

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 8th July 2026

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

Also present C Holmes; 1 Parishioner

1. Apologies for Absence

Borough Cllr Smedley, Borough Cllr Lock, Cllr Bull

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Chair's Welcome

The chair offered a welcome to all those who have attended.

4. Public Forum

None.

5. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th May 2026

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. Review planning applications.

Registered	14/11/2025	P/2025/01276	HANBURY PARK GATE BURTON ROAD NEEDWOOD DE13 9PE	Demolition of single storey side extension, erection of two storey front and side extensions, raising of the eaves and ridge height, erection of dormer windows, and alterations to fenestrations and installation of cladding.	No comments from the parish council.	Refuses
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Registered	12/05/2026	P/2026/00426	CHURCH FARM TEA ROOMS HANBURY ROAD ANSLOW GATE DE13 9QT	Change of use of land and erection of stables, animal barn, sensory play barn, pigsty, and farm entrance (kiosk) to form an extension to the existing animal education centre & tea rooms, including installation of outside natural play equipment & package treatment plant & alterations to car parking to form additional spaces, landscaping and associated facilities	The parish council offered their support for this planning application allowing for better parking and more jobs in to the village.	
Registered	26/05/2026	P/2026/00530	THE HAWTHORN S MAIN ROAD ANSLOW DE13 9QD	Removal of T1 Horse Chestnut. Alternatively, T1 Horse Chestnut to be pollarded leaving a final height of around 6m (TPO 74).		
Withdrawn	01/06/2026	P/2026/00530	THE HAWTHORN S MAIN ROAD ANSLOW DE13 9QD	Fell one Horse Chestnut tree (T1 of TPO 74)	The parish council suggested pollarding the tree as an alternative	
New	08/06/2026	P/2026/00590	STOCKLEY PARK FARM HANBURY ROAD ANSLOW GATE DE13 9PJ	Prior Approval for the conversion of two agricultural buildings to form two dwellings with associated building operations		
New	11/06/2026	P/2026/00622	BELMONT SHOT BLASTING BELMOT FARM BELMOT ROAD NEEDWOOD DE13 9PH	Construction of extension.		

New	16/06/2026	P/2026/00642	BELL HOUSE FARM BELL HOUSE LANE ANSLOW GATE DE13 9PA	Construction of single storey side extension, oak porch.		
New	15/06/2026	P/2026/00633	LAND ADJACENT TO 67 HOPLEY ROAD ANSLOW DE13 9PZ	Erection of a detached dwelling		
New	06/07/2026	P/2026/00732	THE HAWTHORN S MAIN ROAD ANSLOW DE13 9QD	Pollard to a final height of approx 6m and width of approx 5m of one Horse Chestnut tree (T1 of TPO74)		
P/2026/00590 - The parish council have no comments P/2026/00622 - The parish council have no comments P/2026/00642 - The parish council have no comments P/2026/00633 - No objections but comments noted about insufficient turning space on the drive P/2026/00732 - The parish council have no comments Action: Clerk to add comments to ESBC Planning Portal						

8. Receive Borough and County Councillor reports

None received.

9. To discuss the Community Asset application at The Bell Inn

It was agreed to contact ESBC and the Borough Councillors in relation to this application and to look at progressing it forward.

Action: Cllr Jeans to discuss this with ESBC & the Borough Councillors.

10. review and approve the Standing Orders 2026

The Standing Orders were reviewed and approved.

Action: Clerk to add to the website

11. To review and approve the Code of Conduct 2026

The Code of Conduct reviewed and approved.

Action: Clerk to add to the website

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

- **CORRESPONDENCE & ONGOING MATTERS**

Still awaiting a couple of Register of Interests forms.

Confirmation that fibre will be coming to the village through project Gigabit

Castle Way Energy Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP)

The Planning Inspectorate has notified the Parish Council of a proposed Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) known as Castle Way Energy, being promoted by BSSL Derbyshire 1 Ltd. The proposal comprises a large-scale renewable energy development, including a solar farm capable of generating up to 300MW of electricity, together with battery energy storage facilities of up to 200MW and associated infrastructure such as substations, underground cabling, access tracks and landscaping. As the project exceeds the threshold for nationally significant infrastructure, any future application will be determined by the Secretary of State through the Planning Inspectorate, rather than by the local planning authority.

The project is currently in the pre-application stage, and the applicant has requested a Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate. The Parish Council has been consulted not on whether it supports or objects to the development, but on whether there are any local or environmental matters that should be assessed within the Environmental Statement (ES). This may include issues such as landscape and visual impact, traffic and highways, ecology, flooding and drainage, heritage assets, public rights of way, noise, air quality and impacts on nearby communities. Any comments must be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 15 July 2026. Members should note that there will be further opportunities to comment on the proposed development itself during the applicant's statutory consultation and subsequent Development Consent Order application process. ***The parish council would like to request information on where the control centre is likely to be as this isn't clear on the current plans.***

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Following a recent meeting with parish councils across the constituency, the local MP has written to the Minister for Local Government highlighting a number of concerns raised by parish councils regarding the forthcoming Local Government Reorganisation in Staffordshire.

The letter seeks clarification on three key areas:

- **Asset Transfers:** Parish councils have been advised by East Staffordshire Borough Council that all asset transfers are currently on hold due to Local Government Reorganisation. Concerns have been raised that this is preventing parish councils from taking on the management of community assets such as parks and play areas before the Borough Council is abolished, despite similar transfers continuing elsewhere in Staffordshire. Clarification has been requested on the Government's position.
- **Local Area Committees:** The Government's proposals indicate that Local Area Committees will be established within the new unitary authority structure. Parish councils are seeking reassurance on how they will be represented within these committees and whether they will have a formal role in influencing local decision-making.

- **Devolution of Local Services:** Concerns have also been expressed that a larger unitary authority could become more remote from local communities. The letter asks whether parish councils will be encouraged and supported to take on responsibility for local, non-statutory services, such as parks, playgrounds and green spaces, where there is local capacity and willingness to do so.

The Minister has been asked to provide clarification on these matters so that parish councils can better understand the implications of Local Government Reorganisation and the opportunities available to them under the new arrangements

The next Parish Council Forum will take place on Tuesday 21st July at 6:30pm via Microsoft Teams. The agenda will include a presentation from the Planning Policy Team on the Local Plan, along with an update from the Climate Change Team on their current work. Attendance is limited to one representative per Parish Council.

East Staffordshire Borough Council will launch a Local Plan consultation during July and August, seeking views to help shape development across the borough up to 2043. An online survey and supporting evidence will be available via the Council's consultation portal, and parish councils are encouraged to take part. The Planning Policy Team will also be providing a presentation on the consultation at the forthcoming Parish Council Forum

Action: Clerk to enquire about the Castle Way control centre

- **FINANCE**

Date	Online Payment Number	Category	Invoice Detail	Invoice Amount		
				Net	VAT	Gross
01/06/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 15	Clerks Salary		-£ 456.85		-£ 456.85
01/06/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 16	Planters & Village Maintenance	Summer Planting	-£ 575.00	-£ 115.00	-£ 690.00
19/06/2026		Bank Interest		-£ 4.25		-£ 4.25
01/07/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 17	Clerks Salary	Salary	-£ 456.85		-£ 456.85
08/07/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 18	ICO	ICO	-£ 52.00		-£ 52.00
08/07/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 19	Clerks Salary	HMRC	-£ 101.23		-£ 101.23

All payments agreed by the council

Balance at 30.06.2026	
Treasurers Account - 56980463	£17.008.95

13. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Thompstone to remove the old bench on the green and clerk to contact grounds maintenance to discuss securing the new one.

Hedge cutting at the bottom of Hopley Road on the junction with Hanbury Road was discussed and it was agreed to discuss this with grounds maintenance.

Dangerous driving on Hopley Road and Bushton Lane was discussed and it was agreed to contact the PCSO.

The Anslow music festival was discussed, and it was agreed to contact the Borough Council to discuss the timings of the event as well as the infrastructure that is in place for the event.

The reduction in water pressure was discussed.

The broken SID on Hopley Road was discussed, and it was agreed to contact an electrician again to look at this

Action: Cllr Thompstone to remove bench, Clerk to contact grounds maintenance to discuss the bench and the overgrown hedge on Hopley Road. Clerk to contact PCSO in relation to the speeding traffic in the evenings on Hopley Road. Clerk to contact ESBC in relation to the Anslow Music Festival. Cllr Jeans to get an electrician to look at the SID on Hopley Road.

Meeting closed at 19:22pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is– 9th September 2026

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www.anslowparishcouncil.org.uk

Signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council

Name:

Date: