

Minutes of the Stamford Town Council Meeting



Held on Monday, 18 August 2025 at
7.030pm
at Stamford Town Hall

Membership

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| Cllr Bret Allibone | A | Cllr Lisa Brewin | Arrived 19.14 |
| Cllr Luke Chilman | AB | Cllr Kelham Cooke | * |
| Cllr Peter Copley | * | Cllr Andrew Croft | A |
| Cllr Barry Devereux | A | Cllr Yvette Díaz- Muñoz | * |
| Cllr Ed Fancourt | * | Cllr Breda-Rae Griffin | AB |
| Cllr Jane Kingman | * | Cllr Jon Lott | A |
| Cllr Julia Ohela | A | Cllr Marion Pitt | AB |
| Cllr Habib Rahman | * | Cllr Rhea Rayside | A |
| Cllr Max Sawyer | A | Cllr Jonathan Waples | A |
| Cllr Amanda Wheeler | * | Cllr Joanna Winterbourne | A |
| Cllr Anna Wotherspoon | * | | |

Key: * - Present A - Apologies AB – Absent

Attendees:

Officer: Town Clerk – Sarah Dorson

County/District Councillors: 0

Members of the press: 1

Members of the public: 0

Public Question Time –

Lincolnshire County Councillors Report:

A written report from Cllr Richard Cleaver was submitted prior to the meeting, a copy of the significant points is appended to these minutes at **APPENDIX A**.

A verbal report was received from Cllr Kelham Cooke, a copy of the significant points is appended to these minutes at **APPENDIX B**.

South Kesteven District Councillors Report:

A verbal report was received from Cllr Jane Kingman regarding Lumbys Terrace and the confirmation that the replacement social house following the sale of the properties will not necessarily be in Stamford. It was agreed that a letter would be sent from the Chair to SKDC regarding the matter and Cllr Copley would draft the letter.

STC/25/053-Apologies – To receive and consider for acceptance

Proposal 1 - Apologies with valid reasons for absence were received and it was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllrs Allibone, Croft, Devereux, Lott, Ohela, Sawyer, Rayside, Waples and Winterbourne.

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| Proposed by Cllr Yvette Díaz-Muñoz |
| Seconded by Cllr Anna Wotherspoon |

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| In Favour | 8 | Cllrs Cooke, Copley, Díaz- Muñoz, Fancourt, Kingman, Rahman, Wheeler, Wotherspoon |
| Against | 0 | |
| Abstentions | 0 | |
| MOTION CARRIED | | |

STC/25/054-To receive any Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

None received

STC/25/055-Exclusion of the Press and Public

Nothing to report.

STC/25/056-Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposal 2 - It was **RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of Stamford Town Council held on Monday, 28 July 2025

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| Proposed by Cllr Habib Rahman | | |
| Seconded by Cllr Jane Kingman | | |
| In Favour | 7 | Cllrs Copley, Díaz- Muñoz, Fancourt, Kingman, Rahman, Wheeler, Wotherspoon |
| Against | 0 | |
| Abstentions | 1 | Cllr Cooke (a) |
| MOTION CARRIED | | |

7:14pm – Cllr Brewin entered the meeting.

STC/25/057- Use of Delegated Powers

Nothing to report

STC/25/058- Resolution for approval from Committees

F&G Policies

- Resilience Plan
- A Brief Guide to Town Council Meetings 2025
- Agendas General Information 2025
- Best Value in Procurement – General Guidance 2025
- Casual Vacancy Guidance 2025
- Compassion in Politics 2025
- Consent form GDPR 2025
- Disposal of Land Property & Assets 2025
- Governance and Performance Statement 2025
- Subject Access Request Procedure 2025
- Submitting Apologies Guidance 2025
- Organisational Chart 2025
- Staff Structure 2025
- Public Participation at Meetings Policy 2025
- FOI Publication Scheme 2025

Planning Policy

- Brief Guide to Planning 2025

Proposal 3 - It was **RESOLVED** to accept the policies as above with the amendments.

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| Proposed by Cllr Kelham Cooke | | |
| Seconded by Cllr Peter Copley | | |
| In Favour | 9 | Cllrs Brewin, Cooke, Copley, Díaz- Muñoz, Fancourt, Kingman, Rahman, Wheeler, Wotherspoon |
| Against | 0 | |
| Abstentions | 0 | |
| MOTION CARRIED | | |

STC/25/059- Chairs Report

The Chair provided an update on engagements attended and key matters since the last meeting:

Attendance at Events:

- Visit to Second Helpings.
- Participated in the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day celebrations.
- Attended Grand View Care Home's summer fayre.

Upcoming Events:

- Battle of Britain service on Sunday, 14th September at 11:00am at Browne's Hospital on Broad Street.
- Come From Away at Stamford Corn Exchange on the 20th September at 2:30pm.
- Preview of the Heritage Exhibition at the Town Hall on the 18th September, featuring posters and playbills from the Phillips Collection.

STC/25/060- Clerk's Report

Vandalism

- The Town Clerk brought to the councillors' attention the several acts of vandalism that has occurred over the weeks between meetings that include damage to the skate park windows, the Recreation Ground toilet door being severely kicked in and dislodging tiles, and panels of the skate park that were also burned.

STC/25/061- To receive a report for information to Full Council

STC/25/061a- Ward Councillor Reports

Nothing to report.

STC/25/061b- Outside Bodies Reports

Nothing to report.

STC/25/062- Appointment of Membership to Committees

Proposal 4 - It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Fancourt to the Finance & Governance Committee, Cllrs Copley and Kingman to the Heritage & Collections Committee and Cllr Wotherspoon to the Civic & Community Committee.

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| Proposed by Cllr Amanda Wheeler | | |
| Seconded by Cllr Kelham Cooke | | |
| In Favour | 9 | Cllrs Brewin, Cooke, Copley, Díaz- Muñoz, Fancourt, Kingman, Rahman, Wheeler, Wotherspoon |
| Against | 0 | |
| Abstentions | 0 | |

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STC/25/063- To approve payments and receive financial reports Bank Balances

Proposal 5 - It was **RESOLVED** to acknowledge the bank balances as of Thursday, 31 July 2025 (latest statement(s))

Account ending 0019 £ 38,526.08

Account ending 9485 £ 25,312.52

Investment Account 35LS £ 104,330.79

Account ending 3260 £ 318,033.75

Investment Account CCLA £250,000

Petty Cash £ 65.72

And it was **RESOLVED** the Council notes the bank balance, list of payments and balance sheet.

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| Proposed by Cllr Jane Kingman | | |
| Seconded by Cllr Ed Fancourt | | |
| In Favour | 9 | Cllrs Brewin, Cooke, Copley, Díaz- Muñoz, Fancourt, Kingman, Rahman, Wheeler, Wotherspoon |
| Against | 0 | |
| Abstentions | 0 | |
| MOTION CARRIED | | |

STC/25/064-Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.25pm

Date of next meeting – Monday, 29 September 2025

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Council as a true record of the meeting.

Signature

Date

Report to Stamford Town Council 18 August 2025

Lincolnshire County Council & South Kesteven District Council

This month I have attended no formal council meetings as it is customary for none to take place during August.

Transport – The latest update on the town bridge repairs shows that it is still running to schedule. Cllr Cooke and I are in constant contact with local retailers to try to address any concerns.

Work to clear gullies and jet through the drains beneath them is scheduled to take place along the full length of High St, St Martins this week as well as at specific points on Ermine Way & West St.

I have arranged to meet with the local LCC Highways Manager next week in my division to consider parking and safety issues around the Rugby Club and the shops on Sutherland Way.

I am awaiting an update on the EV charging points at Cattlemarket car park and will forward this in due course

The policy on 2025 pre-Christmas reductions in parking charges is to be discussed with SKDC officers on Thursday. Please email me beforehand with any thoughts about how we can maximise footfall for our businesses whilst maintaining a good turnover of spaces in the most popular and conveniently located car parks.

Planning – The SKDC consultation on the proposed revisions to the local plan is still open: <https://southkesteven.oc2.uk/> - please encourage residents to take part. I must again reiterate the need for the Stamford Neighbourhood Plan to be revised in parallel with the SKDC plan in order for it to remain relevant. I still remain concerned that the fields adjoining Tinwell Road to the south and those adjoining Rutland Heights to the north still have insufficient protections against development.

We have **still** not yet had sight of the draft S106 agreements relating to Quarry Farm – although more than 7 months have passed since RCC's planning committee approved the scheme.

Education – I'm pleased to report that since the initial offers of secondary places for entry in Sept 2025 were made in March, subsequent requests and appeals have led to the proportion of Stamford pupils who do not have an offer from one of their preferred schools has fallen from 3.7% to below 0.5%. 98% of Stamford pupils now have a place at their first or second preference secondary school. Stamford Welland is by far the most popular school.

Health – NHS Lincolnshire is carrying out a survey on end-of-life care. Please encourage your residents to take part. <https://lincolnshire.icb.nhs.uk/get-involved/how-to-get-involved/current-surveys-and-consultations/peolcare/>

Appendix B

Lincolnshire County Council Councillor Report by Councillor Kelham Cooke

On-Street EV Charging (Stamford East & West):

Councillor Cooke reported that on-street EV charging points will go live on 22 September, noting they are low-wattage units intended for top-up/overnight use and delivered with central government funding.

Highways - Ryhall Road Corridor Works:

Councillor Cooke advised that from 8 September a carriageway rebuild will take place from the Uffington Road roundabout to McDonald's (Ryhall Road), including refurbishment of two pedestrian crossings.

Town Bridge Repairs:

Councillor Cooke reported that bridge works remain on track and on budget, with ongoing liaison with retailers on St Mary's Hill and St Mary's Street to mitigate disruption; he noted favourable weather has aided progress and may allow an earlier reopening than programmed, with footpath reinstatement underway.

Surface Dressing - Drift Road Area:

Councillor Cooke confirmed that, following concerns about surplus chippings, the Highways team has re-swept the area and will continue to monitor the site.

Parking - The Crescent:

Councillor Cooke reported that SKDC is exploring additional residents' parking options for The Crescent and that initial resident feedback is positive.

Resident Engagement - St Leonard's Street & Conduit Road:

Councillor Cooke advised that further meetings (including at Stamford School) have reviewed options for traffic and parking; Conduit Road residents are conducting a survey to identify improvements they would support.

Stamford in Bloom:

Councillor Cooke reported that Stamford in Bloom will adopt and improve the green space at New Cross Road / Radcliffe Road (opposite the Fire Station), undertaking planting and levelling to enhance the area.

Bollards:

Councillor Cooke advised that the rising bollards proposal is awaiting the conclusion of a pilot scheme in Boston before progressing in Stamford (timescale TBC); he further reported that to prevent vehicles encroaching on the footway from disabled bays at the top of the High Street near M&S, Highways has agreed to install a bollard at the end of the three bays (installation date TBC).

Highways Walkabout:

Councillor Cooke reported that a town-centre walkabout with the LCC Highways Manager is scheduled for Friday to review live issues and hotspots.