



COLWICH PARISH COUNCIL

Colwich Parish Council Disclosure Log

Request: CPC FOI 01/26

Subject: Emery Drive Hedge

Question:

I would be grateful for an urgent response as a planning application is before committee on 22nd April 2026.

If you could clarify a question on the Minutes of the full Colwich Parish Council Meeting on 6th November 2025.

In an undated rebuttal letter, copy enclosed, sent from a resident of No 6 Emery Drive to the Planning Authority : -

**Response to Third Party Objections and Clarification of Facts
Planning Application 25/41444/ANX
Address 6 Emery Drive, Great Haywood, ST18 0WG.**

This letter records the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting to state that :-

161/25 The Hedge on Emery Drive. resolved not to sell the hedge on Emery Drive.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that this resolved agreement was in response to a letter from the residents of 6 Emery Drive dated 15th September 2025 which clearly asks for the consideration of the purchase of land in-front of No 6 Emery Drive or was there a change to this letter submitted to the planning department for their consideration in respect of why the land was required.

Coupled with this there is mention of a telephone conversation. See enclosed letter. with the Parish Clerk whereby it is stated that the Parish would not sell the land.

My question is, did the Committee resolve not to sell the Land as requested by Letter Dated 15th November 2025 or was just the ownership of the hedge and the refusal to sell this hedge only considered.

Both the letter dated 15th September and the Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting have been presented to the Planning Authority which on the face of it intimates that the Parish Council only considered the sale of the hedge and not the Public Open Space which after my own communications over the preceding years asking for permission to buy the land in-front of my property was always refused.

Response:

The Parish Council received a request, to sell part of the Emery Drive hedge, on 15th September 2025. The Council declined this request following its meeting of 6th November 2025 under item 161/25.

The Council received a further request, on 24th November 2025, which provided no additional information to change the Council's position. The letter sort to use provisions within the Local Government Act 1972. However, there is nothing within the LGA 1972 sections 124-127 that directs the Council to dispose of land. The Council may dispose of land, at market value for tenancy, if it so wishes but is under no obligation. Similar rules apply to the Borough Council under sections 120-123.

To be clear, Colwich Parish Council is not looking to sell any land within its ownership. Neither is it looking to offer any land for short- or long-term tenancy.