

Parish Council notes for December 2025.
SCC Cllr Catherine Brown

Happy New Year! I hope you all have had a reasonable festive season.

I hope you have seen my email that I posted to all the clerks this afternoon. I think we were all surprised at the poor state of our roads this morning due to the snow and low temperatures. As you will have seen, I have been assured that our primary roads across our division were treated twice overnight for the last 2 nights, and once this afternoon. I have now seen GPS data screenshots of gritter vehicles.

I am pleased to inform you that following my investigation the Six Lane Ends road markings, signage and bollards are to be reviewed and replaced where necessary. Lorries from Marchington Cliff often shoot straight over to Burton as there are no signs to inform of a junction. When A50/A38 have problems, then queuing traffic makes the junction worse.

In a forthcoming SCC highways meeting, funding for alteration to the junction will be considered. I have asked for mapping to be done as follows- if the Burton Road could be joined with the Hanbury Road, opposite Forest Road. This would allow for a cheaper traffic light system rather than a very expensive roundabout.

Also, I have asked for further away S106 money for new building could be also considered. More and more housing developments in Staffordshire and Derbyshire will impact.

I have taken onboard the fact that not everyone wants to support a project outside their parish.

Following the very difficult SCC meeting on 11th Dec 2025, I think it is important to understand that I personally didn't feel threatened or unsafe at County Buildings. In our democracy peaceful protests are allowed, if but noisy, and causing a 2-hour delay to the meeting.

It was very pleasing to see all the parish council's hard work this festive season with official lights switch-ons and excellent tree decorations. Abbots Bromley PC had their first official light switch on which was a great success. I was also pleased to be at The Middle Bell, Barton for their light extravaganza.

My husband and I were asked to steward 2 consecutive Christmas Tractor Runs at Abbots Bromley (Uttoxeter JNFU 3K) and Lichfield (Lichfield YFC 16K raised for charity) respectively. Two Saturday's before Christmas

seemed like far too many hours involvement, but both were fantastic charity events, we did our bit, and I was pleased that we had.

Please let me know if I can help taking the Christmas light down.

Needwood Forest Divisional Forum: Following the December meeting Barton PC and a request for a meeting, Richard Rayson Highways Manager has agreed to do an online session in the near future. Date tba.

Meetings:

Full Council; Health & Care Overview & Scrutiny meeting; Health & Safety Working Group; Barton PC meeting; B5013 Data collection; Resident- Six Lane Ends.

Highways:

Lots of issues completed and outstanding. I have a meeting with highways team this month, so I hope to get clarification regarding as many as possible.

The highways team have 2 members of staff leave which may or may not have any impact. I will enquire.

Barton under Needwood:

Walton by-pass. On-going. Completion Sep 2026.

Bellways bus stop. SCC said too much time elapsed, high cost and not many residents expected to use this bus stop. Await further instruction from BPC.

Barton Green- grit box refill. With highways 5/1/26.

Footpath clearance and maintenance Station Road from Barton to Tucklesholme Nature Reserve.

Holland Sports Club re-build funding support and sign-posting.

Efflinch Lane- flooding. Cllr Lord continues to FU.

Business found business tax increase 3x next year.

Barr Green housing development.

Dunstall :

Highways England meeting regarding keeping the yellow lines on Lichfield Road, Dunstall. Will FU.

Gate and post for rubbish bin Lichfield Road, Barton. SCC team to sort.

New fence along canal path. The Canal Trust- on-going.

Tatenhill & Rangemore:

S106 traffic calming- ongoing. I am pushing for a resolution still.

Branston Road following recent bad crash. Highways reviewing.

Horse-sign. Ongoing. Will depend on best use of my DHF.

Manor Croft/Main Street- new extra culvert is required. No timescale at present.

Byrkley Junction. Pulling out of Byrkley Garden Centre is appalling. Will continue to ask for meaningful action.

Rangemore School speeding cars. Speed & volume requested. On-going.

Rangemore Mews complaint about the speed of vehicles- no data.

Sewage leak Whitmore Lane stables. Asked ESBC Environmental Health for an update. Not responding will FU.

Tree planting Prince's Wood funding. Deadline passed.

Newborough:

Thorney Lane (west). Duchy resolved a water issue, and urgent pot hole filled but resident says there are more urgent ones.

Some work has been completed at Holtcroft cottage. I need to review status.

Thorney Lane (East). Speed and volume survey ordered.

Moat Lane complaint about new railing put too near road restricting access. Requested a meeting from highways. On-going. Concerned that residents are adopting road side verges. 2x in division that I am aware of.

Hoar Cross

The Hoar Cross Hall/Church footpath is waiting to be cleared. Highways have said that there is a problem with getting license for traffic lights. On-going.

Thorney Lane east Speed and volume survey. Please advise which parish it is in.

Hoar Cross Hall MD emailing staff about speeding cars leaving their site, thought to be staff.

Yoxall:

Hadley End gateways. Comms still taking place. Please advise.

Concerns about speed and volume outside the school are still important issues.

Gladman's housing development- Cllr key's and I discussed at length today 5/1/26.

Abbots Bromley:

B5013 PSCO Tim Leathers data collection meeting Mon 15/12/25 Church House. Some data received. Next steering meeting is January 2026.

SCC Neighbourhood Speed Check B5013. Rejected due to data. I have enquired if out of date is 2021 data being used. No response will FU.

Lichfield Road 'Slow' tarmac painting and speed and volume survey awaiting. Spring/summer most optimal time. SID data given to PCSO and I passed to highways team.

High View footpath. Pushing for completion.

Village Hall Community Shop support.

Ashbrook Lane building development online consultation noted. Please advise.

New cemetery. As confirmed by Cllr Baker on 15/12/25 Church House, the field next to the current graveyard is totally unsuitable for extension of the current graveyard due to the marsh and numerous water springs.

Branston:

Acorn pub/Rough Hay traffic light installation. Mapping should be clearer this next 6 weeks.

NB. These are notes and intended to allow PC's light on what I do. They do not reflect my whole work for the county or division.

Barton under Needwood Parish Council - Receipts and Payments Monthly Summary

2025-26

Receipts	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total	Budget	Budget Balance
Rents	1,220.00	140.00	110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,470.00		
Interest	20.48	23.87	499.81	23.38	21.23	477.13	22.43	27.00	473.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,588.40		
ESBC	41,146.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,146.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	82,292.25		
LA Other	932.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	932.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,865.00		
Burial Ground	2,235.00	185.00	3,060.00	1,950.00	480.00	1,545.00	885.00	3,080.00	1,440.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,860.00	16,000	-1,140
Fishpond	409.00	260.00	130.00	228.00	316.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,743.00	2,500	-757
VAT	0.00	0.00	11,143.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,143.16		
Car Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Other	116.80	0.00	92.18	0.00	0.00	67.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	276.28		
Grants/donations	50.00	8,322.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,372.08		
Total Income	46,129.91	8,930.95	15,035.15	2,201.38	817.23	44,168.05	1,307.43	3,107.00	1,913.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	123,610.17		

Payments	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total	Budget	Budget Balance
Bank Charges	8.50	34.25	0.00	18.88	18.75	10.20	31.41	0.00	15.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	137.34		
Salaries	3,682.12	3,806.67	3,464.72	3,806.67	3,807.38	3,521.80	3,869.51	3,521.60	3,802.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,282.72		
Lengthsmen	195.40	259.38	195.40	244.46	195.40	195.40	244.46	195.40	275.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.70		
HMRC	0.00	967.25	1,556.57	1,294.44	2,345.34	1,510.89	1,330.55	1,482.89	1,304.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,792.69		
Nest Pensions	183.28	0.00	183.28	183.28	183.28	407.70	0.00	189.16	388.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,718.80		
Admin	1,660.47	1,976.74	1,464.68	854.10	107.99	808.77	1,322.94	159.45	1,882.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,237.91		
Donations	0.00	157.50	25.00	40.00	130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	432.50		
Parks	13,370.37	405.97	2,398.45	1,479.79	1,207.85	1,346.65	1,507.85	1,207.85	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,954.78	24,213.00	1,258.22
Burial Ground	20.00	0.00	0.00	366.66	149.65	789.03	0.00	183.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,508.67	5,000.00	3,491.33
Allotments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	95.77	0.00	0.00	1,461.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,557.44	2,152.00	594.56
Fishpond	425.24	0.00	297.28	394.34	127.00	1,220.75	98.00	214.70	523.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,301.30	3,350.00	48.70
Capital Exp	0.00	4,958.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,958.00		
Maintenance	0.00	32.21	69.21	60.84	82.42	0.00	91.36	97.86	1,265.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,698.90		
Car Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,161.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,161.65		
General payments	360.00	2,690.08	0.00	19.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,089.38		
Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
PEC	179.99	100.00	0.00	567.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.47	253.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,121.17	3,500.00	2,378.83
VAT	2,860.26	1,011.07	548.75	436.07	252.99	683.16	319.59	335.61	356.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,804.22		
Total Spend	22,945.63	16,399.12	10,203.34	9,766.21	8,703.82	11,656.00	8,815.67	9,089.99	10,178.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	107,758.17		

Barton under Needwood Parish Council**Bank Reconciliation as per statements at:**

31-Dec-26

Lloyds Business Account	£	2,000.00
Lloyds Commercial Instant Access Saver	£	32,882.56
Unity Trust Bank Instant Access Saver	£	82,546.40
National Savings	£	35,189.06

Total Bank Balances**£ 152,618.02**Add Credits not on Statement**£0.00 £ 152,618.02**Less unrepresented payments:-

FP	98.00
FP	100.00
FP	100.00
FP	50.00

£348.00 £ 152,270.02**Opening Balances :-****Bank Statements as at 31st March 2025**

Lloyds Current A/C	£	2,000.00
Lloyds Deposit A/C	£	18,771.11
National Savings	£	81,156.32
Petty Cash	£	35,189.06

Parish Council -

Total £ 137,116.49

Add Receipts to date	£	123,610.17
Less Expenditure to date	£	108,456.64

Total Cash and Investments as at -

£ 152,270.02**Difference -£ 0.00**RFO, S. Rumsby

Barton under Needwood Parish Council -

Schedule of Payments presented to Full Council
(invoices and quotations emailed with meeting pack)

08/01/2026

		£	£	£	Allocation
Payee	Description	Value Gross	VAT	NET	
Salaries total		4,085.90		4,085.90	HR
Nest Pension Scheme		199.66		199.66	HR
HMRC		1,477.55		1,477.55	HR
Lloyds	Bank Charges	10.20		10.20	Admin
Sky mobile	mobile phone and CCTV data	44.00		44.00	Admin & CA&E
Amazon	Printer ink	112.98	18.83	94.15	Admin
Amazon	Stationery	3.89	0.65	3.24	Admin
SSE Energy	Electricity Fishpond	550.19	26.20	523.99	CA&E
Amber Traffic Management	Road Closure signs (hire - Xmas)	150.00		150.00	PEC
Hulls Environmental	Pest control, fishpond	98.00		98.00	CA&E
Hydro International	Gauge maintenance	802.80	133.80	669.00	Maintenance
Ed Sharkey	reimbursements batteries	35.70	5.94	29.76	PEC
Amazon	Printer ink	98.24	16.37	81.87	Admin
Eon	Annual Maintenance street lights	1,324.49	220.75	1,103.74	Maintenance
Ed Sharkey	reimbursements Christmas	65.00		65.00	GPC
			Total	8,636.05	

Signed:

Barton under Needwood Parish Council

Notes of the Planning Committee Meeting 15th December 2025

Present: Cllrs Hassall, Sharkey, Wallace and Roger Bell as co-opted member

Apologies: Cllr Lord

Declarations of Interest: None

P/2025/01335: 40 Linden Road: Erection of single storey front and side extension, loft conversion including installation of dormer to rear elevation and roof lights to front elevation, alterations to existing fenestrations and alterations to vehicle access
This is quite a large extension both front, sideways and upwards. We note that several properties in the area have also converted their lofts. We also appreciate the proposal's on-site parking spaces, as the street can become congested with parked cars. We note that there do not seem to be any windows at first floor level overlooking properties on Ash tree Road.

Resolved: No objections

P/2025/01328: Westwood Cottage, 2A Barton Gate: Change of use of domestic outbuilding to form a detached dwelling

This application is for the conversion of a domestic garage separated at some distance from the host property at the end of a long narrow garden. The site lies outside of the village's settlement boundary and, therefore, for all intents and purposes is regarded as being in the open countryside where Policy SP 8 applies. We cannot see that the proposal meets any of the criteria of this policy. The accompanying Planning Statement refers to the Re-use of Rural Buildings and the accompanying Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). As we understand it, this SPD is intended to deal with traditionally agricultural buildings and barns, rather than domestic garages, so we feel this is inappropriate in this case. The Planning Statement also refers to the Government's housebuilding target of 1.5m homes over the next five years and suggests that this proposal will play, "....a small but critical role in meeting this target". Whilst we acknowledge the Government's housing needs targets, we feel that the addition of one conversion will be not be 'critical', and any housing needs should also respect local plan policies.

The site was subject to a previous planning application (P/2015/01007) albeit for a dormer bungalow and was refused on the grounds of being outside the settlement boundary and, therefore, contrary to Policy SP 8, and being in an unsustainable location.

Resolved: We object to this proposal as being contrary to Policy SP 8, by failing to meet any of the criteria, and, by extension, the Re-use of Rural Buildings SPD, which we assume is a material consideration. An earlier planning application for a bungalow in 2015 tested the principle of residential use on the site and was refused. We cannot see that the principle of resisting residential development should be challenged or overthrown by a proposal for the conversion of a domestic garage.

P/2024/00964: 20 Mill Lane: Erection of a first-floor side extension and front dormer, single storey rear extension, formation of a pitched roof to the front elevation and installation of a window to the first-floor rear elevation and an obscure glazed window to the first floor side (west) elevation

This application was originally submitted last year and proposed that the first-floor front extension should follow the existing roof ridgeline. Different styled pitches are used for the rear and side extensions. What is now proposed drops the height of the first-floor extension below the ridge line and reverses the pitches on the rear and side extensions. An obscured window is also placed in the existing side elevation.

Resolved: No objections

P/2025/01315: 21 Sandiway: Erection of part two storey, part single storey rear extension. The proposed work is at the rear and the plot is big enough to accommodate it.

Resolved: No objections

P/2025/01312 :13 Station Road: Felling of a group of Holly trees and one Yew tree and re-pollard to historical pollard points on one Ash tree

The application relates to work to trees in the Conservation Area.

Resolved: No objections to the re-pollarding of the Ash tree, but we just wonder, rather than the complete felling of the Yew tree and the Hollies, whether they could be retained in some way through being coppiced to an acceptable level so as to form a hedge.

P/2024/01084 Rhosyn Farm, Scotch Hills, Barton Gate : Retention of use as an animal encounter experience including the retention of a toilet/shower building, enclosed paddock area and reception building including associated parking areas and retention of a passing place.

Following the discussion of this application at the Parish Council meeting, Cllr Sharkey reported on his and Cllr Friend's meeting with the applicants. He reported on the wider interests of the farm enterprise, which contributed to the long-term viability of the enterprise, including 'conservation grazing' on e.g. on Cannock Chase.

The applicants had not taken professional advice on preparing their application and had, therefore, not understood the policy requirement for them to 'make the case' to show why the animal experience use was necessary to support the farming enterprise as a whole. This was one of the issues that BPC raised with ESBC in its consultation comments.

It also seemed to be the case that, in trying to maximise the income from claiming the '28 exemption' for the animal experience and 'glamping' usages, the applicants had not foreseen the issues with traffic nuisance to the residents on Scotch Hills Lane and also not then dealt with the issue sufficiently swiftly or effectively. This had antagonised neighbours

and led to a breakdown in communication about the current application resulting in a polarisation of views.

The proposals by the applicants to reduce the total number and to stagger the event times so as to reduce the impact on the amenities of nearby residents seemed to have merit, provided that they formed a condition of any grant of planning permission.

CLRs also noted that the applicants said they had explored alternative access routes both to Scotch Hills Lane and to the B5016 Barton- Yoxall Road, but had, to date, not been able to reach any agreement with neighbouring landowners.

The Planning Committee also noted that the application was being reported to ESBC's Planning Committee with a recommendation for approval.

(Update as on 17th December: ESBC's Planning Committee considered this application at their meeting on 16th December. The application was deferred for Officers to discuss with the applicants the possibility of imposing a condition limiting the operation over the winter period, albeit taking into account any demand over the Christmas period).

Bellways Travel Plan and the case of the missing bus stop!

Following discussion at the last Planning Committee meeting it was resolved that we suggest to the County Council that a notice be placed on the existing bus stop on the other side of the road to inform passengers that there is a request stop on the eastern side of the road. It was felt that this was the most expedient solution to this long-standing issue. We received a response from the County Council as set out below:-

"The bus stop on the eastern side of the road was removed during the construction of the Bellway Homes development in 2016 as the stop was located in the field where the development was being built.

Sarah Tooley (in Annabel Chell's team) was contacted by Roger Bell (a co-opted member of Barton Under Needwood Parish Council's planning committee) about this location as he was keen to have a bus shelter installed at the location of the previous stop (); one had been mentioned in the Travel Plan drafted for the development's S106 agreement. However, there was no mention in the S106 agreement of any bus service infrastructure provision or any funding granted for the installation of the bus shelter. I think the developer may also point out that the S106 agreement was signed, sealed and delivered as written and that places no obligation on them to pay for a shelter nearly nine years on from when the agreement was signed, and approximately six years since the development was completed.*

It costs approximately £5000 to install a shelter and the low number of passengers travelling southbound doesn't really justify the expense (on average, three per day). We did suggest to the parish clerk that we would contact e-on and ask for permission to install a bus stop flag on the lighting column which sits between numbers 107 and 109 Efflinch Lane but only once we had received confirmation from the parish council that the homeowners have been consulted; we haven't had that yet. I think it should be up to the PC to deal with the

complaints that are bound to ensue from the householders as there hasn't been a stop there since they moved into their properties, and they will probably query why it's needed now. Planning permission for the development was granted in 2104 and I'm assuming that it was built quite quickly after that, so the householders have been in their properties for quite a few years without a bus stop being located there. Looking at Google maps, there is a gap in photographs of eight years at that location; the last picture of the bus stop in the field is 2011 and then the next photograph of the same area is 2019 when the houses look fairly well established <https://maps.app.goo.gl/PQqn86mM8LNHVtqh6>

The Parish Council's 'Final Annual Travel Plan, Monitoring Report' suggests that they have found a legal requirement for the provision of the bus shelter but I think that it would certainly need some legal input to say whether or not that is the case and surely that would be between the parish council and Bellway Homes, not SCC.

Roger Bell did suggest putting a bus stop opposite Captains Lane but that can't be done as the bus wouldn't be able to pick up there and then make the turn into Captain's Lane, plus it's not safe to locate a bus stop opposite a junction.

Section 4 of the S106 agreement includes the Travel Plan, and Section 5 of the Travel Plan discusses sustainable transport; I've attached a copy of the S106 agreement and sections 5.9–5.13 of the Travel Plan where public transport is mentioned”.

[(*)For information, the reference to the bus shelter comes from para. 5.12 of the Travel Plan, “As part of the development, the existing bus stop infrastructure would be upgraded as part of the development, with the provision of suitable bus shelters and timetable information displays”. The S 106 Agreement that the County Council refers to states in the section dealing with the Travel Plan, para 2iii states, “To implement the Travel Plan in accordance with the proposals, targets, measures and programme of implementation set out within it”. Various Travel Plan Monitoring Reports, albeit dating from 2018/19, also mention the developers discussing the bus shelter with the County Council].

We were somewhat bewildered by this response. It ignores our suggestion. All we have ever been asking for is the restoration of the bus stop on the eastern side of the road that was removed by the housing developer to facilitate their housing development. It is still a mystery to us as to why the County Council should want us to undertake any consultation with residents when the Parish Council has no responsibility for public transport.

We have been pursuing this issue for some years now and we seem to have hit a bureaucratic brick wall. It seems such a simple request but it has reached the point where we are clearly not going to get anywhere, and we feel that we should just give up and not pursue it any further. If we or the County Council do nothing then, we assume, the situation remains as at present with just the one bus stop on the western side of the road with an understanding that passengers will wait for a bus somewhere on the opposite side of Efflinch Lane. If it works satisfactorily at the moment, then are we happy with this situation? The views of the Parish Council are requested.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 5th January 2026

Barton under Needwood Parish Council

Notes of the Planning Committee Meeting 5th January 2026

Present: Cllrs Hassall, Lord, Sharkey, Wallace and Roger Bell as co-opted member

Declarations of Interest: None

P/2025/01401 59 Short Lane : Demolition of existing conservatory to facilitate the erection of a part single, part two storey rear extension with roof lantern and first floor side extensions , raising of the ridge height and conversion from hipped gable roof to form loft conversion with dormer window and roof lights to front elevation, solar panels to the rear elevation and raising the chimney height, erection of a front porch, alterations to existing fenestration , demolition of existing garage to facilitate the erection of a double garage with first floor gym/playroom and installation of roof lights to the west elevation

The proposal envisages substantial two storey side extensions and a linking single storey rear extension, together with raising the height of the roof to accommodate a third floor. Surprisingly, however, it more or less takes up the existing footprint of the property. With regard to Policy DP 3, it does not appear to have any overlooking issues and, whilst it is dominant, the plot is probably big enough to take such a large development. The design of the existing property is undistinguished, and the proposed design makes a more symmetrical statement on both the front and rear elevations. A number of other properties on Short Lane have also been extended substantially and so we feel that, whilst large, it may not have too much of an impact on the street scene.

Resolved: No Objections

P/2025/01398 John Taylor High School : Construction of outdoor artificial sports pitch and cricket strip including 6no 13m high floodlights, 4.5m high perimeter fencing, installation of modular toilet and changing block, associated groundworks and formation of new pathway.

Resolved: No objections in principle, but we question why the location of the modular changing block is so far away from the artificial surface playing area. In addition, we note that the applicants intend to restrict the flow rate to the internal drainage system to 1.5 l.s. We doubt whether this can be achieved without the risk of blockage. The location of the attenuation control and its arrangement are not shown on the plans.

P/2025/01390 and P/2025/01391 (Listed Building Application) Barton Court, 10 Station

Road: Erection of single storey rear extension with veranda and balcony and installation of ground floor window to rear elevation-

This is a relatively modest rear extension to a listed building which has obviously experienced a number of changes over the years. The existing rear elevation looks higgledy-piggledy, and the proposal does provide some needed symmetry. The Heritage Statement provides fine words about protecting and conserving the heritage assets but some further explanation about how the design would achieve these objectives would have been welcome.

Resolved: No objections

P/2025/01395 The Smithy, Efflinch Lane : Felling of one Eucalyptus tree, two conifers and one Ginkgo tree. Crown lift branches overhanging gateway and footpath up to 2m from the ground level of one Yew tree. Crown lift up to 1.5m from the ground level of one Twisted Hazel tree and an overall crown reduction of up to 1m of on Green Acer and one Red Acer tree.

Resolved: No objections

P/2025/01383 20 Captains Lane : Erection of a single storey rear extension

Resolved: No objections

P/2025/01366 18 Wales Lane : Demolition of existing garage and sun room to facilitate the rection of a two-storey side and rear extension with Juliet Balcony, erection of a porch, installation of first floor side facing window, alterations to existing fenestration and render to all elevations

Resolved: No objections in principle, but we note that the proposed site plan indicates that the front lawn area is to become a tarmac parking area for up to 4 cars. We would, therefore, hope that ESBC will impose a condition for permeable surfacing. In addition, provision needs to be made for catching surface water run-off on site, rather than allowing it to flow down the gradient across the footpath and into the road.

Housing Needs and Developments

Cllr Sharkey stated that he has been contacted by a Yoxall Parish Councillor regarding an outline planning application for housing within that village. Cllr Sharkey was concerned that this seemed to be following our own experience regarding Providence Land's application off The Green. On further investigation, it appears that the application is for up to 138 houses on land off Lightwood Road and we understand that the developer is Gladman Developments. As far as we can tell, there appear to be no accompanying documents relating to that planning reference on the ESBC website. Cllr Sharkey also noted that Yoxall PC will be using a firm of planning consultants to undertake a Housing Needs Study for the village and that the results are likely to be incorporated into any housing needs work which ESBC will be undertaking on a borough wide basis, as the methodology has been agreed in advance with ESBC Housing Officers.

Resolved: That the Parish Council seek more detail about this proposed Housing Needs Study, including any consultant's brief from Yoxall PC. In addition, we felt that we needed to discuss with the Planning Policy section at ESBC about what appears to be pre-emptive strikes on their Development Strategy for the rural areas in advance of any progress on the revised Local Plan.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 19th January 2026 at 5:00pm

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

GENERAL

1. Resident interest in Parish Councillor vacancy

COUNTY/DISTRICT

2. Staffordshire Moorlands DC – request support for letter to Prime Minister opposing Local Government Reorganisation for Staffordshire

POLICE

3. Notification of Drop In Sessions for January through to April; *posted on social media.*

SPCA/NALC

4. Newsletters and training opportunities- forwarded to all Cllrs;