

COLWICH PARISH ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE COLWICH PARISH ASSEMBLY, CALLED UNDER THE PART III OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2026 AT COLWICH PRIMARY SCHOOL, MAIN ROAD, COLWICH, COMMENCING AT 7:08PM.

PRESENT: Cllr Plant (Chairman, Colwich PC); Revd Mr Lennon (Chief Officer, Colwich PC) and Miss Alineri-Willis (Events Co-ordinator Colwich PC).

IN ATTENDANCE (For all or part of the Assembly) Cllr Bloor (CPC); Cllr Dunn (CPC); Cllr Hall (CPC); Cllr Walters (CPC); Cllr Cooper (SBC); Cllr McKeown (SBC) and Cllr McKeown (Hixon PC).

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: 7 residents and 1 visitor.

MINUTES

The Chairman welcomed everyone and explained the emergency procedures, if required.

1. There were no **APOLOGIES**.
2. **MINUTES OF THE COLWICH PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2025**

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

PROPOSED Miss Martin **SECONDED** Mr Rothwell-Jackson.
On being put to the vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE COLWICH PARISH ASSMEBLY HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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

PROPOSED Cllr Bloor **SECONDED** Miss Martin.
On being put to the vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Hall arrived during the report.

History

A brief history of the Parish Council dating back to the Parish Assembly on 4th December 1894 and the inaugural Parish Council meeting on 3rd January 1895.

Previous 12 months

Activities of the Council over the previous 12 months, included:

The summer fete.

Beacon lighting for VE Day and VJ Day.

Christmas Lights switch-on.

The upgrade of the St Marys play area by SBC, with the Parish Council now maintaining the grass areas.

Expansion of the Remembrance Garden including taking part in the Open Gardens event in July.

Current position

Updates from individual Committees.

Going forward

THE LAUNCH OF THE COLWICH PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE 28TH FEBRUARY 2026.

Bi-monthly skip visits.

Proposals for work at the JPF.

Budget

Detailed analysis of the 2026/27 Budget and precept setting process including additional funds to cover the cost of the Ordinary Election and the anticipated Salary Column Point re-evaluation following the increase in minimum wage announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Budget.

Future projects

St George's Day.

Music event in June.

Children's fun days in August.

Second Assembly in September including a welfare fayre.

Scarecrow competition.

November remembrance Service.

Christmas lights switch-on event – 28th November.

Christmas Lights competition

Flower & Vegetable show

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.

Q1. Could the additional election funds be moved to the small grants programme given that there will be Borough and Shadow Unitary elections at the same time?

No. The Election fund allocation is to cover the cost of the Council's contribution to a joint election. Without the Borough and Unitary elections being held at the same time

then the Council contribution would be considerably higher in the region of £30,000 - £40,000, based on the estimate provided to a single warded East Staffs Parish Council.

Q2. Could the Council make greater use of the Noticeboards as well as notices in shops, doctors' surgery and cafes?

The Council is always considering how to improve its communications with residents. It currently provides a Newsletter to every household, four times a year.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Cllr McKeown (SBC) gave an overview of the current Local Government Reorganisation in Staffordshire.

Cllr Dunn arrived during the overview.

The Chairman read a report on behalf of Staffordshire Police regarding rural crime.

6. The meeting CLOSED at 8:15pm