WALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2026 7.30pm at Wall Village Hall.

THE MEETING WAS RECORDED WITH ALL IN ATTENDANCE INFORMED

32 In attendance: Cllrs Paul Sampson (Chair), Robert Saxton, Ross Harwood, Richard Barker, Gary Hutton. District Cllrs Janice Silvester-Hall & David Salter. Clerk: Pam Salter. Public: 4 residents

33. To note Apologies for Absence

Resolved: To accept apologies for absence from Cllr Rubisch and Cllr Ryman

34. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda and consider and determine any requests for dispensation. None recorded.

35. To approve the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 21st July 2026. **Resolved**: To approve the minutes as a true record.

36. Public participation session:

A resident had contacted Staffordshire police regarding hosting a 'cuppa with a copper' event and asked if this could be linked to a Wall Village Hall coffee morning. PCSO Derryn Small had agreed to arrange a meeting. Cllr Sampson asked if items were specific to the traveller situation at Muckley Corner.

Response: this was to raise an awareness of village matters generally with residents welcoming the opportunity of meeting the local PCSOs. It was hoped that personal safety items such as personal alarms, 'jingle-bells' etc. could be made available.

Cllr Sampson asked if a separate meeting from the coffee morning would be advisable. **Response:** this request was not just about the traveller situation-the feeling was that Muckley Corner residents needed to start engaging with community events. Cllr Salter invited residents to the next police surgery at Shenstone library. Cllr Silvester-Hall felt that this opportunity should be made available at Wall Village Hall.

Proposal: to ask PCSOs to attend a coffee morning at Wall Village Hall ideally October 6th**. Vote:** All in agreement. **Action:** Clerk to make arrangements. Residents requested confirmation when arranged.

A resident from Muckley Corner raised the issue of the traveller development. They started by thanking the Parish Council for their swift response and the support of PCSOs following initial contact on Saturday 29th August. However, they had attended tonight to register their frustration at how things were progressing, make their voices heard and register their concern about the seeming inaction of police and planning officers and the lack of any deterrent. Since the initial stop notice was issued, they feel things have gone stale with no sign of resolution on behalf of the authorities and no really good reason given why an injunction has not been issued. Feedback received appeared to indicate action was related to a money saving exercise. They feel that this is not only a cost cutting and planning issue but there are other important factors to consider. Actions seen here could be setting a precedent for other developments.

. Concerning issues raised included:

- residents do not feel safe
- generators running throughout the night
- arc lights on throughout the night
- development continuing including cess pits, despite the stop order
- building control totally ignored
- application for an address/postcode

Cllr Silvester-Hall gave an update as far as she could on the current District Council position. Concerns are being noted, for example the pony and cart being driven around which may warrant a public space protection order (PSPO).
On the financial side, although planning application costs are mentioned, she does not believe that response is determined by financial considerations. Cllr Salter agreed that potential costs associated with appeals really does not come into it. She confirmed an address has not been given. Environmental Health has been contacted about the generator. She believes that more action will be coming very soon. As Jack Twomey has shared his email and phone details, residents were urged to keep forwarding concerns to him. It was suggested that information is disseminated by all methods available.
Residents thanked everyone for allowing them to air their concerns. They realised that Wall Parish Council had no powers to act in this situation but wanted reassurance that they had the Council's support.
Cllr Sampson asked if there was any support the Council could give at the moment. They asked for help in reinstating the bus stop signage and pole that had been removed. Chaserider had confirmed that the buses were still using that stop.
Action: Clerk to liaise with Chaserider.
The 4 residents left the meeting at 8.10 pm

37. Parish matters

i. District Councillor report.

Cllr Silvester-Hall noted that her main point had been covered in the previous item.
Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) has been paused therefore District and Parish elections will be held in 2027. Cllr Sampson asked what actions for LGR had LDC started on so far. Cllr Silvester-Hall replied that some Community asset transfers had been discussed; fortunately, a proviso had been written in to these that if LGR did not go ahead, agreements could be withdrawn.
LGR had resulted in a high turnover and relocation of personnel. With no LGR to work on, staff resources are running more efficiently.
Local Plan-consultations are now open. Details are on the Parish Noticeboard and website. Cllr Silvester-Hall stressed the importance of everyone giving their opinions. She is supporting sourcing availability of potential Traveller Sites.
There is £50 left over from her District Councillor fund for groups to apply for. She suggested the Knit and Natter group. **Action:** Cllr Sampson to liaise with the group.
Councillor Silvester-Hall left the meeting at 8.20

ii. Parish Councillors report
Cllr Sampson report on Facebook- this is up and running and residents are already following the page. He suggested writing up a report from tonight's public participation section for the Community as well as official purposes
Clean and Green grant- purchases have been made and are awaiting delivery. The awarding body have requested feedback. **Action** Cllr Sampson will provide measurements and a satellite photograph.
Noted-Another round of applications will be open soon.
Cllr Hutton wanted to know why 2 established oak trees had been felled without WPC being notified. The road had been closed and Stop/Go signs were in place
Action: Clerk to investigate who carried out the work, the reason for the removal, and what permissions were in place.

iii. Clerk's Report (see Appendix Item 1) Many of the actions from the July meeting have been completed. Additional information is as follows
-The Butts parking (23 ii a) This was followed up by LDC Parking Enforcement.
-The John Crowe commemorative plaques (23ii b) are awaiting fitting on the picnic tables.
-The potholes on Watling Street (23 ii d). Councillors are happy with what has been completed so far but the area around the entrance to Greener Composting still needs attention. Monitoring is ongoing.

38. Hilton noticeboard The Clerk's report and correspondence trail had been previously circulated to Councillors to inform discussion. (see appendix 2**)** Points put forward:
The old noticeboard was beyond repair and a new noticeboard would need to be purchased to enable the project to go ahead.

An objection highlighting a safety issue may require a possible change of site. There has still been no response to this from Road Adoptions stating their decision which may invalidate the application.
There have been comments from other residents doubting the need for the board or its usefulness in circulating Parish information.
The new Parish Facebook is now in place, thereby bringing the means of notifying residents of Council news and information to 5: Website, Facebook, village centre notice board, Clerk's phone number and email, and considering the additional costs involved, the need for an additional means of communication was felt to be less important.
Resolution: Option 3, to dismiss the project, was unanimously voted for by Council.

39. Grass cutting.
I. Cllr Sampson reported his satisfaction with the work of our new contractors saying that their work was meticulous.
ii. **Resolved**: Additional quote proposal withdrawn as action not needed at present

40. Financial and Governance Matters:

Current financial position. (see appendix 3)
Lloyds Bank community account as of 15th September £27,792.69
i. Financial transactions for July and August 2026 – these were noted and approved
ii. Bank reconciliation for July and August 2026 noted and approved
ii Transactions for September to date noted and approved
Cllr Harwood confirmed he had reviewed and approved the accounts to date.

41. Planning
26/01051/FUH - (Full Application (Householder)) received 21.08/26 Ogley Hay, Cranebrook Lane, Hilton, Lichfield Proposal: Single storey rear extension. Wall PC response: No concerns
Decided: 26/00936/FUH -Pipehill House Installation of 28 ground mounted solar panels WPC response 21/08/26 **Decision** 11/09/26 **Approve**

Cllr Sampson referred to the Pipe Hill Dog Walk and asked if we had received notice of a planning application for this facility. **Action** Clerk to check planning records.

Cllr Salter updated Council on planning changes scheduled for 31st October 2026. The ability for a Call-in by Councillors has been removed. All applications will now have to be triaged. For those which fall into Schedule 2, such as larger or contentious developments, a senior planning officer and the Chair of the Planning Committee or Housing Cabinet Member will decide whether they are heard at committee.

42. **Policies to review and adopt** – circulated previously to Councillors for consideration.

I. Social Media Policy
II. Procurement Policy
III. Equal Opportunities Policy
IV. Data Retention and Disposal Policy

Recommendation: to adopt the 4 policies **Proposed**: Cllr Hutton
Seconded: Cllr Saxton **Vote**: approved unanimously

43. **Items for consideration at the November meeting.**

Village gates project
Spending of CIL money

44. **Date and time of next meeting.** The next meeting of Full Council confirmed as **17th November 2026**, 7.30 Wall Village Hall The meeting was declared closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed by the Chair at Full PC meeting - copy available from the Clerk

Date: 17th November 2026

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 item 37iii

Report on Actions from WPC July

Item #		Resolution/ Action	Present situation
22	Hilton noticeboard	further consideration needed-agenda item at the Sept. meeting	Agenda item
23 ii a	Butts parking	Cllr Salter suggested Clerk contact LDC Parking Enforcement.	No response-any update?
23 ii b	plaques	payment made	Completed
23 ii c	Clean & Green grant	update asset register	Completed
23 ii d	potholes Watling St	Cllr Sampson to contact Beth Tranter	Update?
23 ii e	diversion routes	Raikes Lane verges not maintained creating a hazard. inform Highways.	No response-feedback?
23 ii f	residents report	motor cyclists riding round Muckley Corner Common. PCSOs notified	Completed
23 ii g	Chesterfield Farm	reports of blocked public footpath .	Checked
23 iii b	bleed kit training	book hall/ circulate details	No update
25	2025 grass cutting	revised invoice paid	Completed
27	WPC Facebook page	Cllr Sampson to report back next meeting. Clerk to develop the Social Media policy	Agenda item Completed
28 iv	VAT claim	Clerk to claim after new assets have been purchased	Sept-6 months
28 vi	mileage increases	Policy documents to be amended	Completed
30	policy amendments	filed in Parish records and updated on WPC website	Completed

Appendix 2 item 38 Proposed Parish Council noticeboard at Hilton Clerk's report to Full Council, 15/09/26

Background: In 2023 the Parish Council resolved to replace the current noticeboard in Wall carpark with a larger one more suitable to their needs. Disposal of the old noticeboard was discussed and it was believed that it could be renovated and possibly used elsewhere in the Parish. The new noticeboard was purchased and installed in March 2024 and plans were discussed for work to commence on the renovation of the old noticeboard.

A request had been received from a resident for the old noticeboard to be sited at Hilton and discussions were commenced to identify the possibility of this with financial implications. Details of this correspondence has been compiled on a separate document: 'Resiting of Noticeboard to Hilton- Correspondence record' .

In June 2026, a notice was posted on the post box at Hilton to inform residents that Staffordshire County Council 'proposed to grant permission…to place a noticeboard on the footpath at Cranebrook Lane'. Objections to the proposal were to be submitted by 15th June 2026.

An objection by a resident was submitted querying the need for a noticeboard but essentially raising safety issues about the site chosen and suggesting that if the project were to go ahead, the noticeboard should be sited elsewhere.

On June 9th, the Road Adoptions Dept at Staffs CC confirmed that the complaint had been received and they would liaise with the correct department regarding the complaint. I have since written twice each to both Road Adoptions and Beth Tranter at SCC asking whether the complaint about the proposed notice board, which they received on June 8th , affected their decision on granting permission.

12/09/26 A response from Beth Tranter advised that Community Highways are not directly involved in the Section 115E process, so she is not certain how objections are managed. However, the Road Adoptions Team will be best placed to advise further. She commented "I am aware that the Road Adoptions Team is currently managing a significant workload, which may have contributed to the delay."

14/04/26 Currently awaiting response from the Road Adoptions Team.

Options to resolve the situation:

Proceed with the project as it stands
Identify a new site
Dismiss the project

Points to consider for each option:

Option 1 clarify with Road Adoptions what effect the objection has on the status of the application. If viable, survey residents as to whether a new noticeboard is wanted
rework costings and funding
Consider set-up of maintenance of the board i.e. printing out notices.

Option 2 identify a site where a noticeboard is wanted, meets safety considerations and will be of use. Obtain permission from SCC

- recalculate installation costs
- no expressions of interest have been noted from anywhere in the parish
- the old noticeboard is not fit for purpose; another one will need to be purchased
- a new source of funding will need identifying as the CIL money will be unavailable

Option 3 a new project will have to be found for using the CIL money
There is no loss to the PC other than costs of renovation materials such as paint, varnish etc. and the time spent by volunteers on renovation of old board.

Recommendation:
Determine a resolution based on the discussion and views presented at the 15th of September PC meeting.
Pam Salter Clerk/RFO

Appendix 3 item 40

	Receipts & Payments September 2026					
	Accounts brought forward			**£27,848.37**		
	Lloyds Bank Community account					
date		**System**	**credit**	**debit**	**VAT**	**frequency**
01-Sep	Taylor made planter(Clean & Green purchase	DEB		£181.99	30.33	one off
02-Sep	Ashlea Ltd grass grass cutting	FPO		£639.10	106.52	as contract
02-Sep	Mr and Mrs Saxton commemorative plaques	FPO		£150.00		one off
02-Sep	RBM Contracting Ltd grass cutting 2025	FPO		£1,620.00	270	final
04-Sep	LDC Payments account Clean & Green grant	BGC	£2,000			one off
15-Sep	Flagpole express ltd	DEB		55.68	9.28	one off
	EXPECTED					
	Clerk salary July/Aug			£835.36		
	clerk allowance & petrol July/Aug			£58.05		
	printer ink Rymans			£53.43		
	printer paper			£8.00		
	hall hire payback team			£150.00		
	hall hire PC meeting			£45.00		
		CREDIT	£2,000	£2,646.77		
		DEBIT				
		VAT				
	balance as of 15th September 2026			**£27,792.69**	budget	38.10%
prepared by P Salter RFO						
approved by						
at Full Council						