

Agenda

A Meeting of Staploe Parish Council will be Held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 16th September 2026 in the Village Hall at Wyboston Village Hall. Morris Walk, off The Lane, Wyboston MK44 3AU

Apologies for absence

2026/060. Declarations of interest (7.45-7.46)

2026/061. Vacancies (7.46-7.47)

2026/062. Open Forum (7.47-8.02)

2026/063. Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th August 2026. (8.02 – 8.04)

2026/064. Planning (8.04-8.20)

Consider how to respond to the following planning application.

Application number	Type	Description	Location	Deadline	Link
26/01686/PIP	Planning in Principal	Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 5 self build dwellings and footpath link	Land Adj To 1 Duloe Lane Duloe St Neots PE19 5HP	21st September 2026	26/01686/PIP

- Receive recommendations from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on whether to update the plan which has just been made. We had been informed by the Borough Council that the plan might carry more weight if we allocate a site for development. It was too late to do this for the plan that has just been made. However, the group are meeting to discuss whether it might be beneficial to update the plan.
- Update from the Clerk re sewer maps of the parish (requested at the last meeting)

2026/065. Borough Cllr. S. Sira's Ward Report and Ward Fund (8.20-8.25)

- The grant has been received from the ward fund for the pop up gazebo for social events on the playing field (£204.17), a new battery for the speed sign (£58.99) and a new swing seat for the play area (£60.06). Total £323.22. Consider approving these purchases.
- Ward Report

2026/066. Social Events (8.25-8.30)

- Fish and chip night on Saturday 14th November. Starting at 7pm in Colmworth Village Hall. Codswallop will attend at 7.30pm. Jasper Squire aka the Mandolin Minstrel to provide live music.

2026/067. Electricity Supply for Street Lights (8.30-8.33)

We have a new 24 month contract with Valda Energy starting on 1st October 2026. The costs will be 55p per day standing charge and 34.5p/kWh with an estimated annual consumption of 1714.7kWh making an estimated annual bill of £792.32 This is a significant increase on the current contract which charged approximately £552.61 per year and is higher than our budget of £604.42 for the year. The reason for the large increase is that all electricity meters are migrating to half hourly (MHHS) and this means that standing charges are rising due to the additional costs passed onto the suppliers via the national grid and the meter operators. There is also very little competition in unmetered supplies as very few suppliers offer this service.

2026/068. Village Hall, Community Cabins and Playing Field (8.33-8.35)

- Clerk's report re Village Hall mandate changes

2026/069. Honeydon Defibrillator (8.35-8.40)

- Approve £100 backpayments for electricity promised to the host
- The resident currently hosting the defibrillator needs to disconnect the electricity
- Consider options:
 - Decommission the defibrillator
 - Move to a new location with mains power supply
 - Replace the defibrillator with a cold resistant model and move to the bus shelter

2026/070. Highways and Rights of Way (8.40-8.42)

- Staploe speed sign –the permanent sign has now been installed and a spare pole in Duloe to hold the mobile speed sign.
- We have requested a meeting with the engineers to discuss the planned patching to Begwary Lane and Mill Road. This is due to start in the fourth quarter (Jan-March). We are hoping it will include the improvements to the corner at Dairy Farm.
- Check grit bins full

2026/071. Clerk's salary and working from home allowance (8.42-8.45)

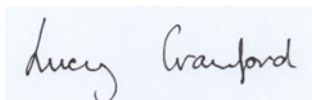
- The pay award for 2026/27 has been published and is backdated to April. We had assumed a pay increase of 4% in our budget but actually it was 3.3%. The Clerk is on salary point 17 so she would move to £16.61 per hour.
- Consider whether to approve a request from the Clerk to increase her working from home allowance from £18 per month to £26 per month.

2026/072. Finances (8.45-8.55)

- Performance against budget to date 2026-27
- Receipts and payments, sign schedule of payments
- Check bank reconciliation
- Report on external audit (if available)

2026/073. Policies (8.55-9.00)

- Review standing orders
- Check minutes are suitably stored



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