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STILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting that took place on Tuesday 1 September 2026 - held at the Pavilion, High Street, Stilton at 7pm.

Present: Councillors: Ayres (Chairman), Graham, Mitchell, Murtagh and Shailer

Clerk: Lawrence

Others: 14 members of the public

PC185/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Arscott, J Leonard, O Leonard and McCullough had sent apologies – personal reasons – **accepted.**

PC186/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

No Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 were declared, nor dispensations awarded.

PC187/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman firstly explained how fireworks had come to be discharged at the event on 23/08/26 and detailed steps taken to ensure this does not happen again (HDC security on site had authorised the use). Pavilion Terms and Conditions, where fireworks are specifically mentioned as prohibited, have been sent to HDC and the understanding only Parish Council officers can make decisions regarding Pavilion hirer requests has been confirmed to all guards who attend site from HDC. **** 2 additional members of the public joined the meeting ****

Members of the public shared the below concerns in relation to Pavilion issues:

- Disappointment and concern re recent fireworks
- Deposit levels and possible deductions for hirers not sticking to the Pavilion Terms and Conditions
- Disturbance of residents due to Pavilion hire (especially large parties late at night)
- Litter created, some of which is dangerous (e.g. broken glass)
- Cars racing through the village, specifically along High Street/North Street
- Questions over if the Pavilion is a village hall or events venue
- Needing to keep hire charges reasonable for village and regular users
- Whether the Pavilion could be run by a Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Adequate contact numbers for hirers to communicate with the Parish Council, if needed.

Resolved

Feedback and concerns were listened to regarding the impact of Pavilion use and suggested improvements noted, (emails with comments sent in advance were also acknowledged).

PC188/26 PAVILION ISSUES

The impact of Pavilion hire on parishioners, staff and the building/surrounding area were discussed and Pavilion Committee plans for a reconsidered pricing plan to address issues currently experienced with bigger parties acknowledged with plans to present this at the November committee meeting, detailed.

Resolved

Taking into account public feedback and issues highlighted, the Chairman to report to the Parish Council meeting on 08/09/26 re how to move forward (possible Working Group).

Meeting closed: 19:55

Next meeting – Tuesday 8 September 2026 at 7.30pm

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