

Adbaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2025 at 7.30pm, The Jubilee Room, Adbaston Church, Adbaston

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

Item 1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present. The meeting was quorate.

Item 2 Apologies

Apologies received from Borough Cllr J Pert, Borough Cllr P Jones, Cllr P Nicholson, Cllr S Harvey, PCSO representative

Item 3 Public Participation

None.

Item 4 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th July 2025

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

Item 5 Ongoing items

A Rural Isolation

On 27th July 2025 the Police were called and spoke to the young people riding motorized bikes on the land at the rear of Main Road and Marsh Meadow Adbaston. No further reports of this.

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

The gully emptier has emptied the drain near Swinnerton Transport, Doley Road and Swinnerton Transport have cleared the muck away minimizing flooding of the road. No floods have been reported by The Marsh, Cash Lane and Lerridge Lane after work this year. There is a short term flood between Manor Farm, Bishops Offley and Four Lane Ends.

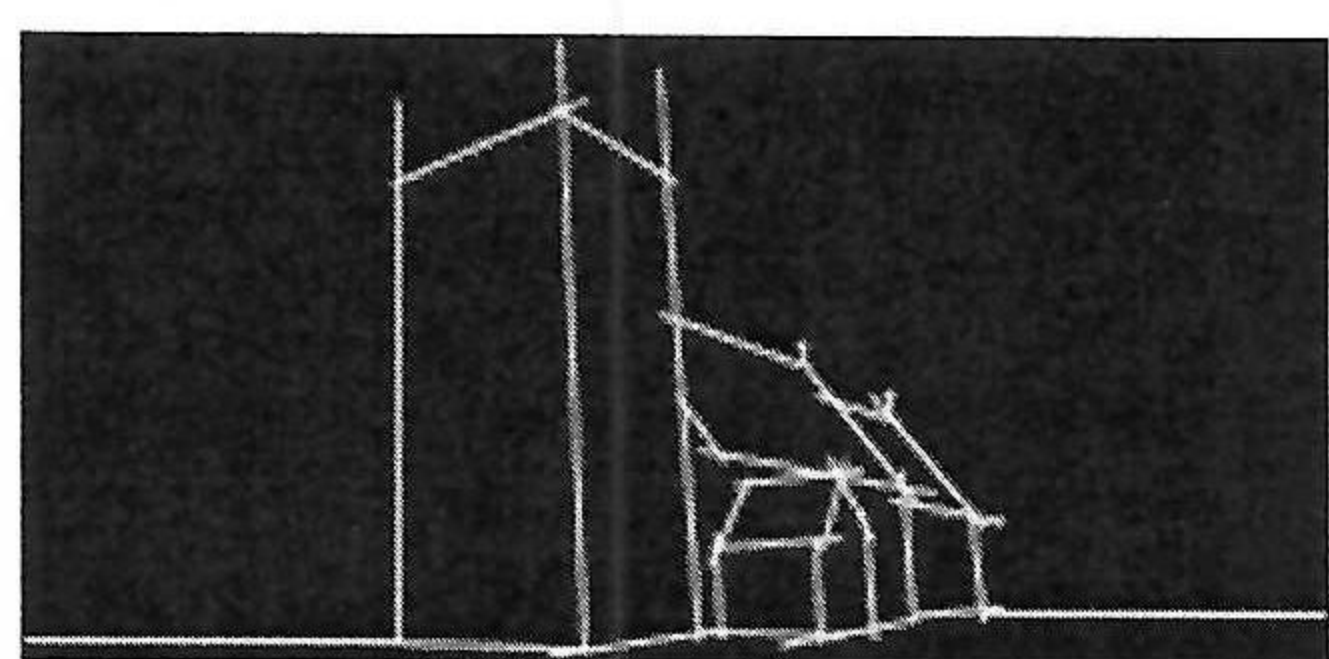
C Footpaths and Bridleways

This is near Adbaston 14 and Adbaston 21. Chairman revisited Shropshire Union canal, Excelsior Foods, and has been told that the steps were blocked off many years ago.

Item 6 Utilities

Clerk to keep writing to National Grid for an update on the Garmelow link cable.

On 19th October there was a water leak in the Lerridge Lane which affected the Parish for 6 hours.



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Item 7 Defibrillators – new and location

It was agreed to order a double sided A4 reflective sign for the defibrillator at Swinnerton Transport.

Item 8 Noticeboards

Maintenance of the 2 remaining noticeboards to be carried forward.

Item 9 Offley Marsh - maintenance

Working parties have recommenced on Offley Marsh. On 19th October the accumulated brash was moved to the bonfire on the Millennium Green. Branches that overhung the track were also cut back.

The fallen trees over the pond have been removed.

Advice to be sought from an expert for the best way to develop Offley Marsh, prior to looking at funding sources

Item 10 Commemoration for K Hanlon

The Vice Chairman has proposed an information board about the Marsh, with the commemoration within the narrative. This would be in the style of a lecture signage. This was discussed and a budget of £500 ex VAT was agreed. If the cost was more, this would be discussed again.

Item 11 Correspondence & Attendance at Meetings

Correspondence not mentioned elsewhere

Cllr Pert elected County Councillor

SPCA 86th AGM 24th November 2025

Leigh Ingham MP's office – Parish specific issues about local bus services

Cllr Pert – County drainage overview

Reported pot holes filled Elford Heath, Doley Road, and Chapel Bank, Doley Road

Attendance at meetings

21st October – Martyn's Law (terrorism, events, premises (Clerk virtually))

Item 12 Councillor Vacancy

Clerk to put a notice in the next Parish magazine that there is a vacancy and to contact Stafford Borough Council. Carried forward from July meeting

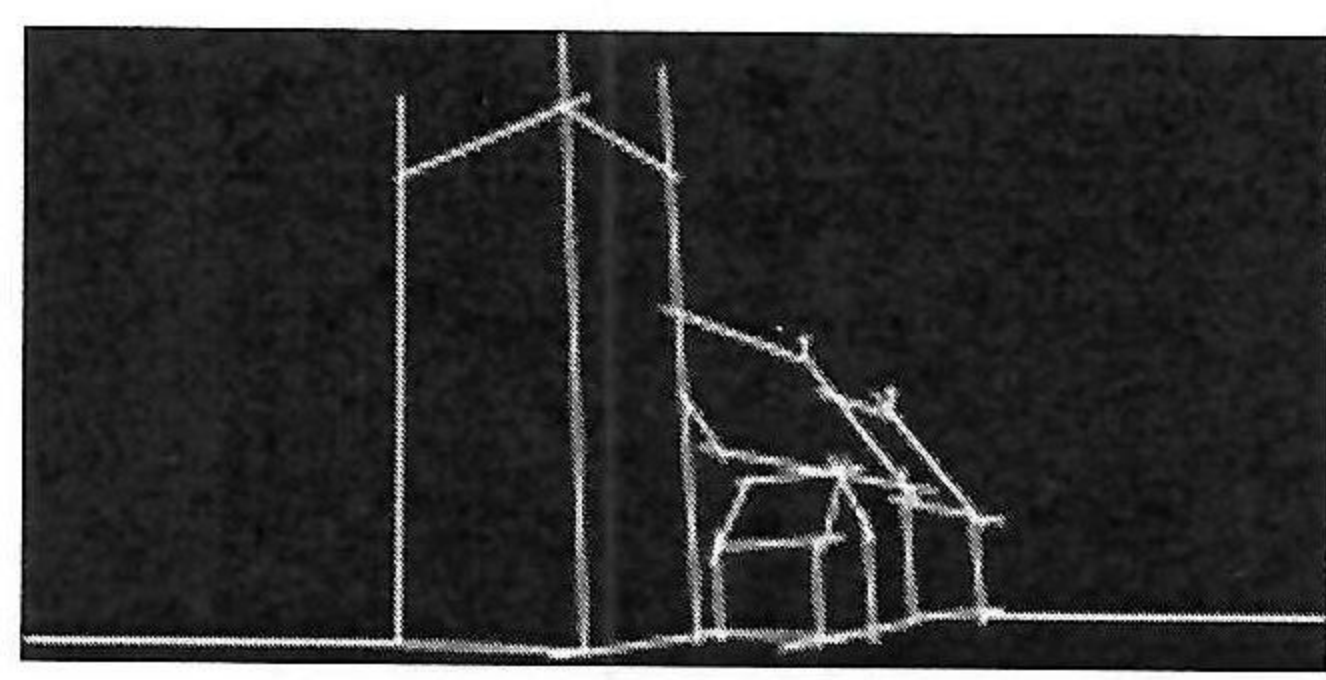
Item 13 Finance

Payments since May meeting

Clerk's salary & expenses

Cheque 443 £464.12

Statutory Increase. Clerk's salary – Notification was received by SPCA on 24th July 2025 advising that the Clerk's salary of SCP11 has been increased from £14.13 to £14.59 with effect from 1st April 2025.



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Item 14 Setting of Precept – a discussion

- A) Different pricing options**
- B) Laptop cost**
- C) Website cost**
- D) Level of reserves, provision of cost of election**

The Chairman led the discussion on the precept. A new laptop is required as the current one is over 8 years old and unable to have the latest Windows installed (est £600). It is being recommended that all Parish Councils have a gov.uk website (additional £60). The Parish Council likes to keep a reserve of £5,000 to cover the cost of an election. The forecasted Bank Balance as at 31st March 2026, not including any of the above is around £6,800. Following a discussion, it was felt not to increase the precept. To be voted on at the next meeting.

Item 14 Planning Applications, update on Solar Farm

25 41035 FUL – Flashbrook Manor, agricultural building
25 40991 ANX – Idleor Farm, outbuilding to annex

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 15 Items for Consideration at next meeting

Precept

Changing website to a gov.uk website

Date of next meeting

Monday 12th January 2026 to be held at Jubilee Room, Adbaston at 7.30pm

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm