

Minutes of the Meeting of the Hanbury Parish Council – Monday 13th July 2026

Present: Cllr J Harrison; Cllr Hendon (Chair); Cllr Tyson; Cllr L Harrison; Cllr Gregson
Also present: C Holmes, 0 Parishioners

1. Councillor Co-option

The parish council welcomed Michael Brown to the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr L Harrison. Seconded by Cllr Hendon.

Action: Clerk to send out details and inform ESBC.

2. Apologies for absence

Country Cllr White; Borough Cllr Hudson, Cllr Choules

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Chair's Welcome

The chair welcomed the parish councillors in attendance.

5. Public Forum

None present

6. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th May 2026

All agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

Action: Clerk to convert to upload to website

7. Matters arising from those minutes.

None

8. Review Planning Applications.

Planning number	Premises	Planning requested	Comments by HPC	Decision
P/2025/00071	Unit 1, Newborough Road, Needwood, DE13 9PD	Conversion and alterations to existing agricultural building to form a dwelling and retention of gravelled area	The parish council have no comments	Registered

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P/2025/00676	3 Meadow View Close, Hanbury, Staffordshire, DE13 8FP	Erection of single storey rear extension.	The parish council have no comments.	Registered
P/2025/00695	Saltbrook Meadow Farm, Saltbrook Lane, Coton In The Clay , DE6 5GY	Application for a Certificate of lawfulness for continued use of agricultural buildings as a Vehicle Repair shop (Class B2) and a Storage Building (Class B8) and associated land for parking, servicing and external storage	The parish council have no comments.	Lawful
P/2025/01215	HUNTS CROFT HANBURY HILL HANBURY DE13 8TD	Certificate of lawfulness for the continued use of building as a separate dwellinghouse (Class C3)	The parish council have no comments	Lawful
P/2026/00197	FAULD HALL FAULD LANE FAULD DE13 9HR	Application under Section 73 to vary condition 2 (plans) attached to planning permission P/2025/00830 for the Demolition of existing rear conservatory to facilitate the erection of a single storey rear extension to the north elevation, repair and replacement of windows including addition of double glazing on selected windows, removal of modern dormer window on the south elevation and replacement with heritage rooflights and internal and external repairs to historic building fabric, to amend the window profiles, glazing bars and type of glazing	The parish council have no comments	Permits
P/2026/00198	FAULD HALL FAULD LANE FAULD DE13 9HR	Application under Section 19 of the Planning (Listed Building/Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to vary Condition 2 of Listed Building Consent P/2025/00883 for the Demolition of the existing rear conservatory, erection of a single storey rear extension to the north elevation, repair and replacement of windows including addition of double glazing on selected windows, removal of modern dormer window on the south elevation and replacement with heritage rooflights and internal and external repairs to historic building fabric, to amend the window profiles, glazing bars and type of glazing	The parish council have no comments	Permits
: P/2026/00511	SUNNYBREEZE ANSLOW ROAD HANBURY DE13 8TJ	Erection of a part two storey part single storey rear extension with Juliet balcony and installation of canopy to the side elevation		Refuses
P/2026/00581	MILESTONE MARKER LICHFIELD ROAD SIX ROADS END DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY	Listed Building Consent to repair and re-paint the damaged cast iron milepost		NEW

P/2026/00729	HANBURY GRANGE WOOD LANE HANBURY DE13 8TG	Change of use of (part of) building from agricultural (Sui Generis) to storage and distribution (Use Class B8) and external changes including cladding and replacement roof		NEW
P/2026/00581 – The Parish Council have no comments P/2026/00729 – The Parish Council notes the concerns raised by neighbouring residents regarding the lack of detail provided within the application. Concerns relate to the proposed use of the building, potential vehicle movements, noise impacts, and the absence of supporting transport and noise assessments. Whilst there is no objection in principle to the building being brought back into use, the Parish Council considers that the impact on the amenity of the neighbouring residential properties should be fully assessed before any decision is made. The parish council also discussed two applications that they had not been made aware of by ESBC, and this has been raised by Cllr Tyson to the planning department. It was agreed for a further letter to be sent to planning by Cllr Hendon. Action: Clerk to contact ESBC Planning Portal, Cllr Hendon to contact ESBC Planning Portal.				

9. Receive Borough and County Councillors reports.

None received

10. To discuss the Castle Way Energy project

Castle Way Energy Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP)

The Planning Inspectorate has notified the Parish Council of a proposed Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) known as Castle Way Energy, being promoted by BSSL Derbyshire 1 Ltd. The proposal comprises a large-scale renewable energy development, including a solar farm capable of generating up to 300MW of electricity, together with battery energy storage facilities of up to 200MW and associated infrastructure such as substations, underground cabling, access tracks and landscaping. As the project exceeds the threshold for nationally significant infrastructure, any future application will be determined by the Secretary of State through the Planning Inspectorate, rather than by the local planning authority.

The project is currently in the pre-application stage, and the applicant has requested a Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate. The Parish Council has been consulted not on whether it supports or objects to the development, but on whether there are any local or environmental matters that should be assessed within the Environmental Statement (ES). This may include issues such as landscape and visual impact, traffic and highways, ecology, flooding and drainage, heritage assets, public rights of way, noise, air quality and impacts on nearby communities. Any comments must be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 15 July 2026. Members should note that there will be further opportunities to comment on the proposed development itself during the applicant's statutory consultation and subsequent Development Consent Order application process.

Members raised questions regarding the proposed use of sheep grazing beneath the solar panels and queried whether greater use should first be made of existing warehouses and other large buildings for solar installations before agricultural land is developed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would acknowledge receipt of the application and submit a formal response in due course.

Action: Clerk to acknowledge the application and explain that we will respond in due course

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11. To discuss the potential speed indication devices

Staffordshire County Council has confirmed that approvals for new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) have been suspended while a countywide review of SID policy and processes is undertaken. The review aims to ensure a consistent, evidence-led approach, address the increasing number of devices, and clarify ownership, maintenance and legal responsibilities. Previously approved SID schemes continued to be delivered, but no new schemes will be progressed until the review is complete, although expressions of interest will continue to be logged. The review is expected to conclude by the end of the summer, with parish and town councils being consulted as part of the process.

Members discussed the potential use of temporary speed monitoring devices mounted on tripods, which would enable the devices to be moved to different locations throughout the parish. It was noted that the data collected could be used to support future applications for additional funding from Staffordshire County Council for speed management measures. Members were advised that a parishioner had offered to contribute £3,000 towards the purchase of a speed monitoring device, and this was welcomed as part of the discussion. The management of the project was also considered. It was agreed that the insurance implications of temporarily siting the speed monitoring device would be investigated. The matter will be added to the September meeting agenda for further consideration and a final decision.

Action: Clerk to discuss with the insurance company about the siting of the temporary tripod. Clerk to add to September agenda.

12. To review and approve the Standing Orders 2026

The Standing Orders were reviewed and approved.

Action: Clerk to update website

13. To review and approve the Code of Conduct 2026

The Code of Conduct was reviewed and approved

Action: Clerk to update the website

14. Clerk's Report: to include banking changes & finance & correspondence received.

- **CORRESPONDENCE & ONGOING MATTERS**

Response sent to the Milestone society, but application has now been submitted with planning.

Damaged Fingerposts reported to Staffs CC

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Correspondence has been received from a resident expressing concerns regarding the planned installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and village gateway features. The resident feels these measures will further urbanise the village and detract from its rural character. They have requested evidence demonstrating the effectiveness of SIDs and gateway features in reducing vehicle speeds, questioning whether they will influence drivers who already ignore existing speed limits

The Fauld Liaison Committee Meeting will be taking place on Thursday 23rd July 2026, at 3pm, at Fauld Mine. **Cllr Brown & Choules to attend.**

The next Parish Council Forum will take place on Tuesday 21st July at 6:30pm via Microsoft Teams. The agenda will include a presentation from the Planning Policy Team on the Local Plan, along with an update from the Climate Change Team on their current work. **Clerk to ask for the presentation and send apologies.**

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The local MP has written to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government following discussions with parish councils regarding Local Government Reorganisation in Staffordshire. The letter raises concerns about the current suspension of asset transfers by East Staffordshire Borough Council, seeking clarification on whether this is required under Government guidance. It also requests greater clarity on the role of parish councils within future Local Area Committees and asks whether there will be opportunities for parish councils to take on additional local, non-statutory services under the new unitary authority arrangements. The MP has committed to reporting back to local parish councils once a response is received.

Checkley Parish Council has circulated a Notice of Motion expressing concerns over provisions within the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 that could reduce or remove the ability of District and Borough Councillors to refer planning applications to Planning Committee. The motion argues that this would weaken local democratic accountability, reduce public scrutiny of significant planning applications, and limit opportunities for community engagement. Checkley Parish Council has resolved to oppose these proposals and will write to the Secretary of State and the local MP requesting that local democratic oversight of planning decisions is retained. **It was agreed to also contact MP Jacob Collier about this.**

Sovereign inspection of the playpark due to take place 26th August. **Cllr Hendon to remove the bench prior to this.**

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- FINANCE**

Date	OLP No	Category	Invoice Detail	Invoice Amount		
				Net	VAT	Gross
01/06/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 10	Clerk salary / expenses		-£ 290.36		-£ 290.36
16/06/2026		Other including interest + VAT refund		-£ 4.25		-£ 4.25
01/07/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 11	Clerk salary / expenses		-£ 290.36		-£ 290.36
13/07/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 12	Grounds Maintenance	RB Landscaping	-£ 170.00	-£ 34.00	-£ 204.00
13/07/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 13	Churchyard	Tree Survey	-£ 580.00	-£ 116.00	-£ 696.00
13/07/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 14	Grounds Maintenance		-£ 170.00	-£ 34.00	-£ 204.00
13/07/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 15	Clerk salary / expenses	HMRC	-£ 63.27		-£ 63.27
13/07/2026	OLP 2026-2027 - 16	Clerk salary / expenses	HMRC	-£ 63.27		-£ 63.27

Bank Balance as of 30th June 2026

Treasurer Account (00198773)	£12,940.84
Savings Account (07215991)	£15,589.63
Teachers Account	£10,000.00
TOTAL	£38,539.47

15. Councillors Reports.

Trees

The Council has received the arboricultural survey from BB Trees Ltd, covering the closed churchyard and the trees bordering the playing field. The survey identifies very little work requiring immediate attention. However, it was recommended that the two Cherry trees (Tags 9 and 12) be removed and the stumps ground out.

Tree 9 is reported to be in decline, consistent with previous reports. Whilst Tree 12 is currently healthy, it is considered to present an ongoing risk to the structural integrity of the church due to its proximity. Although it had been reported that the tree's roots had previously been severed, no evidence of this was found during the survey.

It was suggested that replacement trees be planted in suitable locations away from the church building.

It was further recommended that the section of the survey relating to the playing field be forwarded to East Staffordshire Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council, demonstrating that the Parish Council has fulfilled its duty of care in respect of both the churchyard and the playing field. The survey will also be forwarded to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). It was agreed to look at a price for the work to be completed.

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Highways

A response has now been received from Staffordshire County Council regarding the installation of three telegraph poles adjacent to Anslow Road. Following inspection, Connect Fibre has been informed that the poles will require relocation.

With regard to the fatal collisions at Anslow Crossroads, Staffordshire County Council is awaiting the outcome of the inquest before considering any further action. The inquest has been postponed pending the conclusion of legal proceedings. The Coroner's Office in Stoke-on-Trent has been assisting with enquiries.

Village Green was discussed and it was agreed to ask the groundsman for a cut and to mow the outside of the green whilst he is there.

Action: Cllr Tyson to reach obtain a price for the tree work to be undertaken; Clerk to contact the groundsman regarding the village green.

Meeting Closed: 20:57pm

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting is – Monday 14th September 2026

Parish Council Information can be found on the internet at -
<https://www.hanburyparishcouncil.org.uk>

Signed by Chairman

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Date.....

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