

Minutes of a Meeting of Staploe Parish Council Held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 21st January 2026 in the Meeting Room of Wyboston Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. J. Ibbett, Cllr. G. Meola, Cllr. E. Meola, Cllr. J. Thomson, Cllr. M. Clark, Cllr. R. Arnold, L. Crawford (Clerk), Borough Cllr. S. Sira (arrived at approximately 9.20pm) and three members of the public (two new residents of Honeydon and H. Down – co-opted in the meeting).

Apologies for absence: none – all present

2026/001. Declarations of Interest and Registers of Members Interests

Cllr. J. Ibbett will check and update her register of interests before the next meeting.
There were no declarations of interest.

2026/002. Co-option of a new Councillor to replace P. Yockney

H. Down submitted an application to the Parish Council for co-option as a Parish Councillor to replace P. Yockney. This application was circulated to members of the Parish Council. The nomination was proposed by Cllr. J. Ibbett and seconded by Cllr. R. Arnold. There being no other nominations H. Down was duly coopted to the Parish Council. The decision was unanimous.

It was resolved that the Clerk should draft a cooption policy for adoption at the next meeting.

2026/003. Open Forum

Several Councillors reported that residents were commenting on the noise from the solar farm – particularly the piling work. It was agreed that the Clerk should check the agreed operating hours and find out when they are due to complete the construction. It was agreed that if piling work is occurring outside the agreed operating hours then video evidence should be submitted to the operators / planners as necessary.

Councillors requested that it be recorded that there is a significant uplift in the volume of traffic on the Bushmead Road on weekends when the A1 is closed. However, they also agreed that the traffic management on the Black Cat / A428 improvement works has improved in recent months.

2026/004. Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th November 2025

Having been previously circulated it was resolved to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting with two amendments. Under the Open Forum Cllr. G. Meola had requested that the place sign on Duloe Road read Eaton Ford not Eaton Socon (instead of St Neots as it currently does). Secondly, under item 2025/095. Finances it was resolved to change the name of the “Village Hall rebuilding reserve” to Village Hall Rebuilding / Cabin Reserve so that this reserve can also be used for improvements to the Community Cabins if needed.

Wyboston Ward, Monthly Report

January 2026

Cllr Sharanjit Sira
Bedford Borough Council



This report provides an overview of key issues and developments affecting Wyboston Ward and North Bedfordshire.

Universal Studios – National Decision with Local Implications

On 16 December 2025, Parliament confirmed that the Universal Studios Project has been granted a Special Development Order, which came into force on 12 January 2026.

While the site itself is not located within Wyboston Ward, this development will have borough-wide implications, including for North Bedfordshire communities, through:

- Increased traffic pressures on strategic routes including the A421, A1 and surrounding road network
- Greater demand on housing, infrastructure and public services
- Employment and apprenticeship opportunities, particularly for young people
- Potential economic benefits for local businesses across the Borough

I will continue to scrutinise how infrastructure mitigation is delivered and ensure that rural and northern wards are not overlooked as this major project progresses.

Greyfriars Junction Works – Borough-Wide Traffic Impact

Major works to reconfigure Greyfriars Junction commenced on Monday 5 January 2026 and are expected to continue through to Autumn 2026.

Although this is a town-centre scheme, it will impact traffic flows across the Borough, including for residents travelling to and from North Bedfordshire for work, education, healthcare and services.

The project aims to:

- Improve pedestrian and cycling safety
- Support current and future bus movements
- Unlock redevelopment around the former police station site

I will continue to press for clear signage, effective communication and minimised disruption, particularly for residents commuting from rural areas.

Black Cat Roundabout & A428 Improvements – Continued Disruption

Works at the **Black Cat Roundabout and A428 corridor** continue to cause **significant disruption for Wyboston Ward residents**, including:

- Ongoing congestion
- Night-time noise
- Overnight closures and diversions

Construction of the new **three-level junction**, slip roads and realigned carriageways remains ongoing into January. I continue to push for:

- Improved communication with residents
- Better coordination with emergency services
- Clearer diversion signage and advance warnings

East Park Energy – Major Concern for Wyboston Ward

East Park Energy remains one of the **most significant threats to our local countryside and communities**.

There are growing concerns about the **scale and industrial nature** of the proposed solar complex and its impact on:

- Agricultural land
- Rural character and landscape
- Local infrastructure and road networks
- Long-term environmental sustainability

I am currently **working very closely with Planning Officers at Bedford Borough Council** to ensure that **all relevant concerns are formally raised** through the planning process **ahead of the 14 January deadline**.

I have been clear that it is vital the Council continues to robustly represent the interests of our residents and rural communities. **If necessary, I will bring a motion to Full Council** requesting that the Council **continues to raise and maintain concerns** throughout the remainder of the process.

Important update – Registration now open:

Residents can now register as **Interested Parties** and formally object to the scheme.

As your local councillor, I **strongly oppose** this proposal and will continue to fight to protect Wyboston Ward and surrounding villages.

Register and submit objections here:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010141/register/register-have-your-say>

Glass Recycling & Food Waste Collections

Households across Bedford Borough can now place glass bottles and jars in the orange-lidded recycling bin.

Key points for residents:

- Rinse glass containers
- Leave metal lids on
- Remove corks (corks go in the black bin)
- If the bin is full, extra recycling can be placed beside it in a clear sack or sturdy box

In addition, food waste collections will be rolled out between January and March 2026, with weekly collections beginning from Monday 30 March 2026. Food waste caddies will be delivered in advance.

Paula Radcliffe Way – Highway Maintenance Works

Bedford Borough Council began drainage and highway maintenance works on Paula Radcliffe Way on Monday 5 January 2026, expected to last around 30 days.

The works include:

- Replacing drainage gullies
- Clearing kerb channels
- Removing vegetation around drainage basins

There will be 24/7 lane closures for the duration of the works, with emergency access maintained. This route is frequently used by residents travelling across the Borough, including from North Bedfordshire.

Bedford River Valley Park Development – Strategic Growth

The Council has entered into agreements with neighbouring landowners and **Bloor Homes Ltd** to promote a major mixed-use scheme at **Bedford River Valley Park**, north of the A603 near Willington.

The proposed development includes:

- Up to **1,000 new homes**
- A new **two-form-entry primary school** with early years provision
- New watersports lakes with public access
- Extensive public open space and habitat creation
- New walking and cycling routes linking surrounding communities
- New highway access from the A603

I will continue to monitor this scheme closely, particularly its **impact on infrastructure capacity** and connectivity for communities north of Bedford.

Council Finances & Workforce Pressures

Between **2010/11 and 2022/23**, Bedford Borough Council issued **1,061 exit packages**, at a total cost of approximately **£17.7 million**.

While this delivered short-term savings, an independent **CIPFA review** confirmed that these decisions resulted in:

- Reduced operational resilience
- Under-capacity in key services
- Inefficiencies and weaker oversight

This context is important when understanding the **financial challenges facing the Council today**.

Online Forum Meetings

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the recent Wyboston Ward Online Forum Meetings. Your engagement, questions and contributions are greatly valued and help ensure that local issues and concerns are raised and addressed effectively.

The next Online Forum Meeting will take place in **May**. Further details, including the date and joining information, will be shared shortly in advance of the meeting.

Contact and Community Engagement

Please continue to contact me with local issues, concerns or ideas. I am here to support and represent residents across Wyboston Ward and North Bedfordshire.

Follow me on Facebook: [@cllrsharanjitsira](#)

Cllr Sharanjit Sira

Wyboston Ward, Bedford Borough Council

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Borough Cllr. S. Sira confirmed that the Borough Council had formally objected to Eastpark Energy.

2026/006. Planning.

Application number	Type	Description	Location	Deadline	Link
25/02539/S73A	Change of Use	Change of Use of domestic outbuilding for dog grooming business (development already carried out).	The Shieling Honeydon Road Colmworth Bedford Bedfordshire MK44 2LY	Mon 09 Feb 2026	25/02539/S73A

It was resolved not to object to this application.

- **Eastpark Energy response – report from the Clerk.**

Following consultation with Councillors the following response was sent to the planning inspectorate regarding Eastpark Energy's application for a solar farm north and west of our parish (with a cable running through our parish to the electrical substation at Eaton Socon near Cobholden).

“Eastpark Energy Consultation Response

Staploe Parish Council object to the Eastpark Energy Scheme for the following reasons:

1. ***Excessive in scale.*** *We object to this scheme on the grounds of its excessive scale. We already have many existing solar schemes either in existence or approved in the parish of Staploe. Top End and Little Staughton (50 MW existing), High Wood (approved, 50MW), and Cobholden (approved, 50MW currently in construction). The cumulative effect on the landscape will be excessive. This clustering of solar farms around an electrical substation can transform the landscape of an area and should be avoided.*
2. ***Roofs first.*** *Insufficient evidence has been provided that the energy needs could not be delivered by fitting solar panels to roofs of domestic and commercial buildings or brownfield sites. These should be considered before using agricultural land.*
3. ***Loss of agricultural land.*** *The scheme will use a high proportion of the best and most versatile agricultural land. 74% of the land is best and most versatile. This is needed for our own food security. Importing food is not good for the environment. The extent of land (c. 768ha) being taken out of food production is huge. This is against government policy which states that solar farms should be on previously developed, non-agricultural land.*
4. ***Subjective land assessments.*** *We are concerned that agricultural land quality assessments are not sufficiently objective as the landowners pay for them and it is in their interests to achieve their desired outcome eg. low quality classifications when wanting to develop the land and high when wanting to sell for agricultural purposes.*
5. ***Insufficient sampling.*** *We don't believe that the sampling was sufficient to make an accurate assessment of agricultural land quality. It was only 1 auger per 4 hectares. Natural England*

state that it should be 1 auger per hectare. Therefore it is not clear what the agricultural land classification is for the areas concerned.

- 6. **Harm to the landscape.** One of the attractive aspects of our landscape are the wide open views. Walking or riding in a narrow corridor between solar panels does not make for a pleasant experience. One particularly precious view is the view behind Little Staughton Church down into the Kym valley. This should be preserved free from solar panels.*
- 7. **Implementation and maintenance of landscaping, mitigation and biodiversity.** In our experience with the existing solar farm in our parish a lot of hedging was planted about 18 months after the solar farm was constructed and then most of the whips died due to lack of water and maintenance. They have then had to be replaced which took another year and again, many have died and not been replaced. Therefore we are now 5 years on with only tiny whips in place. The proposed mitigations to the visual impact and biodiversity are unlikely to be effective for many years.*
- 8. **High Wood.** We are concerned about the impact on the Ancient Woodland of High Wood (County Wildlife Site). It already has a solar farm to its west. One has been approved to its south and east (High Wood solar farm 22/01998/MAF at Bedford Borough Council) and now this proposal will create a solar farm close to its northern edge. It will be almost surrounded if Eastpark goes ahead and this will isolate it with very little access for wildlife.*
- 9. **Access in Duloe.** The plans include a temporary access point in Duloe to lay the cables from site D (near Hail Weston) to Eaton Socon Substation SA17 and 18 access points on the road east of Duloe. We have been assured that these are temporary access points to be used for laying the cables during construction and for removing them during decommissioning. We have been told that the hedge will be reinstated and the track removed after the cables have been laid and the solar farm is in operation. The Parish Council's comments are as follows:*
 - a. The road is narrow and designated as unsuitable for HGVs so we don't think it is suitable for construction traffic*
 - b. There is no pavement and the road is a well used route for pedestrians and cyclists. We are concerned about the safety of these vulnerable road users during laying of the cables.*
 - c. There is an existing solar farm behind Bassmead Manor which is in a similar location to site D. This did not require access to lay cables through Duloe. Why does this scheme require this access?*
 - d. There are a number of footpaths in the area of the proposed access points. This could present a danger to walkers.*
 - e. There is nothing in the scheme to assure us that hedges removed will be reinstated and the temporary track will be removed and the land revert to agricultural use immediately after construction and again after decommissioning with a timeframe.*

10. **Soils damage.** *Soils are living habitats. If they are compacted and kept in shade with no augmentation of organic material over a period of 40 years it could do irreversible harm to the soil and make it difficult to return the land to agricultural production.”*

2026/007. Social / Community Events

- Litter pick. Meet at 2pm on Saturday 7th March at the playing field in Duloe and at 2pm on Sunday 8th March in Honeydon – venue TBC.
- Summer event on the playing field. Rounders and a picnic on Sunday 28th June. It was agreed that options for food / funding / marquee etc. should be considered at the next meeting.
- Fish and chips Saturday 14th November

2026/008. Village Hall Report (Cllr. G. Meola)

Final Report on Behalf of Staploe and Duloe Village Hall Committee January 2026

Staploe and Duloe Village Hall was available for hire for community meetings, social events, clubs and other recreational activities until 1st May 2018, at which point the hall was closed, then demolished, as it was deemed to be unsafe.

Planning permission to rebuild the village hall was sought and approved, but it expired in November 2023. The car park remains accessible.

The Village Hall Committee had always been committed to rebuilding a village hall for the benefit of the parish, but it proved very difficult for various reasons, Covid, funding and difficulties with meeting – it struggled. Together with the need to renew the insurance on the land on which the village hall would be sited on 3rd December 2025, the Village Hall Committee made the difficult decision to ask Staploe Parish Council to take over the administration of the village hall, with the continued aim of rebuilding a new hall, which it agreed to do at its parish council meeting in November 2025.

Past and present volunteers of the Village Hall Committee should be proud of what they achieved (including more recently Mark Crawford, Emilio Meola, Kevin Pavely, Cheryl Hall and Jane Thomson).

They gave their time, produced plans, had them approved, conducted surveys, distributing leaflets throughout the parish to engage with residents.

The Village Hall Committee would also like to thank those people who had helped and offered to help the committee over the years.

At a meeting on 19th January 2026 the administration of the village hall was handed over to the Clerk of the Parish Council – accounts up to 16th January 2026 and Charity Committee / Barclays Bank responsibilities. The parish council had already dealt with insurance responsibilities for the land through its existing insurance arrangements. An up-to-date asset register will be provided shortly.

The Village Hall Committee now ask the Parish Council to take into consideration its finding, conclusions, and objectives as it considers the future of a village hall in our parish:

Findings / Conclusions and Objectives:

The Village Hall Committee took into consideration the findings of the November 2024 survey (160 questionnaires sent out, of which 21 responded YES, 10 responded NO and 1 responded UNSURE) to wanting a new hall.

It concluded that the residents of the parish were not wholly interested in a village hall in the parish, the survey showed that the nearer to Duloe, where the village hall would be built, the more interest was shown in it. The further away towards Honeydon and beyond much less interest was shown.

However, the Village Hall Committee also took into consideration the fact that the land on which the village hall would be sited was conveyed to the parish by the estate of Thomas George Noel Bates.

Taking into consideration the findings of the questionnaire and reflecting on the spirit of the gift and being aware of the aspiration in the developing Neighbourhood Plan the Village Hall Committee concluded that it should continue to work towards developing a village hall which would be more acceptable to the whole parish with the following objectives:

- *Aim to provide a facility that more residents in the parish would support.*
- *Look at options for funding which would have the least financial impact on the residents of the parish*
- *Ensure the long-term viability of a facility through a robust business plan.*
- *Ensure it would provide a facility that did not rely only on volunteers*
- *Aim to encourage wider appreciation and use of the more varied facility particularly for residents who live in Honeydon and outlying areas of the parish*
- *Consider the impact of noise and increased traffic through Duloe*
- *Consider the impact of activities (such as parties) on local residents.*

Prepared by G. Meola

2026/009. Community Cabins and Playing Field

- Clerk's report:
The items raised in the cabin fire safety report have now been actioned. The only outstanding item is that the CCTV DVD cable failed the PAT test and the Clerk is researching options to replace it. The CCTV is currently not connected at present. The other failed items (old microwave and kettle) have been taken to the recycling centre and all the signage and safety equipment are now in place.

The Clerk thanked Cllr. R. Arnold for repairing the picnic table benches.

- Grass cutting contract. The Clerk sought alternative quotes to Bradgate Grounds Maintenance but she did not receive any. It was resolved to accept Bradgate's quote of £175 per cut at both the Playing Field and Duloe Common with 12 cuts per year: one in March, two in April and May, one in June, July and August and two in September.
- Replacement of Safety Surfacing – since submitting our grant application the cost of the wet pour safety surfacing has increased by £400 to a total of £6550. We have received £6150 from The National Lottery. It was resolved to use £400 CIL funding to complete this project.

2026/010. Neighbourhood Plan

- Report from the Clerk. The planning inspector gave feedback in advance of his fact check report on the Neighbourhood Plan in December. He asked us to make some changes to maps to improve clarity and to provide additional definitions and explanations for a few of our policies. We have provided updated maps and made the additional changes. This incurred additional charges of £336 for updated maps and £150 for additional planning advice. These costs are no longer met by the government (who used to fund Neighbourhood Plans via grants from Locality). Therefore the Clerk obtained approval from Councillors to spend the additional funds from our general reserve in December. The updated plan has been submitted to the Planning Inspector and their fact check report is expected on 23rd January. If it passes it can then proceed to referendum and if it passes it will be “made” and will become a legal planning document.
- Borough Cllr. S. Sira advised the Clerk to ask if CIL funds could be used for the additional costs incurred for the maps and advice. This would conserve the Parish Council’s general reserves.

2026/011. Highways and Rights of Way

There has been no progress regarding new signs to prevent HGVs accessing Whitehouse Farm, Begwary via Manor Farm Lane. The Clerk has met with the Highways Department, the Parish Council have met with the landowner, the Clerk has sent a detailed proposal to the Highways Department but she has asked the highways department for an update several times without success. It was resolved that the Clerk should write to Tom Wootton and Richard Fuller to see if they can expedite a solution to this issue.

2026/012. Assets

- CCTV consider replacing the faulty DVD player at a cost of £372 (failed the PAT test). It was resolved to make further attempts to replace the faulty power cable (the manufacturer was unable to help).
- Tree works – report from the Clerk. Hail Weston Farms have kindly trimmed the trees on Duloe Common and R. Squire has kindly offered to trim the trees on the playing field once the land dries out (it is currently too wet to undertake the work without damaging the playing field. The hornbeam near the eastern Staploe sign has been reported to the Highways Department as we believe it is their responsibility. The Clerk will attempt to find two replacement trees for those that are dead / dying on Duloe Common.

2026/013. Solar Farm Benefit Schemes

- **Bassmead new solar farm.** The Clerk has been in contact with Ed Payne of Next Energy regarding the deed of community benefit. We had signed a contract to receive a payment of £20K when the project began generating but this is due to expire in August 2025. Ed Payne has assured us that the payment will still be made even though it will not begin generating before the end of August. The Clerk has requested an updated contract. As agreed in our last meeting the Clerk contacted him to request that the new community benefit be increased in line with that offered by other schemes in the area eg. Cobholden / Eastpark. She has now received a response to say that they cannot offer an increased payment. She will reiterate the request for an updated contract.
- **Cobholden.** Cambridge Power have now sold this scheme to AGR Group. The Clerk is finding it difficult to contact AGR group but she will persevere and ask for the landowner’s help if necessary.
- Borough Cllr. S. Sira asked the Clerk to send her separate e-mails summarizing the issues re the community benefit payments for each of the solar farms.

2026/014. Website

- The Clerk is getting error messages when attempting to post more than one or two posts or make more than a couple of amendments on the parish website. It seems that this is a local issue related to the Clerk's internet connection. She will talk to her service provider.
- Proposed improvements (not to fix error messages) £50 from Eyelid. It was resolved to pay this for these improvements,
- Alternative providers. The Clerk does not think this is necessary.

2026/014. Finances

- Receipts and payments, sign schedule of payments. These were checked against the invoices and are presented on p12
- The bank reconciliation was checked against the bank statements and is presented on p13. On 10th January cash in hand was £35,190.42. £13,227.64 in the main account, £2.67 in the debit card account, £2,940.54 in the Barclays short term savings account and £19,181.15 in the Unity Trust longer term savings account. The reserves are presented on p14-15.
- Performance against budget. This is presented on p16-21. Before paying for the recent Neighbourhood Plan costs (£486) the Parish Council are forecast to overspend vs the budget by £1,301. This is largely due to the cost of eviction notices served on the traveller encampment on the playing field in May and June.
- Review bank mandates, direct debits, standing orders for contracts and other banking arrangements. The bank mandates for Barclays have been amended and the mandate changes for Unity Trust bank have been updated this evening. Direct debits are used for electricity for street lights and cabins and for water for the cabins as well as the data protection fee to the Information Commissioner's Office. There are no standing orders for contracts.
- Review the process for the internal audit. The internal audit will be conducted by Nicola Hagman at the Number Quarter in Bedford. The process (which includes controls such as financial regulations, a two signature rule, risk assessments and internal audits) was reviewed without amendment.

2026/015. Policies

- Review the equality and diversity policy. This was reviewed without amendment.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

List of Transactions for Approval at Staploe Parish Council Meeting on 21st January 2026

Receipts

Bank	Payment Ref	Date	Customer	Description	Total
Unity Trust Savings Account	143	31.12.2025	Unity Trust Bank	Interest on Unity savings	£105.13
Barclays Main Account	139	17.12.2025	Lottery Funding	Grant for play area surfacing	£6,150.00
Barclays Savings Account	133	08.12.2025	Barclays	Interest on Barclays savings	£8.56
Total					£6,263.69

Payments

Bank	Payment Ref	Date	Supplier	Description	Total
Barclays Main Account	130	21.11.2025	SSE Energy	Electricity for street lights	£55.52
Barclays Main Account	131	01.12.2025	Starboard Systems	Accounting software	£43.20
Barclays Main Account	132	02.12.2025	Anglian Water Business	Water & sewerage for Community Cabins	£6.84
Barclays Main Account	134	16.12.2025	Mazars	External audit fees	£252.00
Barclays Main Account	137	16.12.2025	BATPC	M. Clark training	£35.00
Barclays Main Account	138	17.12.2025	EDF Energy	Electricity for Community Cabins	£31.05
Barclays Main Account	140	22.12.2025	SSE Energy	Electricity for street lights	£62.95
Barclays Main Account	144	01.01.2026	Starboard Systems	Accounting software	£43.20
Barclays Main Account	145	29.12.2025	Eyelid Productions	Web support	£100.00
Barclays Main Account	146	17.01.2026	Wyboston Village Hall	Wyboston Village Hall hire	£25.00
Barclays Main Account	147	17.01.2026	Wyboston Village Hall	Wyboston Village Hall hire	£35.00
Barclays Main Account	148	17.01.2026	EDF Energy	Electricity for Community Cabins	£27.44
Barclays Main Account	149	21.01.2026	SSE Energy	Electricity for street lights	£70.30
Barclays Main Account	150	21.01.2026	The Wildlife Trust BCN	Maps for Neighbourhood Plan	£336.00
Barclays Payments (Debit Card) Account	141	29.12.2025	Amazon	Cabin supplies	£25.30
Barclays Payments (Debit Card) Account	142	29.12.2025	Amazon	Cabin supplies	£20.50
Total					£1,169.30

Staploe Parish Council

Prepared by: Lucy CRAWFORD (Clerk)
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Date: 21/01/2026

Approved by: RD [Signature]
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Date: 21/01/2026

	Bank Reconciliation at 10/01/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		35,190.42
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2025 - 10/01/2026		29,339.16
			64,529.58
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2025 - 10/01/2026		29,177.58
A	Cash in Hand 10/01/2026 (per Cash Book)		35,352.00
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 10/01/2026	0.00	
	Barclays Main Account 10/01/2026	13,227.64	RA
	Barclays Payments (Debit Card) A 10/01/2026	2.67	RA
	Barclays Savings Account 10/01/2026	2,940.54	RA
	Unity Trust Savings Account 10/01/2026	19,181.15	RA
			35,352.00
	Less unrepresented payments		
			35,352.00
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		35,352.00
A = B Checks out OK			

Reserves Balance up to 21st Jan 2026

2025-2026

<u>Reserve</u>	<u>OpeningBalance</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Spend</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>CurrentBalance</u>
Earmarked					
CIL Tally Ho	1,978.69		1,978.69		0.00
CIL Goodwick Farm	5,000.94		5,000.94		0.00
CIL Upper Goodwick	3,818.05		3,818.05		0.00
CIL Honeydon Barn					0.00
Village Hall Rebuilding / Cabin Reserve	8,792.90	1,500.00			10,292.90
Tree works & inspections	789.00	453.00	150.00		1,092.00
RAIDIUS funds	706.41				706.41
Street light inspection & repairs	764.50	300.00	502.00	377.40	939.90
Decking savings					0.00
Election fund	464.56				464.56
Dennybrook campaign funds	386.75				386.75
Grass & hedge cutting field and common	671.50	75.00			746.50
Deposit for football club	100.00				100.00
Social events	121.70		429.50	391.90	84.10
Play area assets	53.38				53.38
Literature & information	30.86				30.86
Gov domain	55.00				55.00
Neighbourhood Plan Grant	1,888.00		1,888.00		0.00
Community Cabin maintenance	125.00				125.00
Defibrillator parts & maintenance	50.00	235.00			285.00

Freedom of Parish	150.00				150.00
Insurance claims					0.00
Asset replacement (office)	378.00	125.00			503.00
CIL (New)	3,359.33		304.16		3,055.17
Total Earmarked	29,684.57	2,688.00	14,071.34	769.30	19,070.53
TOTAL RESERVE	29,684.57	2,688.00	14,071.34	769.30	19,070.53
GENERAL FUND					15,687.73
TOTAL FUNDS					34,758.26

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Staploe Parish Council Receipts and Payments Forecast

21 January 2026 (2025-2026)

Receipts and Payments Forecast

All Cost Centres and Codes (Between 01/02/2026 and 31/03/2026)

01 Regular Receipts

		Receipts					Payments					Net Position	Comments
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position	
1	Precept	15,510.00	15,510.00		15,510.00								
2	Bank interest	275.00	446.72	68.75	515.47	240.47						240.47	Interest rates did not fall as much as expected
3	Community Cabin hire	500.00	375.00	125.00	500.00								
SUB TOTAL		16,285.00	16,331.72	193.75	16,525.47	240.47						240.47	

02 Other Receipts

		Receipts					Payments					Net Position	Comments
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position	
5	Ward Fund												
6	Donations for campaigns												
7	Ticket sales for social events												
9	Newsletter advertising												
10	Other (eg. refunds, book sales)		6,247.50		6,247.50	6,247.50						6,247.50	Lottery grant for play area
76	Deposits												
SUB TOTAL			6,247.50		6,247.50	6,247.50						6,247.50	

03 Staff Costs

		Receipts					Payments					Net Position	Comments
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position	
11	Clerk's salary						6,490.03	4,838.13	1,622.51	6,460.64	29.39	29.39	
12	Clerk's employment expenses (WFHA & mileage)						312.00	139.50	86.00	225.50	86.50	86.50	
13	Clerk's training						50.00		8.34	8.34	41.66	41.66	
SUB TOTAL							6,852.03	4,977.63	1,716.85	6,694.48	157.55	157.55	

04 Grounds Maintenance

		Receipts					Payments					Net Position
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position
14	Playing Field grass cutting						1,330.00	962.50	133.00	1,095.50	234.50	234.50
15	Duloe Common grass cutting						110.00	77.00	11.00	88.00	22.00	22.00
16	Tree surveys & works						200.00	200.00		200.00		
SUB TOTAL							1,640.00	1,239.50	144.00	1,383.50	256.50	256.50

05 Community Cabins

		Receipts					Payments					Net Position
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position
17	Electricity for cabins						380.00	286.75	90.00	376.75	3.25	3.25
18	Water & sewerage for cabins						290.00	148.01	72.50	220.51	69.49	69.49
19	Community Cabin maintenance						300.00	321.86	50.00	371.86	-71.86	-71.86
SUB TOTAL							970.00	756.62	212.50	969.12	0.88	0.88

06 Street Lights

		Receipts					Payments					Net Position
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position
20	Power to street lights						604.37	533.28	125.44	658.72	-54.35	-54.35
21	Street light inspection & repairs											
SUB TOTAL							604.37	533.28	125.44	658.72	-54.35	-54.35

07 Asset Inspection & Mainte

		Receipts					Payments					Net Position
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position
22	Play area inspection						78.00	80.00		80.00	-2.00	-2.00
24	Defibrillator costs						35.00				35.00	35.00
25	Other maintenance						200.00	577.50	33.34	610.84	-410.84	-410.84
26	Play area works (consumables / labour)											
59	Sundries for playing field											
60	CCTV maintenance						150.00	75.00	75.00	150.00		
SUB TOTAL							463.00	732.50	108.34	840.84	-377.84	-377.84

08 Other Assets Purchased

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Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance			Net Position							
23	Play area works (assets purchased)																				
27	Other assets purchased																				
SUB TOTAL																					

09 Administration

09 Administration		Receipts					Payments					Net Position	
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position	
28	Audit fees						460.00	460.00		460.00			
29	Councillors expenses						30.00		5.00	5.00	25.00	25.00	
30	Clerk's other expenses (postage & sundries)						40.00	15.75	13.32	29.07	10.93	10.93	
31	Councillor training						30.00	35.00		35.00	-5.00	-5.00	
32	Insurance						600.00	625.11		625.11	-25.11	-25.11	
33	Subscriptions						209.00	213.00		213.00	-4.00	-4.00	
34	Hall hire (meetings)						257.50	235.00	12.50	247.50	10.00	10.00	
35	Web costs & IT						707.00	609.99	72.00	681.99	25.01	25.01	
36	Other administration						60.00	53.40	4.16	57.56	2.44	2.44	
58	Office costs						70.00	189.45	11.66	201.11	-131.11	-131.11	
SUB TOTAL							2,463.50	2,436.70	118.64	2,555.34	-91.84	-91.84	

10 Communication

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		Receipts					Payments					Net Position
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position
37	Newsletter						369.10		180.00	180.00	189.10	189.10
SUB TOTAL							369.10		180.00	180.00	189.10	189.10
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11 Social Events

Code	Title	Receipts					Payments					Net Position
		Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position
38	Social events						45.00	58.50	11.70	70.20	-25.20	-25.20
	SUB TOTAL						45.00	58.50	11.70	70.20	-25.20	-25.20

12 Donations

Code	Title	Receipts					Payments					Net Position
		Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position
39	Village Hall support						390.00	392.39		392.39	-2.39	-2.39
40	Other donations											
	SUB TOTAL						390.00	392.39		392.39	-2.39	-2.39

13 Other Payments

Code	Title	Receipts					Payments					Net Position	
		Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position	
41	Other payments							1,353.29		1,353.29	-1,353.29	-1,353.29	Eviction notices and energy performance certificate
75	Ward Fund												
	SUB TOTAL							1,353.29		1,353.29	-1,353.29	-1,353.29	

Subtotal of Regular Payments (budgeted to match regular receipts)

-1,300.88

Overspend vs budget of £1301 is largely due to eviction notices.

14 Earmarked Reserves

Code	Title	Receipts					Payments					Net Position
		Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Variance	Net Position
42	Village Hall savings											
43	Community Infrastructure Levy											
44	Neighbourhood Plan							1,888.00		1,888.00	-1,888.00	-1,888.00
45	Tree inspection and works							150.00		150.00	-150.00	-150.00

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Summary

NET TOTAL	16,285.00	23,348.52	193.75	23,542.27	7,257.27	13,852.00	26,493.25	2,617.47	29,110.72	-15,258.72	-8,001.45
V.A.T.				5,990.64					3,278.07		
GROSS TOTAL				29,532.91					32,388.79		