

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 7.30pm held at the Village Hall

Present Cllr Andy Notman – Chairman
 Cllr Chris Cannon
 Cllr Shirley Firth
 Cllr Nigel Smith
 Cllr Logan Vity
 Cllr Ben Poulton

Sarah Mizuro (Clerk)
 No members of the public present.

		Action
60	Apologies and reasons for Absence Cllr Sarah Cannon Holder, CCllr Charlotte Lowe	None
61	Members declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda – None	None
62	Public Forum – No comments made.	None
63	Minutes – Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.	None
64	Finance – Financial Statements were agreed. Payments to be made – Agreed. Cllr Smith has now been set up to authorise payments. Clerk Salary £181.44	None
65	Planning – None	None
66	Health & Safety / Public Right of Way – Cllr Cannon informed the meeting that there had been an issue with people riding bikes on the Butt Lane footpath and asked if anything can be done about this. Cllr Notman replied that a similar issue had occurred in 2020 and on contacting the County Council the response received stated that this was trespass against the landowner. Cllr Poulton suggested putting a polite request on social media asking people to respect other users. Cllr Cannon also spoke about an incident with a parishioner walking dogs alone on the Cinder Track was attacked by a dog belonging to someone not resident in the village. The parishioner used the WhatsApp SOS system and help was given quickly. It was agreed that Cllr Notman would speak to the land owner and ask if signage could be put up asking people to control their dogs.	AN AN
67	Village Reports – Village Hall – Cllr Poulton reported that over the last month the village hall had hosted a wake, the pensioner’s lunch raising £200, the choir as a green room for the Christmas Concert and a bar night. On 23 rd February Magpas will be holding a CPR training evening. At the next committee meeting an increasing in hiring fees will be discussed. Church – Cllr Firth reported that the Advent Faye and the Christmas Concert had both been very successful. Unfortunately, the church gate was broken by the contractor employed to dig the grave for a recent funeral. A quote is being obtain for its repair. The PCC is looking for someone to take on organising the monthly coffee mornings, this will be put on social media.	

68	<p>Townlands – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Village Future – Cllr Firth reported that a company had visited the church to quote for installing a small kitchen unit, toilets and heating. This is expensive and could take up to 10 years to complete. Grants are being applied for to cover this cost. Cllr Poulton expressed concern at the meeting about monies donated by the parishioners remaining in the village and not going out of the parish. He was assured that this would not happen as monies for the work would be kept separately.</p> <p>The new website provider was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Notman should go ahead with organising this.</p>	None None AN
69	<p>Streetlight Maintenance – Cllr Notman informed the meeting that Balfour Beatty had not yet sent a new quote. Another company has been in touch advertising their services and they have been asked for a quote.</p>	None
70	<p>Traffic Issues – LHI Bid Cllr Cannon reported that he had a meeting arranged with the road planning officer but was aware of the LHI bid deadline being soon. Cllr Poulton suggested that the village was looked at as a whole and a project organised for a 2027 LHI bid. Cllr Notman said that questions in the village survey could be used as evidence for this.</p> <p>Speed watch Cllr Poulton informed the meeting that parishioner Julie Saint is no longer able to organise this and so a volunteer is needed. This will be advertised in the spring.</p>	CC BP
71	<p>Maintenance – Nothing to report.</p>	None
72	<p>2026 Meeting Dates – These were agreed and will be circulated.</p>	SM
73	<p>Correspondence – An invitation has been received to a County Council Roundtable Meeting on 16th January. An email has been received detailing format for election on 7th May 2026.</p>	None
74	<p>Items and date for next meeting – Website. The next meeting will be held on 17th February 2026.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Meeting Closed at 20:30</p> <p>2026 Meeting dates Tuesday 17th February Tuesday 10th March Tuesday 14th April – Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 12th May – Annual General Meeting Tuesday 16th June Tuesday 7th July Tuesday 15th September Tuesday 13th October Tuesday 10th November Tuesday 15th December</p>	

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