

**EAST STOKE WITH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held in the Farndon parish council office at the Memorial Hall, Farndon on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 6.00pm.**

Couns. Adrian Lee (Chairman)

Michael Lyon, Mary Cherry-Downes, Sid Davies, Teena Shaw and Spencer Davies

The Clerk Emma Goodman was present, NSDC Cllr Saddington and 13 members of the public.

- 1) Apologies for absence – received from Cllr McCarthy were **ACCEPTED** by Council.
- 2) Declarations of Interest – none
- 3) Minutes from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November – **APPROVED** and **SIGNED**
- 4) Actions from Minutes dated 11<sup>th</sup> November – none.
- 5) County / Borough Councillor Updates and Questions –

Cllr Saddington advised the PC that there was no update as to the change of speed limit into Newark. There has been lots of objection and a decision won't happen until March.

Cllr Saddington will attend a meeting next week regarding the southern relief road to consult on progress, how long is left before completion and request the traffic lights on Houghton bridge be permanent.

- 6) Update from working groups:

- a) Traffic / speed signs – Cllr Spencer Davies updated the Council of the ongoing communication between the PC, Via and Notts CC regarding the traffic survey and installation of speed signs. The survey of the potential location will cost £1850 and needs to be completed before a quote can be given for the cost of the speed sign including installation. At present the invoice has not been received to pay for the survey despite chasing the relevant parties.

The working group have sourced a quote from an external supplier, and the costs are £2,400 per unit. They are battery powered and the battery will last around 1 week. These would be portable and could be sited on private property.

Council **RESOLVED** to get confirmation as to whether it could purchase the signs from a supplier other than Notts CC. And further to clarify that a privately purchased sign could be sited on private property.

Council **NOTED** that a private purchase does carry some risks if they are retrospectively advised that it can't be used.

Cllr Spencer Davies **AGREED** to progress the complaint against Notts CC with Cllr Saddington.

The PC discussed the possibility of reducing the speed limit to 20mph, however there are 5 criteria which must be met which East Stoke would not satisfy.

Cllr Saddington advised the PC not to proceed with anything until permission is gained from NCC.

She also agreed to send an email to NCC asking for a response to Cllr Spencer Davies by the end of the week.

Council **RESOLVED** to hold an extra-ordinary meeting in 2 weeks' time to decide how to proceed with whatever information they hold.

7) Open session for Members of the Public – (limited to 15 minutes)

- A member of the public reported that over 200 vehicles had been recorded in an hour and the lowest speed recorded was 37mph.
- A pedestrian has recently narrowly missed being run over when using the pedestrian crossing.
- The working group have spent £281.01 on the speed gun equipment. Council **RESOLVED** to reimburse these costs via a grant. Cllr Saddington advised that they would be able to support the grant.
- Thanks were given to Cllr Spencer Davies for placing a request for volunteers for the speed watch group on the website.
- Thanks were given to all the volunteers who have helped with speed watch.

8) Finance

- a) Schedule of Payments/Reimbursements – **APPROVED**
- b) Budget Monitoring report - **NOTED.**
- c) Savings account – Council discussed the options for a savings account and **RESOLVED** to open an account with The Hampshire Trust, a 1-year fixed rate. It was **AGREED** to invest £10,000.

9) Planning Applications – none

10) a) Report from Clerk – none

- b) Reports from Councillors – none

11) Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

The meeting closed at 7.05pm