



Endon with Stanley Parish Council
Ordinary Meeting Minutes
Held on Tuesday 10th February 2026, 7pm at Endon Methodist Church

Present: (Chairman) Cllr S. Sillitoe, (Vice Chairman) Cllr Taylor, Cllr Adams, Cllr Clulow, Cllr Cowles, Cllr Houston-Smith, Cllr McCann, (District) Cllr Porter, Cllr Pugh, Cllr Richards, Cllr J. Sillitoe, Clerk: Laura Frost

In attendance: (District) Cllr Flunder, 6 members of the public and 1 PCSO

Meeting commenced at 7:01pm

1. Apologies for Absence

- Cllr Jebb – currently on temporary leave of absence due to medical grounds
- Cllr Brown – family medical grounds (accepted, all in favour)
- Cllr Walker – family medical grounds (accepted, all in favour)
- Cllr Spooner – family commitments (not accepted, support: 0, against: 8, abstain: 3)

2. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman congratulated the Village Hall Committee following their AGM on 6th February and thanked them for their work over the past 12 months. She attended the Holocaust Memorial Service at All Saints Church, Leek on 24th January and noted that local group TGQ will perform at the Village Hall for Remembrance Service. A donation from the Chairman's honorarium has been made towards the repair of a vandalised window at St Luke's Church. She also attended the funeral of a local resident and reflected on his significant contribution to the community especially the Well Dressing. A cherry tree was planted with the Endon Well Dressing Queen, together with "Bright Diamond" lily bulbs. Thanks were given to the Lengthsman team for repairs to the gate and handrail at Hillswood Park. Concerns were raised regarding dog fouling in the children's play area at Hillswood Park; additional signage will be installed and a campaign supported. Leek's Butter and Trestle Market has achieved national recognition, having been voted Best Small Indoor Market in the Great British Market Awards 2026, and it was noted that the "Outside" stall is available to hire free of charge for registered charities. Finally, estranged sheep on the Hillswood Estate on 9th February were safely returned to pasture without incident.

3. Public Forum

a. A resident raised concerns about flags on the A53 (opposite The Plough, The Black Horse and by the crossing near to Hillswood Drive) obscuring street signs. The Chair advised the Parish Council has no powers or jurisdiction and noted the County Council's response was vague. When Cllr Egginton arrived at the meeting he would be asked to comment.

The PCSO had no matters to report and left the meeting at 7:20pm as they were required at another job.

4. Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2026

Resolved: That the minutes be approved and signed.

6. Matters arising from the above meeting held on 13th January 2026 not on the agenda

None.



7. Correspondence

a. Email from resident regarding 10 Spinney Close, Endon

Images were shared on screen of ongoing issues observed since March 2025. SMDC Enforcement has reviewed the site but confirmed there is no current breach. Concerns were noted regarding unsightly conditions and environmental health.

Action: Cllr Flunder to raise concerns at SMDC Planning Committee.

b. Email from resident regarding consideration of double yellow lines extending further down Station Road

The Chair noted an extension of double yellow lines further down Station Road could negatively impact the already limited parking for the Village Hall. The Vice Chair of Endon Village Hall noted users of the Village Hall are reminded to park considerately and that signage is being improved. Concerns were raised that the issue is now impacting on Hillswood Drive area. Cllr Flunder advised of an alternative option for the resident such as advisory white lines or access marking (H-bar) across driveways. It was agreed the matter would be discussed further with Cllr Egginton. Cllr Houston-Smith and Cllr Porter declared interests in Endon Village Hall.

c. Email from resident regarding trip hazard at the Fountain crossing – to note Lengthsman repair

Images were shared on screen and thanks were given to the Lengthsman team for completing the repair promptly, without having to wait for Staffordshire County Council.

d. Email and phone call from resident regarding damage and blockage to a grid at Endon Well, The Village

Deferred until Cllr Egginton arrives.

e. Email from resident regarding highway maintenance, blocked grids, parking and road safety concerns during school drop off and collection times, lack of enforcement and response from the County Council.

Deferred until Cllr Egginton arrives.

8. Items on Notice

a. Endon Sign – issues to be outlined by Cllr Egginton

Deferred until Cllr Egginton arrives.

b. A53, Leek Road Flooding (Trinity Court area) – issues to be outlined by Cllr Egginton

Deferred until Cllr Egginton arrives.

c. Best Kept Village & Community Awards 2026 – discussion

The Chair outlined that the awards have a greater focus on community spirit, involvement with schools and local groups. Councillors discussed participation across the Parish, including Stockton Brook and Stanley, and noted involvement of local businesses and volunteers. It was agreed to show interest and enter the awards.

Resolved: All in favour to enter.

d. Suspected vandalism to A53 Bus Shelter (outside Endon Methodist Church) – to note Lengthsman repair

Images were shared on screen and the Chair reported on the damage to the bus shelter, possibly on the same night as St Luke's Church window vandalism. Replacement windows were sourced cost effectively by the Lengthsman (£5 each compared to £30 each from Travis Perkins) and repairs completed promptly. The Chair also noted damage to the Lawn Cemetery shed door and locks, with nothing taken, but coinciding with the same weekend as the damage to the A53 bus shelter and St Luke's Church window.

Cllr Egginton arrived at 7:39pm

e. To note a letter emailed to Cllr Spooner regarding continued membership of the Council and to note any response received

The Chair confirmed a reply was received from Cllr Spooner on 6th February and circulated to councillors. Councillors discussed low attendance and lack of engagement, noting attendance figures from January 2021 to January 2026 were very poor. While acknowledging personal responsibilities, councillors expressed concern that Cllr Spooner's participation does not meet the expectations of a Parish councillor. Various options for action were considered.



Update from Cllr Egginton

Cllr Egginton reported on a number of ongoing Staffordshire County Council issues:

- Black Horse Area: Some grids have been cleaned. Three grids were problematic due to incorrect chambers (P or U traps) and frost damage. Two require digging and installation at a 30° slope. One grid by the Endon Sign is blocked by concrete. All work is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.
- Trinity Court Area: Emergency gas works have prevented grid work to be able to commence.
- Trip Hazard: Thanked the Lengthsman for the prompt repair.
- Grit Bins: Will liaise with resident in the Public Forum.
- Endon Grill Layby: Letter sent to Highways with photographs; the layby is deteriorating and major works are required to resolve the issues.
- Correspondence – Endon Well Grid: Cllr Egginton has reported and requested urgent repairs.
- White Bridge: Cllr Egginton observed potential structural danger. Chair confirmed repair is pledged for 2027; the bridge remains under Canal & River Trust management. Cllr Egginton has asked Public Rights of Way officers to apply pressure.
- A53 Flags: A resident in the Public Forum expressed views on the appropriateness, appearance and obstruction of road signs by the flags on lampposts. Cllr Egginton clarified the County Council's stance and the resident suggested removal. Cllr Adams and Cllrs Cowles suggested consideration to remove the flags as part of the Best Kept Village & Community Awards 2026 initiatives.
- Correspondence – Highway Maintenance / School Drop-off Concerns: Clerk to resend resident email to Cllr Egginton for action.
- Road Sweeping – A53: Cllr Porter confirmed that sweeping had been carried out that day.

9. Finance, Accounts & Expenses

a. To approve the January bank reconciliation

Resolved: All in favour.

b. To approve the February payments list

Resolved: All in favour.

10. Governance & Personnel

a. To approve the updated Code of Conduct Policy, adopted in line with the latest Model Code issued by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC)

Resolved: All in favour. Councillors thanked Cllr Pugh for the work in updating the policy.

b. To approve the renewal of the lapsed Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) membership – £200 per annum plus £15 lapsed fee (£215)

Resolved: All in favour.

11. Amenities – Project Progress Updates

a. CCTV at Station Road Park – progress report

The Amenities working group recommended ADB Alarms to undertake the project, subject to approval of Community Safety Funding.

Resolved: All in favour.

b. Noticeboards – progress report

Images were shared on screen and after considering options and votes councillors agreed to proceed with the more cost-effective option.

Action: The Chair and Clerk to order replacement noticeboards from Earth Anchors.

c. Replacement doors for Unit 2 (Garage) – progress report

The Amenities working group recommend Protek Doors to undertake the project with the addition of skip hire for £228 and the tenant to do the removal in conjunction with the new doors being replaced.

Resolved: All in favour.

d. Station Road Park Football Field & Hillswood Park – note site meeting with Staffordshire FA regarding potential grant opportunities



The Clerk noted a site meeting with Staffordshire FA regarding on 9th February and is currently waiting for a ‘pitch power’ presentation document to circulate to councillors. Cllr Houston-Smith noted that quotes from the Lengthsman for the revelling of Station Road Park were considered reasonable.

e. Village Telephone Box - Moorlands Partnership Board grant to be pursued for MPB’s March meeting
The grant application will be completed by the Chair and Clerk on 23rd February for submission to the Moorlands Partnership Board by the deadline of 25th February ahead of their meeting on 16th March.

f. Green Spaces Development Fund – discussion

It was noted that the Chair and Clerk will set time aside to prepare and submit the grant application for a new noticeboard for the Lawn Cemetery extension, ahead of the 31st March deadline.

Cllr Flunder temporarily left the meeting at 9:00pm while planning matters were considered due to being a member of the SMDC Planning Committee.

12. Planning

Application No.	Location	Proposed Development
a. SMD/2026/0008	6 Heather Hills, Stockton Brook	Proposed extension over existing garage to form store/ gym Comment: The Parish Council considers the proposed extension over the existing garage to be an improvement to the property. The scale and nature of the development appear appropriate within the existing setting. Resolved: No objection
b. SMD/2026/0012	Hough Farm, Clay Lake, Endon	Retrospective application for open fronted timber pole storage building, for ancillary use of existing dwelling Comment: The Parish Council notes that the building is for ancillary use to the existing dwelling. No other planning concerns were identified. Resolved: No objection
c. SMD/2025/0501	Former Goods Yard on Land on the South West of Post Lane, Endon	Retrospective application for the erection of a Versailles Victory 40' x16' holiday lodge used as a second home, with a summer house and 30'x 20' hay barn Comment: The Parish Council objects to this retrospective application. Councillors expressed concern regarding the manner in which the development has been undertaken, including the installation of structures without prior engagement with the local community and the disruption caused to residents of Station Road and Post Lane. Concerns were also raised regarding the perception that temporary structures may be used as a stepping stone toward permanent residential development. In addition, it has been reported that part of Network Rail land has been trespassed upon, which while acknowledged as a civil matter, adds to wider concerns about the approach taken in this case. The Council considers that the development has not been progressed in a manner consistent with good planning practice or community engagement. Resolved: Objection
d. SMD/2025/0517	Land off Alwoodley, Edge Lane, Brown Edge	Erection of stables, tack room and feed store (partially retrospective) Comment: The Parish Council notes that the previous stables had fallen into disrepair and have been replaced. No other



		<p>planning concerns were identified. Resolved: No objection</p>
e. SMD/2026/0021	Walden, Puddy Lane, Stanley	<p>Proposed loft conversion to form two new bedrooms including external materials alteration, glazed balcony and external landscaping Comment: The Parish Council notes the proposal to form additional accommodation within the roof space, including alterations to the gable. While there was discussion regarding the ridge height, councillors consider that the development would not result in significant visual impact within the wider area. No other planning concerns were identified. Resolved: No objection</p>
f. SMD/2026/0028	9 The Close, Hillswood Lodge, Leek Road, Endon	<p>Demolition of outbuilding and erection of single storey side extension forming care accommodation Comment: The Parish Council acknowledges previous objections raised in 2019 regarding design, height and impact. The current proposal is single storey and councillors note that the roof height appears less visually intrusive than the earlier scheme. However, concerns remain regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The absence of clearly defined site levels within the submitted documentation ○ Potential impact on neighbouring residential amenity, including overlooking, lighting and noise ○ Landscaping and boundary treatments, including previous concerns relating to hedging and protected trees (TPO) ○ The adequacy of the submitted tree information - in light of residents concerns regarding ash dieback Residents have expressed ongoing concerns regarding residential amenity impact. The Parish Council requests that these matters be carefully considered by the Local Planning Authority. Resolved: The Parish Council raises concerns and requests careful consideration of residential amenity impacts before determination. </p>
g. SMD/2026/0031	Spectrum, Edge Fields Lane, Brown Edge	<p>A side single story extension where a conservatory already exists. A carport next to the garage Planning Comment: The Parish Council considers the proposal to be proportionate to the existing dwelling. No other planning concerns were identified. Resolved: No objection </p>

Cllr Flunder re-entered the meeting at 9:27pm.

13. Lengthsman’s Team Maintenance

- a. Councillors to report maintenance issues within the Parish for action by the Lengthsman’s team
None.



14. Reports

a. District and County Councillor Reports

District reports from Cllr Flunder and Cllr Porter, and County reports from Cllr Egginton, were circulated to councillors by the Clerk prior to the meeting and uploaded to the Parish Council website.

b. Councillor Reports - updates or matters to be raised by councillors

None.

Meeting ended at 9:28pm

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th March 2026, 7.00pm at Endon Methodist Church

Chairman	Signature	Date of Approval

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