



WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Serving Wall village and the hamlets of: Chesterfield, Hilton and Pipe Hill.

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Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 7.30pm at Wall Village Hall.

46 Register of members in attendance

Present: Cllrs Paul Sampson (Chair), Conrad Rubisch, Richard Barker, Gary Hutton, Robert Saxton, Ross Harwood, Andrew Ryman. Clerk, Pam Salter. In attendance: County Cllr Alex Farrell, District Cllr Janice Silvester-Hall, 2 residents. Acceptance of Apologies: None to record

47 There were no declarations of interest.

48 To accept and confirm Minutes of Full council on 16th September 2025.
The Minutes were duly approved and signed.

49 Public participation

No PCSO was present. Any report sent will be forwarded to Councillors.
No questions were raised.

50 County & District Cllr reports.

District Councillor Janice Silvester-Hall spoke first about the updates to the Local Government Reorganisation and the proposed split of the county. She noted the distinct possibility that parishes would be expected to take on more responsibility but there was no clarity yet on this. Cllr Sampson asked about elections and financial implications for parishes. Cllr Silvester-Hall reviewed the decisions taken by District to defer till 2027 with a shadow council appointed and Lichfield deferring whilst County went ahead leaving the prospect of councillors only being elected for 12 months. Timings of elections is impossible to gauge as things stand.

Cllr Silvester-Hall referred to the application proposal to the Clean and Green initiative from Cllr Sampson included in the councillor packs. She reassured him that he did not need to take any further action and the application from the parish would be considered. The deadline for submissions for the first round of applications is 30th November 2025. Until all requests are in it is not possible to predict the amount available.

- She was pleased to see the Lichfield budget consultation being promoted at Wall and asked for people to become involved
- The new Leisure Centre is due to open in January.
- The link up bus service has been extended although this is not of much help to Wall.

Cllr Sampson asked about transfer of assets from district. Cllr Silvester-Hall advised accessing cabinet papers on the LDC website where a business plan template is available. She recommended putting in an expression of interest.

County Councillor Alex Farrell reported that nothing of any note was happening at County and no changes. There is an upcoming local library review.

Lichfield South traffic regulation order:

re: The proposed speed change from 50mph to 40mph on the stretch of the A5127 between Wall Island and just north of Watling Street: There is a consensus in favour of the 40mph limit and this has been confirmed for the stretch between Wall Island to just beyond the Watling Street turn into Wall.

However, residents want the 40mph zone to extend to Lichfield.

Potholes on Watling Street: Cllr Farrell has had two meetings about these and it has been agreed that Wall has a problem with planned action for January 2026.

A walk-about has been planned for mid December with Cllr Farrell, Amy Humphries and an officer. The state of the road is not considered top priority by highways .

Cllr Rubisch emphasised that the slip road off the A5127 definitely is a top priority. Cllr Harwood cannot understand how just 2 potholes can be done and the others ignored.

Other issues raised:

- Cllr Barker and Saxton discussed Raikes Lane which is impossible to access with a low car. Flood water is draining but very slowly. Cllr Farrell said he had noted this. Council was asked to leave this with him and he would include Raikes Lane in his walkabout.
- The site entrance to the Lichfield South construction in Watling Street is creating a serious hazard: contractors' vehicles bring out mud on their tyres -this is building up ,is very slippery and needs clearing regularly; parking of work vehicles is narrowing the road and also causing a hazard.
- Cllr Ryman reported flooding from blocked drains at Manor Farm near Wall Lane.

Cllr Farrell concluded by asking that all these points be listed and sent to him in an email. The County Councillor in charge of highways is Peter Mason.

Both Cllr Silvester-Hall and Cllr Farrell then left the meeting.

Parish Councillors report:

Cllr Saxton reported that the Young Farmer's Christmas Tractor Run will be on Saturday 20th December. This is now the most popular and well supported tractor run in the area:75% of the available spaces have already been taken up. Donations collected will be shared between St Giles Hospice and the Kids Village. More stewards are needed and distribution of posters was agreed including those for Shenstone.

51 Follow up from previous meetings

- **Village gates** – Cllr Sampson reported that he was awaiting updates from Beth Tranter. Resolution: to seek updates for January PC meeting
- **BKVC**- Cllr Sampson had attended the event. He reported that Wall Village did not receive a mention but the Ryman Family Farm won the CPRE Made in Rural Staffordshire section. Cllr Sampson presented Cllr Ryman with the framed certificate to pass on to the business. The Clerk confirmed that the promised report had not yet been received.
Proposal: a specific committee be set up to take over the organisation next year **Vote:** approved unanimously. **Proposal:** to appoint a contact to liaise with the PC **Resolution:** Cllr Harwood volunteered to be the contact and gauge interest within the community.
- **Grass cutting**- no invoice had yet been received by the clerk for work completed or copies of the documentation required. Cllr Barker will forward the contractors' phone number to the Clerk as there has been no recent response from the email address. **Action:** Clerk to contact the contractors
- **Election costs**- the elections officer to forward details of costs.

52 Finance

52.1 The Clerk provided the Current financial position & transactions for approval as of November 18th 2025. Bank Resolution to October 31st £ 24,999.66

Lloyds Bank Community account as of 18th November £ 24,770.05

Resolution: All items approved unanimously

52.2 The clerk gave an update of the budget used so far this year and consideration for the precept and budget. **Action:** Clerk to present a detailed budget and precept request to the January PC meeting.

52.3 **Lloyds debit card-** a PIN only card (not Contactless) has been ordered -delivery on 22nd November.

52.4 **Commemorative plaques:**

Resolution: Clerk to forward the plaque size & wording to Cllr Saxton who will then acquire quotes for suitable styles for consideration by Council.

52.5 **CIL money** In response to requests from Hilton residents Cllr Sampson put forward a proposal for renovation and installation of the old noticeboard at Hilton. Costings had been circulated to Cllrs for consideration. A Hilton resident has offered to maintain the notices. Proposal: to continue with the project with a spend of £1,400 from CIL monies. **Vote** : approved unanimously **Action** upon installation: notices to be emailed to the resident maintaining notices

52.6 **Clean and Green initiative** Proposal by Cllr Sampson previously circulated.

Discussion points:

Cllr Hutton asked if a new sign could be considered for the entrance to Green Lane. Reports indicate that the situation of vehicles entering Green Lane and becoming stuck has increased exponentially.

Resolution: the council resolved to readdress this issue separately. Actions to be discussed by Cllr Alex Farrell, the Clerk and Cllrs Sampson, Hutton and Rubisch- report back at next PC meeting.

Cllr Saxton noted the difference between the proposed finger posts and proposed Hilton noticeboard sited on public land. The legalities regarding being on public land are not the same.

Proposal: to put in a bid to Cllr Silvester-Hall for the full available monies for this year, to be spent on a general upgrade to our only open space within the Parish which is Wall Car Park and picnic area.

Vote: approved unanimously **Action:** Cllr Sampson to action.

53. GPC status- as the Clerk is awaiting confirmation of the CiLCA qualification Wall PC is now in the position to seek General Power of Competence status. **Proposal:** to bring the statement of intent to apply for GPC to the next committee meeting for approval **Vote:** approved unanimously

54 Wall PC Action Plan 2025-2027 (previously circulated) **Proposal:** to adopt the Action Plan **Vote:** approved unanimously

55 Planning.

New applications: none to consider.

Ongoing queries

25/00094/EUD Stables on land off Boat Lane/Cranebrook Lane. Action: follow up by enforcement

20/00873/FUL Containers at Muckley Corner following a planning review a decision was taken to approve that they remain

Planning Enforcement Case 25/00091/EUD The School House Market Street Site visit by enforcement officer planned for 24/11/25.

56 The Chair read the following statement: Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 a resolution has been made to exclude the public during consideration of the following item which is related to discussion of staffing matters and contracts:
Clerk Contract of Employment

Resolution: recommendations to be written into the contract of employment .

57 The next meeting of Full Council: confirmed as 18th January 2026, 7.30 Wall Village Hall

The meeting was declared closed at 9.15 pm

Signed:

Date

Cllr Sampson Chairman

Item 52 FINANCE

OCTOBER Receipts and payments

