



COLWICH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2025, AT THE PARISH CENTRE, ST. MARY'S ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD, COMMENCING AT 7:20PM.

PRESENT (For all or part of the meeting): Cllr Plant (Chairman); Cllr Bloor (Vice Chairman); Cllr Dunn; Cllr B Forster; Cllr M Forster; Cllr Hardwick; Cllr Hill; Cllr Mosley; and Cllr Walters.

IN ATTENDANCE: Revd Mr M Lennon (Chief Officer); Mr A Egan (Deputy Chief Officer); Miss F Alineri-Willis (Events Co-ordinator) and Mr I Cruise-Taylor (Staffordshire Parish Council Association).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: 9 Members of Public were present.

The Scarecrow Competition winners were announced by the Chairman with presentation of certificates and trophies.

Cllr Hardwick arrived

6 members of the public left the meeting.

Mr Cruise-Taylor led a training session considering the responsibilities of Chairmen and Vice Chairmen for both Full Council and Committees.

Cllr Upton-Loach arrived during this training session.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cruise-Taylor who left the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Two members of the public spoke regarding item 135/25

MINUTES

123/25 Revd Mr Lennon led the Council in **PRAYERS**.

124/25 **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Hall (away); Cllr Martin (illness); Cllr Meakin (away); Cllr Cooper (SBC) and Cllr McKeown (SBC).

Cllr Bloor and Cllr Mosley noted that they would need to leave at 9.30pm

RESOLVED to accept the reasons for absence.

PROPOSED Cllr Upton-Loach **SECONDED** Cllr Walters.
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

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125/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were received from Cllr Upton Loach and Cllr Hardwick regarding items 135/25 and 142/25.

126/25 WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 were received from Cllr Hall for 4 months due to work.

RESOLVED to accept and grant the dispensation.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Upton-Loach
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

The Chief Officer signed the request on behalf of the Council.

127/25 THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLVED to amend 120/25 from “...to contact the County Council...” to “...that the Chief Officer contacts the County Council...”

RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes, with amendments, as a true and accurate record.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Bloor
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

128/25 THE MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Hill
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously by those present who had also attend the Events Committee meeting.

129/25 THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025.

RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Bloor
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously by those present who had also attend the Leisure Committee meeting.

130/25 THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025.

RESOLVED to agree and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

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PROPOSED Cllr Bloor

SECONDED Cllr Mosley

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously by those present who had also attend the Environment Committee meeting.

131/25 THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT was noted.

132/25 THE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was noted.

133/25 There was no **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

134/25 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a. No payments details of Standing Order, Direct Debit, Electronic Payment and cheques issued since the last Full Council meeting were presented.
- b. No receipts received since the last Full Council meeting were presented.
- c. No Bank Statements and Reconciliation were presented.
- d. Memorial Garden.

RESOLVED to create a new Memorial Garden account and to transfer £4000 from 315 Footpaths Capital Reserve.

PROPOSED Cllr Upton-Loach

SECONDED Cllr Bloor.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

135/25 AN ANNUAL SET GRANT TO THE COLWICH & HAYWOODS IN BLOOM GROUP.

Cllr Hardwick and Cllr Upton-Loach left the room during consideration of items 135/25 and 142/25.

RESOLVED not to reinstate an annual grant to Colwich Parish in Bloom.

RESOLVED that Colwich Parish in Bloomer should apply for support through the Small Grant Scheme, working in collaboration with the Council's elected representative with their group.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant

SECONDED Cllr Mosley.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

142/25 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE SMALL GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE IN BLOOMERS.

The Chairman moved this item forward as it links with item 135/25.

RESOLVED to approve a grant of £400 to Colwich Parish in Bloom.

PROPOSED Cllr Bloor

SECONDED ---

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RESOLVED not to proceed with the purchase of the land for the surgery pathway.

PROPOSED Cllr Hill **SECONDED** Cllr B Forster
On being put to the vote, the Resolution passed by majority.

139/25 THE ‘TOLKEIN IN GREAT HAYWOOD’ GROUP.

RESOLVED that the Chairman approaches the Group to request that the Council provides two representatives, Cllr M Forster and Cllr Hardwick.

PROPOSED Cllr Upton Loach **SECONDED** Cllr Walters
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

140/25 THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON.

Cllr Mosley left the meeting.

RESOLVED to refer the item to the Events Committee.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Walters.
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

141/25 TO CONSIDER AND AGREE A COUNCIL POSITION TO THE REQUEST FROM BELWAY HOMES.

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Order 1.4 and to exclude members of the public and press due to the confidential nature of the discussion.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Upton-Loach.
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

One member of the public left the meeting.

During the discussion, the Chairman noted that the meeting had been running for a further 30 minutes and so should be adjourned in line with Standing Order 1.29.

RESOLVED to continue for a further, and final, 30-minutes, in line with Standing Order 1.29.

PROPOSED Cllr Hardwick **SECONDED** Cllr Upton-Loach.
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Chief Officer contacts Belway Homes to explain that the Council does not support any development in the parish, especially outside the

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settlement boundary, as this is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan. As such, do they still wish to meet the Council.

PROPOSED Cllr M Forster **SECONDED** Cllr Walters.
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Cllr Bloor left the meeting.

**136/25 THE APPEAL AGAINST THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE
DECISION OF 4TH AUGUST 2025.**

Cllr Dunn, Chairman of the 4th August 2025 Complaints Committee, and the Chief Officer detailed the discussion and the information received subsequently from the complainant in line with the Council's Complaints Procedure (PD041) paragraphs 3.6 and 4.4.1.

The Chief Officer noted that the complainant had been invited to the meeting but had not attended.

Cllr Dunn, Cllr B Forster, Cllr M Forster, Cllr Hill and the Chief Officer left the room in line with PD041 paragraph 4.4.2.

The Council invited the Chief Officer and Committee members to return to answer questions in line with PD041 paragraph 3.10.

RESOLVED to reject the appeal as no new information had been provided to warrant changing the decision of the Complaints Committee.

PROPOSED Cllr Upton-Loach **SECONDED** Cllr Hardwick
On being put to the vote, the resolution carried unanimously by those Councillors present and voting.

RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Order 1.4 and to readmit members of the public and press.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Upton-Loach.
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

142/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6th November 2025.
Meeting Closed at 10:05pm