolished in advance of these proposals, and the creation of two further bedrooms severely impacts on the parking provisions for the dwelling noting the tree protection.

2 SPINNEY CLOSE ENDON SMD/2025/0245

The proposals reflect other extended properties along Spinney Close with the mixture of facing brickwork and render with the large gable extension over the garage. Concern is raised with the loss of the two garage parking spaces to form the open plan kitchen / living space as this loss together with the creation of two additional bedrooms, the proposals fail to demonstrate how parking for a minimum of three cars will be provided. A gated access to the rear of the property does not benefit from an authorised drop kerb.

Endon with Stanley Parish Council June 2025 SMDC report from Cllr Jebb

- Local Government Reform: The previously planned meeting of the council Leaders within Staffordshire was cancelled at short notice by the County Council. The following one for last week was also cancelled by the County Council. However, within Staffordshire Moorlands monthly meetings will continue. A number of options are being considered on the next agenda. Following that, there will be information that can be shared with parish councils.
- Fire awareness safety training will be held at SMDC at 5.30pm on Monday 21st July. This is a 2 hour session for town and parish councillors,
- Moorlands Climate Action newsletter is another full edition with lots of information and events – interesting and suitable for all ages and abilities.
- There will be a Repair Café for Brown Edge and Endon to be held at Sandy Lane Centre, organised by Moorlands Climate Action on Saturday 23rd August (10am to 2pm). They ask if this could be advertised on the parish council website and social media pages.
- Your Housing Group will be holding a drop-in surgery for Brown Edge and Endon residents at Sandy Lane Centre during the next few weeks. We're just waiting for the date to be confirmed.
- The NHS will be offering free health checks at Moorlands House from 9am to 5pm on 16th, 17th, 18th June. It is open to all, with under 40s being offered a 'mini' health MoT
- SMDC is the top council in Staffordshire for the collection of council tax and business rates.