

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 12th November 2025

Present; Councillors: Cllr Jeans, Cllr Page, Cllr Bailey, Cllr Tomlinson

Also present C Holmes, Borough Cllr Lock, Borough Cllr Gaskin, Borough Cllr Smedley

5 Parishioners

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Thompstone, Cllr Reader, Cllr Bull.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Welcome from the chair

The chair welcomed everyone present at the meeting.

4. Public Forum

A representative from the PCC attended the meeting to express concerns about the future of the church. The aging congregation was discussed, along with whether the village still wishes to retain a functioning church, as there may soon be too few volunteers to manage it effectively. Financial pressures were highlighted, particularly the uncertainty around who will continue essential maintenance work once current volunteers are no longer able to do so.

It was noted that the Remembrance Service was poorly attended, which was disappointing given the significant effort involved in decorating the church and preparing the service. Burial plots were discussed, with the churchyard now close to capacity. This issue is expected to become increasingly problematic, and the lack of available burial space remains one of the church's most pressing concerns.

The PCC representative requested assistance in securing additional parking and reinforcing the area behind the cremation section. The possibility of a pavement from the village to the church was raised, as this could encourage more families—particularly children—to attend. A kerbstone and the existing green footpath was also mentioned; however, space is limited and Staffordshire County Council has previously indicated that this may not be feasible. The Parish Council remains concerned that no progress will be made on this.

Annual Parish Council Meetings were discussed as an opportunity to promote the church. Members noted that the church is widely praised for its churchyard, though this is currently maintained by an 83-year-old volunteer, which is becoming increasingly difficult to sustain. Significant concern was expressed regarding what will happen to the church in the future if support continues to decline.

It was agreed that the church remains an important part of the village's social fabric. The Common Fund contribution was discussed, with payments continuing despite the current vacancy for the vicar.

The long-term sustainability of the church was considered, including potential support for fundraising activities, which are typically well attended.

Finally, Burton Consolidated Charities were mentioned as a possible source of grant funding to support increasing the car parking provision.

Action: Parish council to organise a meeting with the church to discuss next steps

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd September 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.

Item 4: still no response from ESBC in relation to the workings of the neighbourhood plan

Action: Clerk to chase ESBC

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

- **CORRESPONDENCE & ONGOING MATTERS**

Henry Hall instructed in relation to the dangerous tree

Remembrance service organised and attended by the school and the nursery

Meeting arranged with Mosely School and the PCSO in relation to parking

Grounds maintenance instructed to clear the grass verge

Currently one allotment plot available from January 2026

Missing bollard replaced on Tutbury Road

Parishioner correspondence in relation to bridleways

Parishioner correspondence in relation to the neighbourhood plans and effectiveness of them in relation to planning decisions.

Correspondence explaining that the PCSO is struggling to attend meetings during their shift pattern.

Parishioner correspondence in relation to the portacabins on Beamhill Road.

A resident reported that the recent grass cutting on Hopley Road was poorly done. Instead of being mown as usual, it was strimmed, leaving grass cuttings scattered across the pavement, making it untidy and inconvenient for walkers. They noted that previous cuts had been satisfactory but felt this one fell below a reasonable standard, especially as it may be the final cut of the year.

A resident asked if the village book swap could be reinstated or if there is a similar alternative nearby.

Action; Price for mowing and strimming of Hopley Road around the noticeboard and on the corner from grounds maintenance to be obtained.

- **FINANCE**

Date	Online Payment Number	Category	Invoice Detail	Invoice Amount		
				Net	VAT	Gross
03/11/2025	OLP2025/35	Clerks Salary		-£ 456.85		-£ 456.85
03/11/2025	OLP2025/36	Clerks Salary	HMRC	-£ 101.23		-£ 101.23
06/11/2025	OLP2025/37	Allotment Rents	Elks	£ 36.55		£ 36.55
12/11/2025	OLP2025/38	Clerks Salary	HMRC	-£ 101.23		-£ 101.23
12/11/2025	OLP2025/39	Misc & Donations	Poppies	-£ 40.00	-£ 6.66	-£ 46.66
12/11/2025	OLP2025/40	Training	Making Planning Effective	-£ 35.00	-£ 7.00	-£ 42.00
12/11/2025	OLP2025/41	Room Hire		-£ 20.00		-£ 20.00
12/11/2025	OLP2025/42	Computer Costs	Microsoft	-£ 84.99		-£ 84.99
12/11/2025	OLP2025/43	Stationary		-£ 188.19		-£ 188.19

All payments agreed by the council

Balance at 31.10.2025	
Treasurers Account - 56980463	£19,223.32

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	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	

				reception area.	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.	
Registered	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)	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	Grants
Appeal Lodged	05/08/2025	P/2024/01011	Land adj to 67 Hopley Road, Anslow, Staffordshire , DE13 9PZ	Erection of a detached self-build dwelling	Concerns raised as previously about the issues with parking and accessibility as well as concerns of materials used.	Dismissed
Registered	20/08/2025	P/2025/00818	180 Henhurst Hill, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire , DE13 9SY	Widening of the existing dropped kerb	No comments from the parish council.	Permits
Registered	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.	No comments from the parish council.	
Registered	03/09/2025	P/2025/00785	Dovecote Barn, Outwoods Lane, Burton Upon Trent,	Change of use of land and construction of internal access track to form vehicular	No comments from the parish council.	

			Staffordshire , DE13 9QU	access to residential dwelling and equestrian uses with associated external alterations and landscaping.		
New	08/09/2025	P/2025/00801	Lodge Hill/Tutbury Road Rural, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire	Crown lift branches on South and West Quadrant up to 1.5 metres to provide 6.5 metre clearance over highway of two Oak trees (T22 and W30) two Sycamore trees (T23 and T24) and two Elm trees (T407 and T429) and crown lift up to 1.7 metres to provide 6.5 metre clearance over highway one Lime tree (T404) (of TPO 1)		GRANTS
New	12/09/2025	P/2025/00802	Lodge Hill, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire	Crown lift branches on South and West Quadrant up to 1.5 metres to provide 6.5 metre clearance over highway of five Yew trees (T1, T2, T3, T4 and T5 of TPO 333) and two		GRANTS

				Oak trees and three Sycamore trees (W4 of TPO 1)		
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9. To discuss the school parking following a meeting with Mosely School & the PCSO

The meeting was held to discuss ongoing parking problems in the village during school drop-off and pick-up times. Issues have worsened since double yellow lines were added on Bushton Lane, with parents continuing to park illegally and block driveways.

Police representatives confirmed they cannot issue fines for parking on double yellow lines but can enforce penalties on school zigzag lines. Residents were encouraged to photograph offending vehicles and report them so that warnings could be issued. Parking enforcement officers from the Borough will be asked to attend during peak times to issue fines.

Concerns were raised about parents' abusive behaviour towards residents and school staff. The Police confirmed they would act where necessary. The idea of purchasing traffic cones to prevent illegal parking was discussed, though funding and management were not agreed.

Concerns were also raised on behalf of the local public house, which has allowed parents to use its car park but is reconsidering due to poor behaviour. The Headteacher expressed concern about the impact on the community and confirmed the school regularly reminds parents of parking expectations and addresses misconduct directly.

Examples of unsafe and disrespectful behaviour were shared, including verbal abuse and dangerous driving near the school. The Headteacher explained that the school gates are now kept closed during the day for safety and to prevent unauthorised parking.

Parking problems were also noted on the Leyfields estate, where parents are damaging unadopted roads. Police plan to return later in 2025 in plain clothes to monitor the situation and conduct speed checks.

The Headteacher is working with the County Council on a "Road Safety for Schools" initiative, though safety arrangements are still being considered. Concerns were raised about the lack of traffic calming measures near the school, particularly given a recent accident.

The meeting concluded with agreement on the need for continued cooperation between the school, Parish Council, and Police to prioritise children's and community safety. The school will continue to remind parents of parking expectations through newsletters and messages

10. To provide an update on the traffic calming

A discussion has taken place with the County Councillor in relation to upcoming work as delays have taken place due to permits being required. This is likely to take place in April for the work undertaken outside The Acorn pub.

The weight limit was discussed and if that would be up to five lane ends and the possibility for agricultural exemption was also discussed.

The Speed Indication Device on Hopley Road was discussed as it is currently in need of repair and this will be undertaken shortly.

The local authority will also be coming to review potential traffic calming on Hopley Road in the coming weeks.

Action: Clerk to check range of new weight limit restrictions.

11. To review and approve the budget 2026/2027

The budget was reviewed and approved with an increase of 10%. All in favour. The precept for 2026/2027 is £13,019.

Action: Clerk to inform ESBC of the precept request.

12. To review and approve the meeting dates for 2026

The meeting dates for 2026 were agreed and are as follows:

Wednesday January 7th, 2026 - 6.30pm - Parish Council meeting

Wednesday March 4th, 2026 - 6.30pm - Parish Council meeting

Wednesday May 13th, 2026 - 6.30pm - **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council/Annual Parish Meeting**

Wednesday July 8th, 2026 - 6.30pm - Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday September 9th, 2026 - 6.30pm - Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday November 4th, 2026 - 6.30pm - Parish council meeting

Action: Clerk to book with Anslow Village Hall & update the website.

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

Cllr Lock explained that ESBC passed its plan for LGR by one vote.

Cllr Gaskin discussed mud on the road in particularly on Beamhill. Enforcement and planning have been informed, and the roads are supposed to be swept twice a day, but this doesn't appear to be happening. It is however still being chased.

It was requested that a refresh of where our boundaries was given to the parish councillor.

Action: Clerk to provide a refresh of the parish council boundaries in the form of a map.

Meeting closed 19:47pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 7th January 2025**

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www.anslowparishcouncil.org.uk

Signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council

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Date: