

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Present; Councillors: Cllr Jeans, Cllr Bull, Cllr Page, Cllr Bailey, Cllr Reader, Cllr Tomlinson
Also present C Holmes, 6 Parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Thompstone, Borough Cllr Lock, Borough Cllr Smedley

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Welcome from the chair

The chair welcomed everyone present at the meeting.

4. Public Forum

A parishioner raised concerns regarding the number of new houses that have been built in the village in recent years and the relevance of the current Neighbourhood Plan. While the plan acknowledges other areas, it was noted that it is largely focused on the main village, which the parishioner suggested may now be out of line with the current Local Plan.

The parishioner asked the Parish Council three questions:

1. Is the Parish Council responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of the Neighbourhood Plan's policies?
2. Does the Parish Council have any plans to allocate smaller sites within the parish settlements to support local builders?
3. Does the Parish Council have any plans to review the Neighbourhood Plan?

It was discussed that the Parish Council has limited influence over planning matters and acts in a similar capacity to that of any consultee within the planning process. Regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, it was explained that this document is presented to East Staffordshire Borough Council (ESBC), which uses it to inform planning decisions moving forward, meaning it will always be considered by them.

Concerns were also raised regarding planning applications being refused solely because they fall outside the designated settlement boundary. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact ESBC Planning to seek clarification on how the Neighbourhood Plan impacts planning applications, particularly in areas surrounding the main village

Planning application P/2025/00785 was discussed. It was explained that the property is currently landlocked, and the residents are unable to access it due to an ongoing dispute regarding rights of way. The Parish Council noted that this is a private matter and confirmed

that they have no reason to make any comments or raise any concerns in relation to the application.

Action: Clerk to contact ESBC planning in relation to how the neighbourhood plan is used for areas outside the centre of the village.

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd July 2025

All agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

Action: Clerk to convert to upload to website

6. Matters arising from those minutes.

None

7. Clerk's Report: to include banking changes, finance & correspondence.

Staffordshire police contacted regarding the speed van, and I am awaiting a response. Repeated requests to understand who the PCSO is for the area have also been ignored so I have submitted a request to the police for them to attend meetings.

Quotes received for removal of the tree.

Email sent explaining that the parishioner can proceed with work on the telephone box. It was suggested that the phone box needs refurbishing, so it was agreed to get quotes for repainting. Clerk to chase the parishioner on progress.

Support offered to Barton under Needwood Parish Council in relation to rural planning.

Noticeboard repaired and lock now working.

Overhanging tree reported and it was stated that it couldn't be action furthered. This has been escalated to Staffs County Council to review further.

Register of Interests scanned and sent to ESBC as well as uploaded to the website.

The email address for Anslow Parish Council will move to clerk@anslowparishcouncil.org.uk from 4th September. The previous email will be manned until the end of the year.

A parishioner, on behalf of the Church and PCC, reported concerns regarding significant damage to the pavement outside the Church. The ground has risen considerably in recent weeks, causing the adjacent road surface to crack and drop, resulting in substantial pavement damage. This poses difficulties for people exiting cars and accessing the gate. Similar issues have occurred twice before, with repairs carried out previously. A further repair is required, along with an investigation to determine the underlying cause. This was reported to Staffs CC and has since been repaired.

A parishioner raised concerns about ongoing traffic issues between Outwoods Lane and Hill Top. There is a daily “rat run” of vehicles driving on the wrong side of the road towards the village and through the chicanes, leading to frequent use of horns, arguments, and bad language between drivers. The parishioner feels it is only a matter of time before an accident or serious incident occurs and requests that this be discussed at the next meeting. **The parish council were sympathetic to this issue and concurred with the points raised. It was further explained that a significant amount of Staffordshire County Council funding has already been allocated to Anslow. Concerns were raised regarding what more the Parish Council can do, as budgeting for issues caused by reckless drivers is not feasible and enforcement largely falls outside the Council’s control. In relation to issues involving HGVs, the Parish Council encourages parishioners to note any vehicles in violation and contact the responsible companies directly to ensure they are aware of both the issue and the restrictions within the village**

A resident of Hanbury Parish raised concerns about increasing incidents of fly-tipping on Anslow Road, Hanbury, specifically in the lay-by just over the crossroads from Anslow. It is understood that this area may fall within Anslow Parish. The resident suggested that the lay-by be removed and returned to a grass verge to prevent vehicles from parking and dumping waste. They request that this issue be raised and considered at the next meeting.

A parishioner reported concerns about the recent grass cutting opposite their property, describing the quality of the work as poor. When asked if the area around the notice board could be strimmed, the contractors stated they didn’t have time as they were behind schedule and lacked sufficient strimming wire. The parishioner offered some wire, but it was declined as the team needed to move on, citing that three of their mowers were out of action. The parishioner raised this as they are concerned about the standard of work and the cost to the Parish Council, suggesting it may warrant review. It was established that that this work was undertaken by Staffs CC.

A member of Anslow’s equestrian community raised concerns about increased road safety risks for riders due to speeding and unsafe driving since construction began on the new housing estate. They requested consideration of expanding and connecting local bridleways and asked about the possibility of gaining permission for horse riding in Anslow Woodland. The landowners met with the parishioner and explained that Anslow is already well served by bridlepaths and that allowing horses in the woodland would damage the footpaths, particularly in winter. The parishioner understood that riding in the woodland would not be permitted.

Hanbury Parish Council raised urgent concerns about ongoing safety issues at a dangerous junction where there have now been three recent fatalities, including the death of a paramedic. Despite previous improvements to signage, the Council stresses that more substantive safety measures are needed, noting that motorists face traffic travelling up to 60mph with limited visibility and stopping distance. They questioned why the junction remains a “Give Way” rather than a “Stop” and highlighted that other local areas, such as Marchington, Draycott, and Tutbury, have received traffic calming measures without the same level of statistical evidence or fatalities.

MP Jacob Collier has contacted the Chief Executive of the County Council to ask whether further safety measures are planned and will share any response once received

Dangerous hanging branch on Longhedge Lane reported to Staffs County Council. **This has now been removed**

- **FINANCE**

Date	Online Payment Number	Category	Invoice Detail	Invoice Amount		
				Net	VAT	Gross
01/08/2025	OLP2025/24	Clerks Salary	Salary	-£ 440.90		-£ 440.90
19/08/2025		Bank Interest	Charges	-£ 4.25		-£ 4.25
01/09/2025	OLP2025/25	Clerks Salary	Salary	-£ 440.90		-£ 440.90
03/09/2025	OLP2025/26	Planters & Village Maintenance	Josh	-£ 170.00		-£ 170.00
03/09/2025	OLP2025/27	Clerks Salary	Pay Renumeration	-£ 128.80		-£ 128.80
03/09/2025	OLP2025/28	Room Hire	742	-£ 20.00		-£ 20.00
03/09/2025	OLP2025/29	Website		-£ 251.16	-£ 50.23	-£ 301.39
03/09/2025	OLP2025/30	Parish Projects	Noticeboard Repair	-£ 135.00		-£ 135.00
03/09/2025	OLP2025/31	Clerks Salary	HMRC	-£ 101.23		-£ 101.23
03/09/2025	OLP2025/32	Clerks Salary	HMRC	-£ 101.23		-£ 101.23
01/10/2025	OLP2025/33	Clerks Salary	HMRC	-£ 101.23		-£ 101.23

All payments agreed by the council

Balance at 31.08.2025	
Treasurers Account - 56980463	£15,209.45

8. Review planning applications

Status	Date	Planning No:	Site Address	Description	APC Comments	Decision
Registered	25/03/2025	P/2024/01181	Mosley Primary School, Main Road, Anslow, Staffordshire , DE13 9QD	Formation of a designated pedestrian ramp access from the highway footpath to the school's main reception area.	Concerns raised with the ramp being directly opposite the pub car park and the corner is dangerous for crossing with no pavement. Concern raised for the further loss of car parking spaces and impact this will have on the pub. Accidents have already occurred at the spot proposed in adverse weather. Pedestrians the entrance for the school car park.	

Registered	11/04/2025	P/2025/00274	15 Bushton Lane, Anslow, Staffordshire , DE13 9QL	Formation of dropped kerb and widening of existing driveway.	No comments from the parish council.	
Registered	26/06/2025	P/2025/00620	Barley Fields Farm, Bell House Lane, Anslow Gate, Staffordshire , DE13 9PA	Demolition of existing building to facilitate the erection of detached single storey dwellinghouse.	No comments from the parish council.	
New	23/07/2025	P/2025/00719	Linden Lea, Tutbury Road Rural, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire , DE13 0AW	Felling of one common Lime tree (T404 of TPO 1)		
New	05/08/2025	P/2024/01011	Land adj to 67 Hopley Road, Anslow, Staffordshire , DE13 9PZ	Erection of a detached self-build dwelling		
New	20/08/2025	P/2025/00818	180 Henhurst Hill, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire , DE13 9SY	Widening of the existing dropped kerb		
New	26/08/2025	P/2025/00792	The Willows , New Gate Court Main Road, Anslow, Staffordshire , DE13 9FH	Two storey rear extension and installation of first floor side dormer.		
New	03/09/2025	P/2025/00785	Dovecote Barn, Outwoods Lane, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire , DE13 9QU	Change of use of land and construction of internal access track to form vehicular access to residential dwelling and equestrian uses with associated external alterations and landscaping.		

P/2025/00719 - the application does not provide a rationale for the proposed removal, as there is no indication that the tree is diseased, damaged, or poses any safety concerns. A query was raised regarding the reason for its removal
P/2024/01011 - Concerns raised as previously about the issues with parking and accessibility as well as concerns of materials used.
P/2025/00818 – No comments from the parish council
P/2025/00792 – No comments from the parish council
P/2025/00785 – No comments from the parish council

Action: Clerk to add comments to ESBC Planning portal

9. To discuss the quote for the dangerous tree next to the allotment

The Council obtained two quotes for the removal of a dangerous tree that is not located on Council-owned land: £1,250 and £950 plus VAT. It was agreed to discuss this further with Cllr Thompstone to review any progress and then look to proceed.

Action: Cllr Thompstone to discuss with the landowner

10. To discuss the remembrance service 2025

It was agreed to contact the church regarding a service on Tuesday 11th November and to invite the children of Moseley School to take part as well as the Little Monsters Nursery. Cllr Page & Cllr Bailey will attend on behalf of the parish council. The purchasing of two new wreaths was approved.

Action: Clerk to contact the church, the school and the nursery and to create posters and handouts. Clerk to purchase wreaths.

11. Councillors' Reports: Parish Cllrs, SCC Cllr Phillip White, ESBC Cllr Russell Lock and ESBC Cllr Simon Gaskin

Cllr Jeans discussed the repairing the Speed Indication Devices and this will be occurring in the coming weeks.

Hopley Road was discussed, and Cllr Jeans reported that he had spoken with Cllr White. The crossroads are scheduled to be completed in March and April. The delay was due to avoiding disruption to the Adventure Farm and the preferred tarmac being unsuitable for cold weather. Staffordshire County Council is aware that speed mitigation measures in Anslow cannot be finalised until the Hopley Road works are completed and is awaiting the necessary budget. A site review of Hopley Road will be carried out by Cllr Jeans and Cllr White.

Parking on Bushton Lane was discussed as a parishioner has written to the headteacher of Moseley school. The school wants to be supportive and there will be enforcement in the coming days to stop the issues. It was agreed to invite the head to the next meeting for discussion.

A parishioner raised concerns about the Anslow address being used on properties that aren't technically in the boundary. It was suggested that they contact Royal Mail.

The plant pot was discussed that needs replacing, and it was agreed to purchase a cheaper pot.

It was to contact the grounds maintenance team to ask them to clear the grass patch opposite the memorial when they are doing the winter planning.

Action: Clerk to invite the headteacher of Mosely school to the next parish council meeting;
Clerk to contact grounds maintenance to discuss the clearing of the grass verge.

Meeting closed 20.58pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 12th November 2025**

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www.anslowparishcouncil.org.uk

Signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council

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Date: