



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.

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

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 ---**

This proposal failed as it did not receive a Seconder.

RESOLVED to approve the grant of £480 (inc'. VAT) to Colwich Parish in Bloom.

PROPOSED Cllr Walters **SECONDED** Cllr Dunn.
On being put to the vote, the Resolution passed by a majority of those present
and voting.

Two Members of the Public left meeting.

Cllr Hardwick and Cllr Upton-Loach returned to the meeting.

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

The Chairman moved this item to the end of the meeting.

137/25 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMUNICATIONS, EVENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEES UP TO MAY 2026.

RESOLVED to elect:

Communications – Cllr Hill
Events – Cllr Meakin
Young People – Deferred to the November meeting.

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UP TO MAY 2026.

RESOLVED to elect Cllr Hill.

PROPOSED Cllr Hardwick **SECONDED** Cllr Dunn.
On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously by those members of the Communications Committee present and voting.

138/25 THE SURGERY PATHWAY.

During the discussion, the Chairman noted that the meeting had been running for 2 hours and so should be adjourned in line with Standing Order 1.28.

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

PROPOSED Cllr Walters

SECONDED Cllr Hardwick

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

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.

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

142/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6th November 2025.
Meeting Closed at 10.05pm