Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 9th September 2026

Present; Councillors: Cllr Jeans, Cllr Bull, Cllr Bailey, Cllr Thompstone, Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Page
Also present C Holmes; 5 Parishioners

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Borough Cllr Smedley, Borough Cllr Lock, Borough Cllr Gaskin, Cllr Reader

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **Chair's Welcome**

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

4. **Public Forum**

Planning application P/2026/00889 was discussed by the applicants with a summary given.

The ongoing works at the junction near The Acorn pub were discussed. The Council noted that it had not been informed of the proposed location of the double yellow lines. Concerns were also raised regarding the junction remaining closed at weekends, despite the impact on local businesses in Anslow. While the Council acknowledged the need to comply with health and safety requirements, members felt that greater consideration should be given to minimising disruption where possible. It was noted that the impact was significant, with The Acorn reportedly considering closing for four weeks as a result. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Staffordshire County Council to raise the Council's concerns.

The junction towards Hanbury was discussed. It was noted that Hanbury Parish Council is pursuing potential improvements at the junction and, although it has encountered some resistance from Staffordshire Highways, discussions remain ongoing.

Flooding in the centre of the village was discussed. While improvements have been noted following recent works, concerns remain, particularly with further storms forecast. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Rolleston Parish Council to seek information about the flood defence support and measures implemented in their parish.

Action: Clerk to contact SCC to raise concerns regarding the roadworks, Clerk to contact Rolleston Parish Council regarding flood defences.

5. **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th July 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.**

7. **Review planning applications.**

Status	Date	Planning No:	Site Address	Description	APC Comments	Decision
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	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 into the village.	Refuses
Registered	26/05/2026	P/2026/00530	THE HAWTHORNS 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).		

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Registered	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	The parish council have no comments	Refuses
Registered	11/06/2026	P/2026/00622	BELMONT SHOT BLASTING BELMOT FARM BELMOT ROAD NEEDWOOD DE13 9PH	Construction of extension.	The parish council have no comments	Permits
Registered	16/06/2026	P/2026/00642	BELL HOUSE FARM BELL HOUSE LANE ANSLOW GATE DE13 9PA	Construction of single storey side extension, oak porch.	The parish council have no comments	Permits
Registered	15/06/2026	P/2026/00633	LAND ADJACENT TO 67 HOPLEY ROAD ANSLOW DE13 9PZ	Erection of a detached dwelling	No objections but comments noted about insufficient turning space on the drive.	
Registered	06/07/2026	P/2026/00732	THE HAWTHORNS 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)	The parish council have no comments	GRANTS
NEW	19/08/2026	P/2026/00889	THE BUNGALOW MAIN ROAD ANSLOW DE13 9QE	Remodelling of existing dwelling including first floor front extension, two storey rear extension, raising of roof height to incorporate a first floor and loft space, side link extension with office above and rear dormer, external alterations and formation of a new vehicular access		

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P/2026/00426 – The Council discussed writing to the Planning Authority regarding the refusal of the application, as members did not consider the reasons for refusal to be sufficiently justified. The Council highlighted the employment and socio-economic benefits of the proposal, as well as its potential to reduce traffic on local roads. Members also disagreed with the stated concern regarding provision for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Planning Authority outlining the Council's concerns.
P/2026/00590 - The Council discussed writing to the Planning Authority regarding the refusal of the application, as members did not consider the reasons given to be sufficiently justified. It was noted that there was adequate space for vehicles to pass and that the Council had previously requested a condition requiring passing places. Members also noted that the site was set back approximately three fields from the road and was not readily visible from the highway. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Planning Authority outlining the Council's concerns.
P/2026/00889 - The Parish Council agreed to support the application, noting that the proposals would improve the appearance of the site, subject to the use of appropriate building materials that are sympathetic to the surrounding area

Action: Clerk to contact the Borough Councillors & the planning department about P/2026/00426 and P/2026/00590. P/2026/00889 – Comments to be added to ESBC planning portal.

8. Receive Borough and County Councillor reports

It was noted that the Government has paused and is reviewing Local Government Reorganisation, including the proposals for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, following updated legal advice. Local elections in May 2027 are expected to proceed on existing council boundaries. Further information is awaited, with additional announcements anticipated in the autumn.

9. To consider the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association (SPCA) Call for Evidence regarding Local Government Reorganisation

This item is no longer relevant as the Local Government Reorganisation has been suspended.

10. To review and approve the Social Media Policy 2026

The Social Media Policy 2026 was reviewed and approved.

Action: Clerk to add to the website

11. To discuss the plans for remembrance 2026

Remembrance arrangements were discussed. It was agreed that two new wreaths would be ordered from the Royal British Legion and that the Remembrance service would take place as usual. Invitations will be sent to Mosley School and Little Monsters, with the vicar to be contacted regarding the arrangements. It was also noted that new poppies are required for the lampposts

Action: Clerk to contact the relevant parties, order two wreaths and new lamppost poppies.

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

<u>CORRESPONDENCE & ONGOING MATTERS</u>

Bench has now been removed and replaced with the new one

Following enquiries regarding the proposed music festival at Poplars Equestrian, ESBC confirmed that a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) had been granted for 28–30 August 2026, covering alcohol sales, regulated entertainment and late-night refreshment from 6pm–11pm each day. No objections were received from Staffordshire Police Licensing or Environmental Health; the enquiry was also forwarded to Environmental Health and Licensing Enforcement for any further information regarding event arrangements

A parishioner raised concerns regarding the SID on Hopley Road, which is currently not operational. The Clerk has obtained contact details for a former Morlock employee who may be able to assist should the issue not be resolved by an electrician.

The Fauld Liaison Committee received updates on British Gypsum's operations at Fauld Mine, including current mining activity, blasting procedures and vibration monitoring, with levels confirmed to be well within permitted limits. The County Council confirmed the site is operating satisfactorily, and planning matters are up to date, while future mining areas and the development of fertiliser products were also discussed. No major operational changes are anticipated over the next 12 months, and liaison meetings will continue annually, with councils notified of any significant changes.

Rubbish dumped in a field opposite Hopley Road reported to environmental health. This has now been removed.

Quartey financial audit undertaken.

Correspondence was received raising objections to the planned road closure from 1 September, citing concerns regarding the timing, duration, diversion arrangements, access and the impact on residents and school traffic, and requesting that the works be postponed. Staffordshire County Council responded that the safety-led works would proceed as planned, with the full closure expected to end on 2 October before moving to temporary traffic lights. SCC confirmed that alternatives had been considered but a full closure was considered the safest and quickest way to complete the works, and the request to postpone was therefore declined.

Following the Clerk's enquiry regarding the location of the proposed control centre, the project team confirmed that the plans do not include an onsite control centre. The site will be operated remotely, with onsite attendance only required during periods of active maintenance.

Community Asset Application for The Bell is still be discussed with ESBC, but no representations have been received by the owners. The parish councillors have asked if a representative from ESBC Legal services would like to come and visit the property with the councillors.

Action: Clerk to chase the Community Asset application; Clerk to contact ESBC Legal services in regard to The Bell

FINANCE

Date	Online Payment Number	Category	Invoice Detail	Invoice Amount		
				Net	VAT	Gross
03/08/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 19	Clerks Salary	Salary	-£ 456.85		-£ 456.85
18/08/2026		Bank Interest	Charges	-£ 4.25		-£ 4.25
01/09/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 20	Clerks Salary	Salary	-£ 456.85		-£ 456.85
09/09/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 21	Clerks Salary	HMRC	-£ 101.23		-£ 101.23
09/09/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 22	Clerks Salary	HMRC	-£ 101.23		-£ 101.23
09/09/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 23	Clerks Salary	HMRC	-£ 101.23		-£ 101.23
09/09/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 24	Clerks Salary	HMRC	-£ 100.00		-£ 100.00
09/09/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 25	Room Hire		-£ 20.00		-£ 20.00
09/09/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 26	Computer Costs	Microsoft	-£ 84.99		-£ 84.99
09/09/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 27	Computer Costs	Email Renewal	-£ 35.88	-£ 7.18	-£ 43.06
09/09/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 28	Clerks Salary	Pay Renumeration	-£ 156.00		-£ 156.00
09/09/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 29	Planters & Village Maintenance	Defib Battery	-£ 245.00	-£ 49.00	-£ 294.00

All payments agreed by the council

Balance at 31.08.2026	
Treasurers Account	£1,032.76
Savings Account	£15,006.99
TOTAL	**£16,039.75**

13. Councillors' Reports

Fly Tipping was discussed.

An apple tree on the Allotment was discussed as some of the apples have been stolen.

Out of date board at Hanbury crossroads from the airfield. It was agreed for the clerk to write to the airfield for removal

The provision of litter bins outside the Village Hall and in the lay-by opposite the allotments was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the relevant authority to request that bins be installed at both locations.

The defibrillator at The Bell Inn was discussed and is now fully functional

Rubbish in hedgerows was discussed, and it was suggested that a paid litter picker could be employed to resolve the issue. It was suggested this could happen monthly to keep on top of it. It was agreed to look at some options for this.

Action: Clerk to request further bins; Clerk to look at litter picking options.

Meeting closed at 19.53pm

The next Parish Council Meeting is– 4th November 2026
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Signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council

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Date: