

Aslockton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Thomas Cranmer Centre (TCC), Main Street, Aslockton, Nottingham NG13 9AL

Monday 12 January 2026

Present

Cllrs Nick Wheatley (NW) (Chair), Fiona Barker (FB), Tim Knight (TK), Chris Haslam (CH), George Mitchell (GM) Sharan Pinkney (SP)

In Attendance

Parish Clerk: Neil Southwell (NS) Cllr C Grocock (GC) – Rushcliffe Borough Council, Cllr S Pearson (SP) – Nottinghamshire County Council, Chris Smith

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Johnson (DJ).

41. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 November 2025 were a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

42. Declarations of Interest

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared by any councillor.

43. Exclusion of Public and Press

No items on the agenda required the exclusion of the public or press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

44. Council Statement

The Chair reiterated that the Parish Council continues to focus on the following priorities:

- Resolving parking congestion at the playing field
- Emergency and flood resilience planning
- Organising and supporting village events

It was noted for transparency that the meeting would be recorded.

45. Public Forum

One member of the public was in attendance. No representations, questions, or comments were made.

46. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Pearson reported that Nottinghamshire County Council faces approximately 50% underfunding for road repairs. Parking on pavements is expected to become an offence, although enforcement capacity remains unclear. Abbey Lane congestion continues to be problematic with no obvious solution identified. Councillors were reminded to report potholes regularly via council reporting systems. It was suggested that the Parish Council consider writing to the local school to explore whether staggered start and finish times could help alleviate Abbey Lane congestion.

Cllr Grocock advised that a further revision has been submitted regarding the Chapel Lane planning application, with the planning officer's opinion awaited following the retirement of the previous officer. Enforcement action has commenced in relation to fly-tipping on Aslockton Lane. Concerns were raised regarding revised flood mapping issued by the Environment Agency, which may contain inconsistencies affecting property reclassification and insurance availability. Cllr Grocock confirmed a commitment to cover any administration fees associated with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Barker reported on the temporary closure of New Lane due to water pipe works and confirmed attendance at Seven Trent's consultation meeting with Cllrs Pinkey and Johnson to discuss the effect this closure will have on the village. The poor condition of the road surface on Dawn Lane remains an ongoing concern and may be raised with Highways. The government funding for Neighbourhood Plans was withdrawn in June 2025 no other grants are available.

Cllr Pinkney raised the issues regarding flood reclassification and homeowner insurance issues. Covered by Cllr CG

Cllrs Knight and Haslam reported that they had no matters to raise.

47. Proposed New Structure – WAPFT

It was noted that a meeting of the trust is due to take place shortly. The Chair will write to WPC to propose a meeting, and Cllr Grocock offered to attend to provide support if required.

48. Lengthsman Scheme

The Clerk reported that £902.04 has been spent to date. The remaining balance of approximately £300 is to be spent on finishing the stoning of footpath 3 before 31 March 2026. Invoices will then be submitted for reimbursement. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue its participation in the scheme.

49. Allotments

No response has been received in relation to letters sent regarding plots 4 and 9. It was agreed that the annual allotments meeting would be held prior to the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will issue the appropriate notice. Annual review of allotments Sunday 1st February time TBA

50. Planning Matters

Application 25/00705/FUL relating to revised plans for a five-bedroom dwelling on Chapel Lane was considered. It was agreed that the original submission should stand. This matter had previously been covered by Cllr Grocock. Planning training for councillors is to be arranged.

51. Speed Sign – Cliffhill Road

The Clerk advised that a revised quotation of approximately £4,000 had been obtained for a sign to be mounted on an existing post. This approach is commonly used in other areas. Further enquiries will be made to confirm whether any amendment to Parish Council insurance is required.

52. Footpaths

No issues relating to public footpaths were reported.

53. Finance

The Clerk reported the following balances:

- Current account: £1,147
- Reserve account: £18,596

There were no payments awaiting approval. A precept application for £24,850 has been submitted.

54. Sub-Committees

The Chair advised that there are currently insufficient resources available to establish sub-committees.

55. Standing Orders and Policies

The Clerk will issue a schedule of Parish Council policies to enable a rolling programme of review and revision.

56. Abbey Lane Road Safety

This matter had already been addressed earlier in the meeting.

57. Summer Picnic

It was agreed that the preferred date for the summer picnic would be 12 July 2026. Still awaiting confirmation from WPC

58. Flood Resilience Planning

This item was deferred to a future meeting for more detailed consideration.

59. Neighbourhood Plan Funding

The removal of funding for the Neighbourhood Plan had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

60. Items for the Next Meeting

The following items were identified for inclusion on the next agenda:

- Finance
- WAPFT
- Speed sign
- Abbey Lane
- Summer picnic
- Neighbourhood plan

The meeting closed at 8:17 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9 February 2026.