

# Adbaston Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 8.00pm, The Jubilee Room, Adbaston Church, Adbaston**

**Present:** Cllr K Hanlon, Cllr L Barnes, Cllr P Nicholson, Cllr S Harvey, Clerk A Horton,

**Item 1 Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all present. The meeting was quorate.

**Item 2 Apologies**

Apologies received from County and Borough Councillor J Pert Borough, Cllr P Jones, Cllr P Byrd, Cllr P Drewnicki, Cllr J Mansell, PCSO representative

**Item 3 Public Participation**

None.

**Item 4 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Item 5 Ongoing Items**

**A Rural Isolation**

The floods in Lerridge Lane have been cleared by the residents, enabling their route to the nearest town to be open again. Cllr Harvey reported that the drain under the road is blocked. Further work by the County Council is still outstanding.

**B Floods, immediate and longer term**

The road grids between Manor Farm and Four Lane Ends, Doley Road are blocked, and it appears to be from run off from the field. With prolonged rain, a flood appears.

The flood at Offley Marsh, Cash Lane remains. A severe pot hole has developed in the flood, and has been reported by the Parish Clerk.

Following Leigh Ingham MP Prime Minister's Question on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, the Parish Council wrote to her making her aware of the flooding in the Parish. A full reply is awaited.

**C Footpaths and Bridleways**

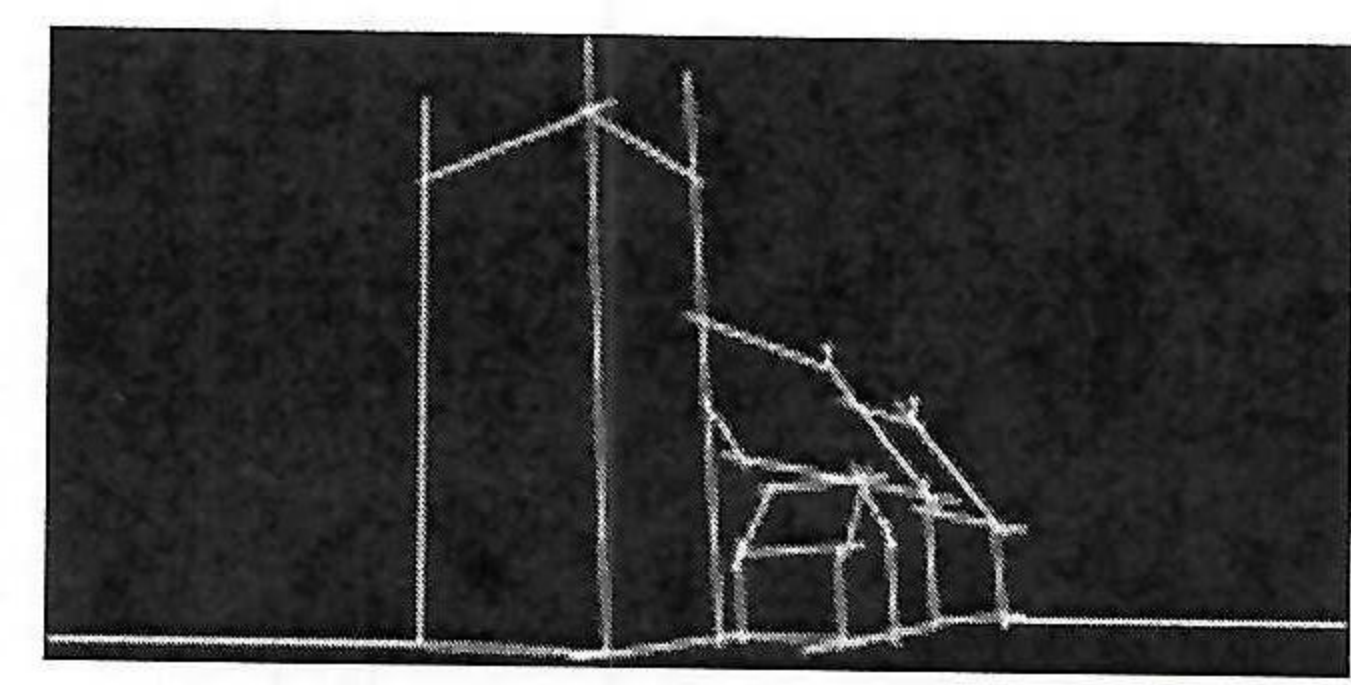
Footpath 0.1173, onto Lerridge Lane via a stile needs caution when dismounting as it is very close to the flood pipe, and a deep drop.

**Item 6 Utilities**

Clerk received an email on 5<sup>th</sup> February from National Grid (Western Power) advising that the legals on the project had been completed, and the works will progress to the next stage.

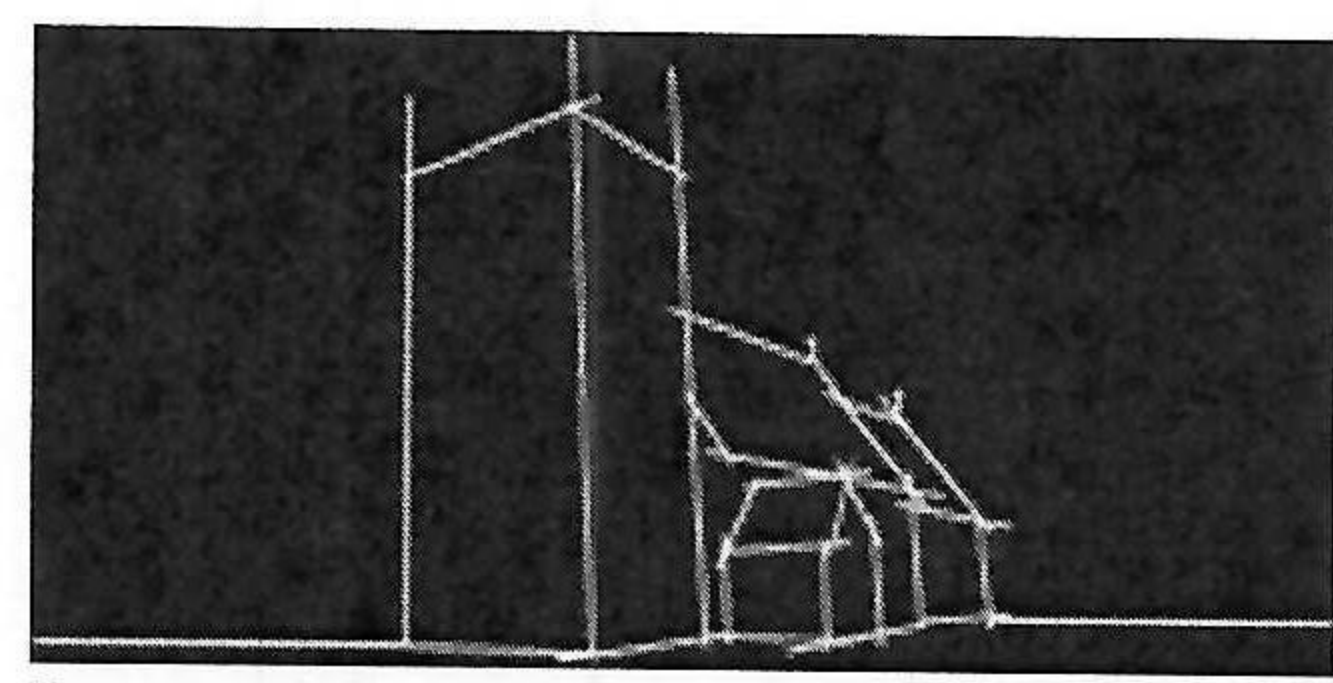
**Item 7 Knighton Factory**

Excelsior Foods are now based at the Knighton Factory. A number of jobs are being advertised online.



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- Item 8 Defibrillators – new and location**  
A table of 9 defibrillators based in and around the Parish was included in the Parish Council's page in the Parish magazine. It was agreed to put this information in the Noticeboards in the Parish.  
Bishops Offley defibrillator – this currently has a fault, spare defib being used.  
Swinnerton defibrillator – this was taken out but not used on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
  
Cllr Nicholson to continue to chase Excelsior Foods regarding the possibility of a spare defibrillator.  
Clerk to ascertain the owner of Lea Hall as a possibility for a new defibrillator site.
- Item 9 Noticeboards – condition**  
Carried forward to next meeting
- Item 10 Offley Marsh - Maintenance**  
There are a couple of trees that need attention.  
Due to the flood on the road, more people are walking through the Marsh. Snowdrops have flowered, and the bluebells are ready to flower. 3 broom seedlings have grown from seed from the solitary broom plant. In January a volunteer sustained an injury. Chairman's Allowance used to send some flowers.
- Item 11 Correspondence and Attendance at Meetings**  
Correspondence, not mentioned elsewhere  
New Report It system, Staffordshire County Council  
Leigh Ingham MP, acknowledgement of letter  
Resident, copy of letter sent to Cllr M Deaville, Staffs CC, requesting reply to December letter  
Cancer Bus Tour in county, March and April  
  
Attendance at Meetings  
None.
- Item 12 Local reorganization in England**  
Staffordshire County Council is made up of 8 Borough Councils. There is a Government review to move from two tiers to single tier Unitary Authorities of approximately 500,000 residents. The Government decision is expected in 2028. There are no changes expected for small Parish Councils. Larger Parish Councils, eg Eccleshall, may inherit some duties from the Borough ie grass cutting etc.
- Item 13 Discussion about changing the meeting time back to 7.30pm or not**  
Carried forward to May meeting



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## Item 14 Finance

**A** Payments made since January meeting  
None

## **B** Concurrent Payments

The following concurrent payments were agreed:

Staffordshire Border Group of Churches (church magazine) £100.00

Adbaston Parochial Church Council £335.00

## **C** Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was agreed to re-appoint last year's Independent Examiner. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

## Item 15 Planning Applications

None

## Item 16 Items for Consideration at next meeting

Reapproval of Standing Orders etc

Change of meeting time to 7.30pm

### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to be held at Jubilee Room, Adbaston following Annual Parish meeting at 7.30pm

The meeting was closed at 9.25pm