

STAUNTON ON WYE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of an extraordinary meeting of Staunton on Wye Group Parish Council called by the Chairman under the provisions of Standing Order 6(a) held on Monday 20th October 2025 at 6.45 p.m. at Staunton on Wye Village Hall, Herefordshire.

PRESENT: Councillor Nigel Sellar (Chairman) and Councillor Annette Andrews, Barbara Arthur, Lorraine Boddington, Michael Jones, Edward Pearson-Gregory and (from 6.51 p.m.) Richard Skyrme.

In attendance: David Thame (Clerk)
One member of the public.

2025/62. To Receive Apologies for Absence

Councillors Shepherd, Price and Williams were absent.

2025/63. To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

In respect of item 2025/64 Councillor Andrews drew attention to the occupation of an adjacent property by her partner's cousin.

2025/64. Planning Consultation - 252528 - Land west of Orchard Cottage, Staunton-on-Wye, Hereford, HR4 7LR

The Council considered the consultation on plans for two dwellings with access, landscaping, provision of the mandatory biodiversity net gain and drainage works at **land west of Orchard Cottage, Staunton-on-Wye, Hereford, HR4 7LR**.

Councillor Skyrme joined the meeting.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Council notes that the proposal is in conformity with the Staunton on Wye Neighbourhood Development Plan, and does not object to the application, but invites the Local Planning Authority to seek assurances on the planting, durability and maintenance plan of the proposed orchard (biodiversity net gain).

2025/65. Banking

In view of the difficulties of operating the current Lloyds Bank account in a manner that conforms to Financial Regulations, the Council considered opening an account with Unity Trust Bank. After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council open both a deposit and a current account with Unity Trust Bank plc ('Unity') and accept Unity's Terms and Conditions and appoint them the Council's bankers; acknowledge that Unity's Terms and Conditions may vary from time to time and we agree to be bound by them; will provide Unity with instructions and changes in line with the mandate and that Unity should rely on this Mandate until we send future amendments; agrees to use the Internet Banking Service in accordance with the Terms and Conditions; that the individuals named on this application form will be our authorised Internet Banking service users; that responsibility for all transactions performed on our internet banking service lies with the final authorising user, and agrees to the declarations specified in the account opening document.

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk be administrator, that Councillors Sellar, Andrews, Arthur and Jones be signatories, that internal transfers be created by the administrator and require one authorisation, and that payments be created by the administrator and require two authorisations.

The meeting closed at 7 p.m.

Confirmed as a correct record:

Signed _____ Date _____

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