

Adbaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026 at 7.30pm, The Jubilee Room, Adbaston Church, Adbaston

Present: Cllr L Barnes, Cllr P Byrd, Cllr P Drewnicki, Cllr S Harvey, Cllr J Mansell, Cllr P Nicholson, Clerk A Horton,

Item 1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present. The meeting was quorate.

Item 2 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr P Byrd, Borough Cllr J Pert, Borough Cllr P Jones, PCSO representative

Item 3 Public Participation

None.

Item 4 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th November 2025

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

Item 5 Ongoing items

A Rural Isolation

On 8th January 2026 residents in Adbaston lost power due to the snow and strong winds, which was finally restored the afternoon of the following day.

In August, the Chairman contacted Stafford Borough Council to request a new Adbaston sign as the old one is badly weathered and letters missing. No response received.

B Floods, immediate and longer term

Work had been carried out in December on the short term flood between Manor Farm, Bishops Offley and Four Lane Ends. This appear to work in 2025, however in January 2026 the flood, following snowfall returned.

No floods have been reported by The Marsh, Cash Lane and Lerridge Lane after work last year.

C Footpaths and Bridleways

Nothing to report.

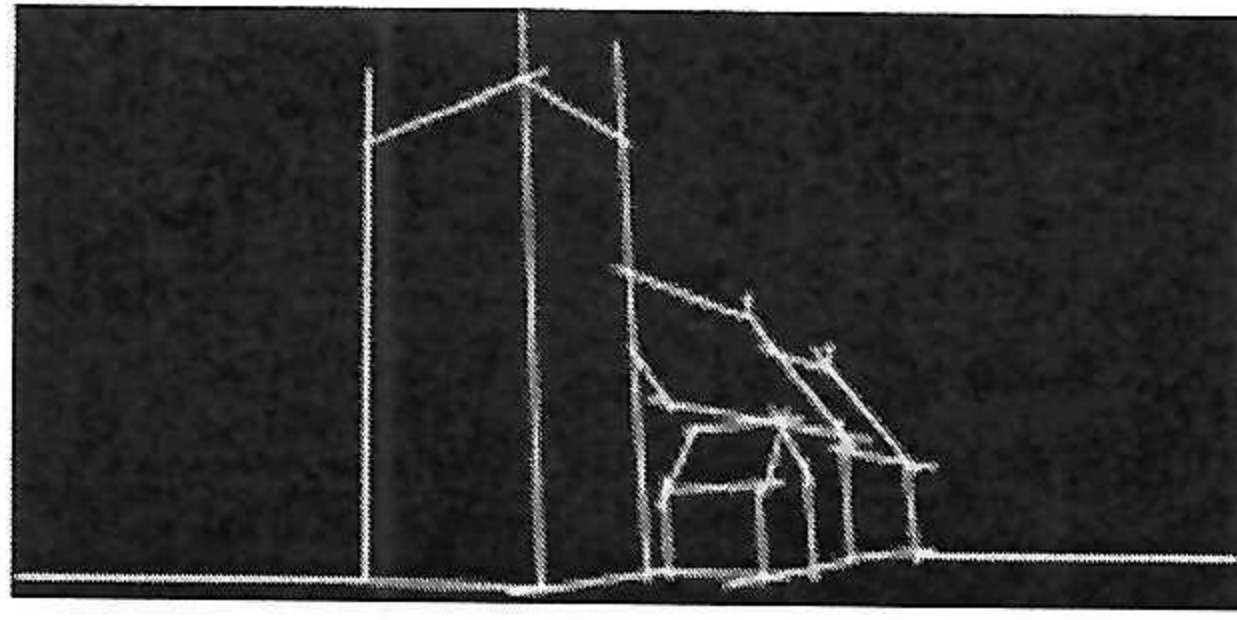
D Maintenance of Noticeboards

Cllr Harvey to look at the noticeboards in the Spring.

Item 6 Utilities

Clerk wrote to National Grid for an update on the Garmelow link cable. No reply received.

BT is replacing the telephone cable in Bishops Offley.



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Item 7 Offley Marsh - maintenance

A resident has taken over the running of the working party
Advice to be sought from an expert for the best way to develop Offley Marsh, prior to looking at funding sources.
Bishops Offley Millennium Green Trust are updating their Objects Clause and are including assisting in the upkeep of the adjacent area of land known as Offley Marsh under their advance environment protection object. Cllrs had no objection to this.

Item 8 Defibrillators – new and location

New reflective sign purchased for the defibrillator at Swinnerton Transport, with their agreement.
Replacement defib pads and 2 replacement batteries have been purchased due to the items being after their use by date.
Clerk has written to Excelsior Foods and Swinnerton Transport asking if they would like to fund the consumables of the defibrillators based at their site.
Cllr Nicholson advised that the cabinet for the defibrillator based at Excelsior Funds needs replacing. Clerk to look at sources of funding for the cabinet.
Clerk to explore siting a defibrillator in the Lea Hall area.

Item 9 Commemoration for K Hanlon

The family of Ken Hanlon are happy with an information board about the Marsh, with the commemoration within the narrative. This will be progressed when they are ready

Item 10 Correspondence & Attendance at Meetings

Correspondence not mentioned elsewhere

Resident requested Clerk to submit comments on a planning application on their behalf.
Supply of new computer and transfer of files.
SPCA fees for 2026/27

Attendance at meetings

12th November – Taking the GRR out of AGAR (Clerk virtually)

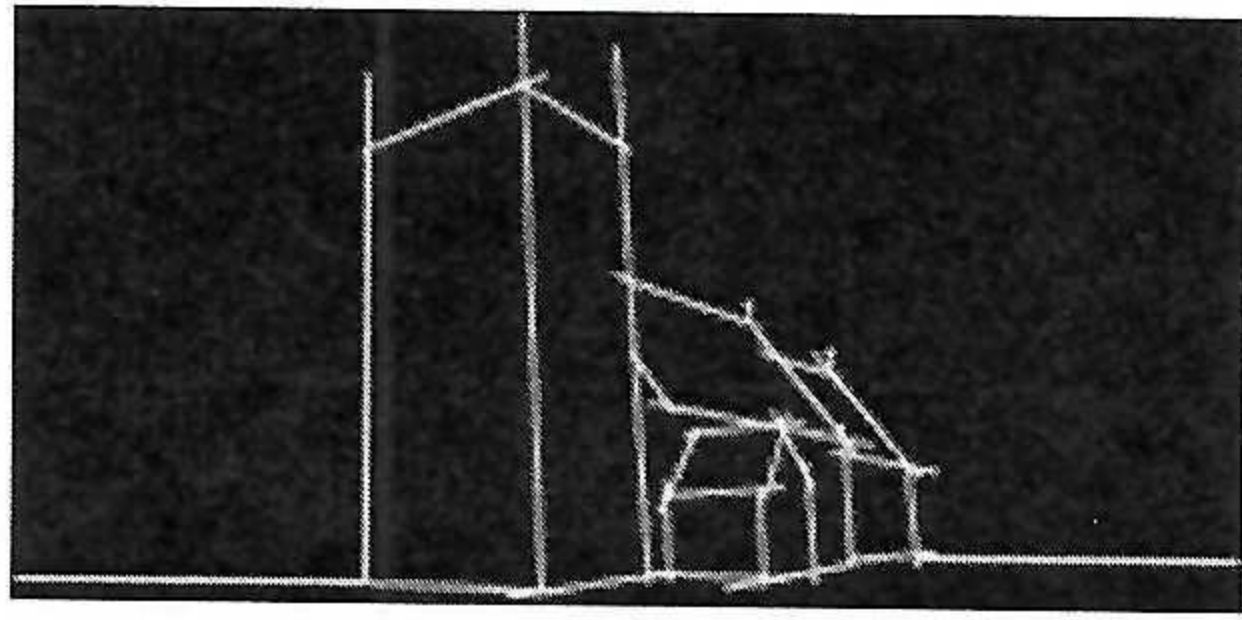
Item 11 Finance

A Payments since November meeting

New laptop and defib consumables	Cheque 444	£1,162.74
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Item 12 Setting of Precept – a discussion

The Chairman led the discussion on the precept. There are a number of additional costs for the Parish including a new website and defibrillator consumables.
Following a discussion it was agreed to increase the precept by 50p, to £15.00 per Band D property resulting in £3,639.05 (£3,448.53 Council Tax, £190.52 Local Council tax Support Government Grant) and £435 concurrent grant being paid to the Parish Council. This was proposed by Cllr Barnes, seconded by Cllr Nicholson and approved by all present.



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Item 13 Changing website from co.uk to a gov.uk website

It is being recommended that all Parish Council change to a gov.uk website which also means it is an Assertion 10 compliant website. The Clerk has two quotes for this, and it was agreed to ask one of the providers to provide details of Parish Council websites they host.

Item 14 Councillor Vacancy

Clerk has prepared a notice for the Vacancy to be displayed in Noticeboards and the website.

It is understood that 2 residents are interested in becoming a Councillor.

Item 15 Planning Applications, update on Solar Farm

25 41085 – The Oaks, removal of condition 13. Parish Council have no objection
25 41248 FUL – Butt Lane Cottage, extension to 4 bedrooms

22 36478 FUL – Construction and operation of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Farm of up to 49.9MW in generation capacity. Agreed expiry date 31st December 2025.

No updates from KSFAG (Knighton Solar Factory Action Group)

Decision on this application will involve a site visit beforehand of which all responders will be notified of.

Item 16 Items for Consideration at next meeting

Concurrent Funds spend

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Changing website to a gov.uk website

Facebook page for Parish Council

Date of next meeting

Monday 9th March 2026 to be held at Jubilee Room, Adbaston at 7.30pm

The meeting was closed at 9.06pm