



Minutes

Minutes for the extraordinary parish council meeting held on Monday 27th April 2026 from 7.30pm. At Stafford North End Community Centre, Holmcroft Road, Stafford ST16 1JG

ATTENDANCE

Cllr M Harford Chairperson	Cllr T Glover Vice Chairperson	Cllr C Hawkrigde
Cllr G Ellis	Clerk – Nikola Evans	Cllr J Rose – SBC ⁱ & SCC
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Minutes

1	Declaration of Interest on agenda items and dispensations granted
	None received
2	Apologies
	None, all attended
3	Minutes of last Meeting – 2nd February 2026
	RESOLVED to approve as a true record
	<i>Meeting opened to the Public</i>
4	Public Participation – Members of the public are invited to address the Council on any issue that is on the agenda, over which it has power for up to 5 minutes each, with the item lasting a maximum of 20 minutes.
	Members of the public spoke about their concerns
	<i>Meeting closed to the public</i>
5	Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order – Ref: LV88818004844 (Staffordshire County Council Highways) To consider the proposed Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order (TTRO) issued by Staffordshire County Council in relation to planned highway works affecting Creswell, and to determine the Parish Council's response. Background: Members are advised that Staffordshire County Council Highways has issued notice of a Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order (Ref: LV88818004844) The scheme involves construction of a new priority junction on A5013 Creswell Grove to the west of M6 J14 to serve a new commercial development located to the south of A5013 Creswell Grove. The works include improvements to pedestrian and cycle facilities along with a puffin crossing on A5013 Creswell Grove. There will be sections of carriageway widening on both the A5013 Creswell Grove and A5013 Eccleshall Road approaches to M6 Junction 14 and a new uncontrolled pedestrian refuge crossing point is to be provided on Eccleshall Road. This scheme forms highway improvement works associated with the 'Stafford Gate' commercial development on the land south of A5013 Creswell Grove. These works are being delivered by Alto Construct on behalf of the developer, Strawsons Property. Issues for Consideration: • Impact on residents, including access to properties • Emergency service access and public safety implications • Suitability and safety of proposed diversion routes • Impact on local businesses, agriculture, and daily activities • Timing and duration of the works • Any cumulative impact with other nearby highway works Options Available to the Parish Council: Members are invited to consider and resolve whether to: - Submit a formal objection to the proposed TTRO - Request amendments (e.g. reduced duration, phased works, alternative timings, maintained access) - Seek clarification or further information from Staffordshire County Council Highways - Engage with the local County Councillor to escalate concerns - Communicate with residents and gather evidence of impact - Take no action Recommendation: That the Parish Council considers the above and resolves an appropriate course of action. Members considered the proposed Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order issued by Staffordshire County Council in relation to forthcoming road works affecting Creswell. Significant concerns were raised regarding the scale of disruption, particularly the proposed diversion of approximately 21 miles, which Members considered disproportionate given the rural nature of the area and the reliance on a single

	primary access route. The impact on residents was discussed, including increased journey times for parents transporting young children to school and potential delays affecting students undertaking GCSE examinations. Members also expressed concern about the likely suspension of local bus services during the works, noting the reliance of elderly and vulnerable residents on public transport for access to healthcare and essential services, and the risk of increased isolation. Further concern was raised regarding additional planned road works in Seighford during the summer months, and the cumulative impact this may have on traffic flow and congestion in the wider area. The Parish Council discussed the limited access to Creswell, noting that the affected road effectively provides the only route in and out for many residents, and that the proposed closure would have a significant impact on daily life and emergency access. Members considered a range of potential mitigation measures, including: • The use of temporary traffic signals to allow two-way traffic flow; • Maintaining access to frontages in both directions; • Introducing a residents-only access arrangement; • Implementing timed one-way traffic flows; • Increasing resources to reduce the duration of the works; • Improved coordination with other nearby highway works. Resolved: That Creswell Parish Council writes to Staffordshire County Council Highways to formally raise the above concerns and request that the proposed arrangements be reviewed, with a view to reducing the impact on residents and the local road network. Clerk to action.
6	Next meeting date • 4th May 2026 – Annual Public Meeting, from 18:30 pm • 4th May 2026 – Annual Parish Council Meeting from 19:30 pm
7	Future meetings: • 6th July 2026 from 19:30pm • 5th October 2026 from 19:30pm • 11th January 2027, from 19:30pm
8	Meeting closed
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ⁱ For the purpose of this meeting, SCC refers to Staffordshire County Council, SBC refers to Stafford Borough Council and MOP refers to Members of the public.