

Minutes of the Stratton Strawless Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 11th May 2026 at 7:15pm in Burroughes Hall, Parish Road.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES

In attendance: Cllrs Levi Drake (Chair), Lee Drake, Martin Howard, Allan Johns, Ros Cook, Diane Farrow & Wayne farrow.

Members of the public: None

Clerk & Minutes: Mrs Lolly Cracknell

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies from County Councillor Dave Thomas & District Councillor Shane Ward.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th May 2025 were APPROVED as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

3. Annual report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Welcome everyone to the annual 2026 parish meeting. Last year's meetings have seen where the Parish Council have managed to put lights in the bus shelter, we will see how it works ok or not. If ok we can put on opposite in the other shelter. ON Serpentine Land, Cllr Martin Howard has been carrying out regular litter picks, thanks to Martin for that. New 50mph speed limit on Cromer Road, and 40mph in Hainford which seems to have slowed the traffic down considerably. Anti-fly tip signs have also been installed on Serpentine Lane. The SAM2 speed camera continues to be monitored. Mansom plantation has been cleared of all cabins from the site, since 2018, thanks to all past and present parish councillors and Cllr Dan Roper. Next year we will focus on

4. To receive an annual financial report from the Parish Clerk to the Parish Council

**STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH COUNCIL -
BUDGET EXPENDITURE REVIEW 25-26 at 31/3/26**

COST CODE	25-26 BUDGET	25-26 ACTUAL
INCOME		
PRECEPT	£ 8,711.00	£ 8,711.00
OTHER	£ 200.00	£ 455.36
CIL		£ 410.77
TOTAL INCOME	£ 8,911.00	£ 9,577.13
EXPENDITURE		
Clerks Salary	£ 3,800.00	£ 3,148.86
HMRC	£ 850.00	£ 700.10
Microsoft	£ 150.00	£ 115.20
Subscriptions	£ 600.00	£ 599.50
Audit	£ 150.00	£ 120.00
Church Grass	£ 250.00	£ 300.00
Bus Shelter cleaning	£ 200.00	£ 211.62
Insurance	£ 450.00	£ 476.72
Village Hall	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Post/Stationary	£ 50.00	£ 43.40
Travel Expenses		£ -
Chairmans Allowance	£ 40.00	£ -
Banking Charges	£ 72.00	£ 73.00
Cllrs allowance	£ 50.00	£ -
Donations	£ 550.00	£ 545.48
Training	£ 150.00	£ -
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Village Maintenance	£ 900.00	£ 408.33
CIL		£ 453.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 8,762.00	£ 7,242.21
EAR-MARKED RESERVES 25/26		
Election Fees	£ 750.00	
Staffing Costs	£ 1,000.00	
Legal Fees	£ 500.00	
Bus Shelter	£ 2,000.00	
TOTAL	£ 4,250.00	£ -

5. Report from the Police representative, no report.

6. Report from the District Councillor, no report.

7. Report from the County Councillor, no report.

8. Reports from any local groups or individuals, no reports.

9. Village Hall representative – Ros Cook, Chair.

I'd like to give you a summary of the year's activities and events together with what we have planned for this year.

The core function of the Village Hall is to provide a community space for people to come together and socialise.

Since last year the committee have organised and held a community event on average every 4 to 6 weeks, aiming to have something on offer every calendar month. We have had classic afternoon teas, and morning coffees some themed around celebrating Christmas or plant sales. We've held our ever-popular Produce Show, a Quiz Night and a Bingo Evening as well as a Dawn Chorus Walk, Craft Fairs and an Art Exhibition. Events have been generally well supported and enjoyed.

Upcoming events are:

- May 21 from 10-12 – Plant Sale and Coffee `morning
- July 11th – Strawberry Tea and Summer Concert
- September 12th – Flower and Produce Show
- October 24th – Quiz Night and supper
- November 21st – Craft Fair
- December 18th – Christmas Coffee morning

Your ideas and suggestions for future events gratefully received.

Our Programme of Maintenance and Upgrading of Facilities over the last year includes:

- The repainting of the exterior of the building and the roof cleaned, brightening up the outside area.
- Replacement of the external storeroom door which was beyond repair.
- Installation of some external lighting (generously funded by the Parish Council) making it safer to navigate leaving the building and the car park when it's dark.
- Replacement of a wooden bench with a new picnic bench in the playground garden.
- Rationalising of the storeroom with a donation to Buxton school of some chairs

This year we are working on:

- Upgrading the main entrance / lobby / toilets.
- And installing WiFi

There are a lot of people for me to highlight and thank. Those whose contribution makes all the difference to how the hall runs which is very much appreciated.

Thank you so much to our cleaner Jo who does such a great job keeping the hall spick and span for everyone to enjoy

To Patrick Hannant, enormous thanks for keeping the outside environment well cared for; for cutting the grass and hedging especially. Patrick also leads the Dawn Chorus Walk, sharing his extensive knowledge and love of nature for everyone to enjoy.

Thanks too to Penny Kneale who keeps the flower beds looking so nice and making sure the rubbish is collected. You're an absolute star!

Eric Foster carries out all manner of timely repairs and handyman jobs on the hall, from installing the new playground picnic bench, putting up display signs, repairs to windows, replacing a door and unsticking another one to name but a few. What you do is really appreciated.

Our Parish and District Councils are very supportive of the hall and help as they can, highlighting the hall on the website and making donations / helping us access funding grants if they can.

Thanks to all the people and groups that hire the hall. We hope you enjoy the space and it meets your needs. Any comments and suggestions for how it could be bettered very welcome.

And a massive thanks to everyone that comes to events and give of their support for this community space contributing in so many ways.

Lastly, huge thanks to all the committee who give so much of their time to how the village hall runs and ensuring it's a community space for us all.

If you would be interested in getting involved and joining our committee please email strattonstrawlessvillagehall@gmail.com or call Ros Cook on 07931 523786 for a chat.

Meeting Closed: 19:27

Signed:

Dated: