



COLWICH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025 AT THE PARISH CENTRE, ST. MARY'S ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD, COMMENCING AT 7:30PM.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Revd Mr Lennon (Chief Officer); Mr Egan (Deputy Chief Officer); Miss Alineri-Willis (Events Officer); Cllr Cooper (SBC) and Cllr Mynors (SCC).

PUBLIC PRESENT: 1 member of the public was present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The member of the public did not wish to speak at this time.

MINUTES

169/25 Revd Mr Lennon led the Council in **PRAYERS**

170/25 **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Hall (Away); Cllr Hill (Unwell); Cllr Martin (Dispensation) and Cllr McKeown (SBC meeting).

RESOLVED to accept the reasons for absence.

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

171/25 There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**.

172/25 There were no **WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**.

173/25 **THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2025.**

Item 155/25 to read "*There was no COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT (see 145/25)*" instead of "*There was no COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT (see 144/25)*".

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

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

174/25 THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13TH NOVEMBER 2025.

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

PROPOSED Cllr Plant **SECONDED** Cllr Dunn.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously by those present who had also attended the meeting of 13th November 2025.

175/25 THE MINUTES OF LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2025.

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

PROPOSED Cllr Dunn **SECONDED** Cllr Hardwick.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously by those present who had also attended the meeting of 4th December 2025.

176/25 TO CO-OPT A NEW COUNCILLOR TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE COLWICH AND LITTLE HAYWOOD WARD.

The Chairman invited the applicant present to address the Council in support of their co-option application. A further application was received but the candidate was unable to attend and had sent apologies. Following questions, from Councillors, the Chairman invited Councillors to vote on the applications.

APPLICANT	VOTES
Kirstie Lowbridge	7
Duncan Sandbrook	2

Kirstie Lowbridge was duly co-opted onto the Council and signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Chief Officer. Cllr Lowbridge joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting.

177/25 THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT was noted.

178/25 THE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was noted.

179/25 THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT was noted.

180/25 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a. The payments made by Standing Order, Direct Debit, Electronic Payment and cheques issued since the last Full Council meeting were noted.
- b. The receipts received since the last Full Council meeting were noted.
- c. The Bank Statements and Reconciliation were not presented.

181/25 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, UP TO MAY 2026.

Environment

Cllr Lowbridge was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Plant and **SECONDED** by Cllr M Forster as a member of the Environment Committee.

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

Cllr Bloor was **PROPOSED** by Cllr B Forster and **SECONDED** by Cllr M Forster to be the Chairman of the Committee.

Cllr B Forster was **PROPOSED** by Cllr M Forster and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bloor to be the Vice Chairman of the committee to replace Cllr Bloor.

On being put to the vote, the Resolutions carried unanimously by those members of the Committee present and voting.

Events

Cllr Grocott was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Plant and **SECONDED** by Cllr Walters as a member of the Events Committee.

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

Policy

Cllr Lowbridge was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Plant and **SECONDED** by Cllr Hardwick as a member of the Policy Committee.

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

Young People

Cllr Lowbridge was **PROPOSED** by Cllr B Forster and **SECONDED** by Cllr M Forster as a member of the Young People Committee.

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

Cllr M Forster was **PROPOSED** by Cllr B Forster and **SECONDED** by Cllr Lowbridge to be the Chairman of the Committee.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously by those members of the Committee present and voting.

182/25 THE COMMITTEE'S POLICY DOCUMENT (PD002).

RESOLVED that the Chief Officer should update the Committee/Councillor matrix, following the resignation from or election to a Committee, without awaiting the Annual Review and that Standing Order 11.1 will not apply to these updates.

PROPOSED Cllr Mosley

SECONDED Cllr Plant.

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

183/25 REPRESENTATIVES WITH OUTSIDE BODIES.

RESOLVED to appoint the following representatives:

Colwich Allotments Association
SinCH
High Schools

Cllr Lowbridge.
Defer to February 2026.
Cllr Plant

PROPOSED Cllr Walters

SECONDED Cllr Hardwick.

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

184/25 Consideration of the AIMS AND VALUES POLICY DOCUMENT (PD011) was deferred to February 2026.

185/25 THE SMALL GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE IN-BLOOMERS.

Cllr Hardwick declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or vote.

RESOLVED to decline the application as:

The use of bedding plants is not in line with the Council's Green Infrastructure Policy;
The Council provided funding for compost in May 2026.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant

SECONDED Cllr Grocott.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously by those Councillors present and voting.

Cllr Bloor abstained from voting.

186/25 THE LETTER FROM SADIK AL-HASSAN MP TO RT HON STEVE REED OBE MP, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HOUSING, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

RESOLVED to write to the Secretary of State in support of The Hon Sadik Al-Hassan MP.

PROPOSED Cllr Plant

SECONDED Cllr Bloor.

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

187/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING to be 5th February 2026.

The Chairman wished all members and officials a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting closed at 8:54pm.