



You are here by summoned to attend a meeting of Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council, which will be held on Thursday 16th April 2026 at 7.00pm at Lapley and Wheaton Aston Village Hall.

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Please ensure that all mobile phones are switched to silent during the Parish Council meeting.

Public Forum o Democratic thirty minute period/public discussion time: From 7.00pm residents are invited to give their views to the Parish Council on items on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself. (standing order 3 f)

No member of the public may speak for more than five minutes (standing order 3g)

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| 136.To consider apologies | -Decision |
| 137.Declaration of Interests | -Information |
| To declare any interests any on agenda items | |
| 138. Approval of minutes | -Decision |
| To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Meeting of Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council held on 5 th March 2026 | |
| 139. To receive report from Parish Council Clerk (Appendix 1) | -Information |
| 140. To receive report from Staffordshire County Council | -information |
| 141. To receive report from South Staffordshire Council | -information |
| 142. To receive a report from Staffordshire Police | -information |
| 143.Financial matters | -decision |
| To consider financial matters including: (Appendix 2) | |
| a) To approve the expenditure and income for January, February and March 2026 | |
| b) To receive the cashbook summary for year end 2025-26 | |
| c) To receive the bank reconciliations for all accounts to 31.3.26 | |
| d) To receive the end of year bank reconciliation for all accounts | |
| e) To receive the trial summary balance | |
| f) To receive the current reserve status | |
| g) To approve the year end 2025-26 statement of accounts | |
| h) To approve the year end 2025-26 financial statement | |
| i) To approve the year end 2025-26 statement of receipts and payments | |

- j) To note payments/decisions made under delegated powers
- k) Consider a replacement pre paid card with Unit trust

l) Element	m) Cost
Set up fee	n) £50
Monthly fee	£3
Reissue fee (excluding lost, stolen, damaged or expired cards)	o) £10
Cash advance fee	p) 2.5% of transaction amount. Minimum fee £2.50 q) minimum withdrawal £50
Urgent card request	r) £25 (excluding delivery)
Late payment fee	s) £10 or 2% of the outstanding balance, whichever is greater
Returned payment fee	t) £30

Unity Trust Bank will receive up to 33% of the Monthly Fee and between 0.15% and 0.6% of card spend. This does not impact the fee and

144. Planning recommendations

-decision

To consider planning matters including

a) planning applications received:

Application No: Proposal: 26/00186/FULHH Dormer to front of dwelling, new porch and rear extension Location: The Hollins Hawthorne Drive Wheaton Aston STAFFORD ST19 9NQ

Planning application:25/01040/OUTM: Proposal: Outline application for the erection of up to 46 dwellings with access, landscaping drainage and associated infrastructure. All matters are reserved except for access from Fenton House Lane.

145.BKV

update/decision

To receive an update

146. Staffordshire Day

-decision

To decide if the Pc wish to hold an event to mark Staffordshire Day on 1st May , 10th anniversary

147. Play area update

-update

148. Neighbourhood Governance

-decision

To consider the joint working pack on neighbourhood governance from West Midlands CALC (appendix 3)

149. Policy update (additional document)

-decision

To accept the following updated policies

Risk register

150.Items for future - Each councillor may use this opportunity to report on matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision

making

151.Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th May 2026 at 7pm at Lapley and Wheaton Aston Village Hall. This is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, the Meeting of electors will begin at 6pm.

A representative will be available from 6.30pm to raise any concerns with

Mrs A Watson Parish Council Clerk

8.4.2026

Crime and Disorder Implications

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on local authorities to consider the crime and disorder implications when exercising its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions and to do all that is reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. Where relevant any decisions made at the Parish Council meeting have taken this duty of Care into consideration Lapley Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council

Appendix 1

Clerks Report

Information

Big lottery funding applied for MF- this has been rejected

DofE student will be litter picking in the parish as part of his volunteering role. Relevant risk assessment have been provided

Clerk transferred the remaining £91.60 (minus a £10 charge) from the clerk card and the vo card back to the PC main account due to a new monthly charge of £25 per card being implemented from April. Alternative cards being investigated

LinkedIn Page for the parish council has not produced the contacts as first hoped and has not produced the parish engagement needed to continue. The page will be deleted at the end of the month.

A/C has been reviewing the website to be more user friendly and the items in the correct place, this will now meet audit requirements. Training completed and a/c efficient with the layout

BKV information required from members asap

Staffs borough will no longer be offering pest control services, office is searching for an alternative contract and will update at the next meeting

Maintenance

The gate to the wet area at MF will need work completing summer 2026

Repair made to a lifting board on the skate park (under warranty)

Action plan item update

26/27 action plan in place

Outstanding Items:

- Defib at Ivetsey Rd- Planning are waiting for the site to be handed over. Once this has been completed an officer will assess the site for installation. SSC are to be landowners and are aware LSWA PC wish to install on site.
- Lapley Green registration-. Awaiting update from Tedstone Solicitors
- Gated alley Broadholes/Pinfold-. - SSC has allotted a public space protection order for the alley to remain closed. The next review will be in 2027
- Post office – no premises found., this has now been taken on at district level.
- Birkenshaw Lane The order for the footpath to be added to the definitive map has been made and now the officers are waiting for the order to be processed. It is unlikely to be made within this year
 - The order for the public footpath from Lapley Lane to Bickford Farm (modification order 2023) is to be determined on 25th November 10am at County Buildings, Martin Street Stafford, ST16 2LE, The order was declined. The footpath will not be added to the Definitive map

Consultations

LSWA PC Agenda 15th April 2026

Meetings/Events

Dementia training

Tuesday, 19th May, 2026 at 10am – 12pm.

Clerks meeting 1st Tuesday of each month

March 2026			
3	Tue	10am - 12pm	Clerk's Induction 1-1
10	Tue	7pm - 9pm	Councillor Development
12	Thu	10am - 12pm	SPCA Health and Wellbeing 'How to' guide for Town and Parish Councils
18	Wed	7pm - 9pm	Business Planning for local councils
19	Thu	10am - 12pm	Copy of: CiLCA Portfolio Training – Autumn 2025
24	Tue	Course: 6 / 8 dates	CiLCA Portfolio Training Spring 2026
26	Thu	7pm - 9pm	SPCA Health and Wellbeing 'How to' guide for Town and Parish Councils
April 2026			
7	Tue	10am - 12pm	Clerk's Induction 1-1
13	Mon	10am - 12pm	Copy of: CiLCA Portfolio Training – Autumn 2025
16	Thur	6.30pm-8.30pm	Planning for Non-Planners
May 2026			
7	Thu	7pm - 9pm	Explore Chairmanship
11	Mon	7pm - 9pm	Councillor Introduction
14	Thu	10am - 12pm	Clerk's Induction 1-1
9	Tue	10am - 12pm	Clerk's Induction 1-1
		7pm - 9pm	Councillor Development

12.3.26 4pm ssc rural housing info

Items emailed to councillors.

2.3.26 Application No: 26/00184/FUL Proposal: Retrospective application for siting an InPost Parcel Locker Location: Lifestyle Express Doal Food And News Long Street Wheaton Aston STAFFORD ST19 9NF

2.3.26 MHLG response to the letter regarding stopping LGR

3.3.26 SSC locality forum issue update

6.3.26 SSC Staffordshire night time activity

18.3.26 SSC policing update

- 23.3.26 SSC Decision on lapley Lane-Bickford footpath
- 24.3.26 SPCA Neighbourhood governance pack
- 24.3.26 SSC Governance review update
- 31.3.26 Application No: Proposal: 26/00186/FULHH Dormer to front of dwelling, new porch and rear extension Location: The Hollins Hawthorne Drive Wheaton Aston STAFFORD ST19 9NQ
- 7.4.26 SSC planning app 25/01040/outm amended plans
- 7.4.26 SSc dementia awareness training details
- 8.4.26 SSC shaping the future of Staffordshire
- 8.4.26 Road closure at Bickford rd Whiston ref 4487227

Response to planning comments:

SSC Planning Decision

Use of devolved powers

Capital utilities to fit the SID at Ivestsey Rd £150- to be deducted from crime funding
 £48 Cllr J Hodgkiss Chairmanship training

Annual Play Area Inspections:

Report now available

Appendix 2

Expenditure transactions - payments approval list

Start of year 01/04/25

Payment									
No	Payment	Gross	To pay	Heading	Invoice	Invoice	Details		
Reference			Reference						
294	£0.00	£0.00	03/02/26	WaterPlus - Still In Credit					
1	£93.56	100/10		Bill Amount					
2	-£93.56	100/10		Still in Credit					
287	54387416	£175.25		£175.25	100/13	13/02/26			SBP14902
	Stamps By Post.Com - Stamps for office use			£175.25					
288	313923738	£255.67		£255.67	100/19/1	13/02/26			inv-d-
10590	Cloudy It - Monthly IT Support	£255.67							
290	869955411	£504.00		£504.00	100/11/2	13/02/26			
2649715	Forvis Mazars LLP - Limited Assurance Review	£504.00							
5	Audit								
291	31012026	£0.80	£0.80	160/1/1	13/02/26				31012026
	Turnock Limited - Missed Off Last Invoice			£0.80					
293	416987300	£205.18		£205.18	100/12	13/02/26			102814517
	Ricoh U K Limited - Photo Copying			£205.18					
298	838119589	£47.30	£47.30	100/18/1	13/02/26				MileageMrs Amy
	Watson - Mileage	£47.30							
279	DD EE	£54.71	£54.71	100/10	17/02/26				V02437994695 EE - Monthly Charges
	£54.71								
280	136694350	£1,439.00		£1,439.00	120/1/1	18/02/26			2529
	Ditton Services - Grounds Maintenance Contract			£1,439.00					
	11/12								
281	988989998	£20.00	£20.00	100/2	18/02/26				BH17787 South
	Staffordshire District Council - Office rental			£20.00					
	outstanding								
292	418903098	£380.00		£380.00	100/2	19/02/26			106234 South
	Staffordshire District Council - Office rental			£380.00					

297	Mileage	£3.15	£3.15	100/18/1	21/02/26	Mileages	Mr. Malcolm Bissell - Agenda on Notice Board	£3.15
289	DD BT	£64.74	£64.74	100/10	24/02/26	M045 CX	British Telecom - Monthly business bill	£64.74
296	VO Card	£54.97	£54.97	175	28/02/26	Feb Expenses	Amazon - Ink for Printer Amazon	£54.97
Sub Total		£3,204.77	£3,204.77					
		£5,330.30	£5,330.30	Confidential				
Total		£8,535.07	£8,535.07					

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Unity Trust - Current Account

Statement Number 56 Bank Statement No. 56
Statement Opening Balance £11,595.28 Opening Date 01/02/26
Statement Closing Balance £2,969.69 Closing Date 28/02/26
True/ Cashbook Closing £2,805.69

Balance

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)	
28/02/26	JRB Enterprises Ltd	111.06	0.00	11,484.22		
28/02/26	100395214	HMRC	1,147.39	0.00	10,336.83	
28/02/26	136694350	Ditton Services	1,439.00	0.00	8,897.83	
28/02/26	24143428	Mrs Amy Watson				
28/02/26	31012026	Turnock Limited	0.80	0.00	6,772.37	
28/02/26	313923738	Cloudy It	255.67	0.00	6,516.70	
28/02/26	416987300	Ricoh U K Limited	205.16	0.00	6,311.54	
28/02/26	418903098	South Staffordshire District Council		380.00	0.00	5,931.54
28/02/26	470171527	Mrs. Josie Morris				
28/02/26	485569082	Jessica Shulman (Heale)				
28/02/26	54387416	Stamps By Post.Com	175.25	0.00	5,176.50	
28/02/26	838119589	Mrs Amy Watson	47.30	0.00	5,129.20	
28/02/26	8699554115	Forvis Mazars LLP	504.00	0.00	4,625.20	
28/02/26	94054750	Mr. Malcolm Bissell				
28/02/26	988989998	South Staffordshire District Council		20.00	0.00	4,230.56
28/02/26	AW130226	Staffordshire County Council		1,103.82	0.00	3,126.74
Superannuation Fund						
28/02/26	ba28226ss	Support Staffordshire	25.00	0.00	3,101.74	
28/02/26	ba280226ut	Unity Trust	9.45	0.00	3,092.29	
28/02/26	DD BT	British Telecom	64.74	0.00	3,027.55	
28/02/26	DD EE EE		54.71	0.00	2,972.84	
28/02/26	Mileage	Mr. Malcolm Bissell	3.15	0.00	2,969.69	

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

equals card VO

Statement Number 16 Bank Statement No. 16
Statement Opening Balance £74.44 Opening Date 01/01/26
Statement Closing Balance £0.00 Closing Date 24/03/26
True/ Cashbook Closing £0.00

Balance

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
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17/02/26	Transfer	0.00	54.97	129.41					
28/02/26	VO Card		Amazon	54.97	0.00	74.44			
24/03/26	Transfer	74.44	0.00	0.00					
Uncleared and unrepresented effects									
Total uncleared and unrepresented				0.00	0.00				
Total debits / credits				129.41	54.97				
Expenditure transactions - payments approval list					Start of year 01/04/25				
Payment									
No	Payment	Gross	To pay	Heading	Invoice	Invoice	Details		
Reference			Reference						
304	£47,665.55	£47,665.55	140/5	03/03/26	267362	Kompan	- Outdoor		
Gym at Marston Field									
307	DD EE	£56.21	£56.21	100/10	09/03/26	V02447939558	EE	-	Monthly
Charges									
	£56.21								
309	991742859	£150.00		£150.00	100/4/1			18/03/26	
00006675	Pink Print - News and Views Distribution £150.00								
310	771990336	£255.67		£255.67	100/19/1			18/03/26	
inv-d-10930	Cloudy It - Monthly IT charges £255.67								
311	891507600	£380.00		£380.00	100/2	18/03/26		106461	
South Staffordshire District Council - Monthly Office					£380.00				
Rent									
312	128721988	£1,439.00		£1,439.00	120/1/1			18/03/26	
2546	Ditton Services - Monthly Ground Rent Charges £1,439.00								
319	913789141	£192.00		£192.00	130/2/3			18/03/26	
INV-9745	Capital Sflu Group - SID Installation etc £192.00								
320	127840430	£378.00		£378.00	100/4/1			18/03/26	
00006674	Pink Print - News and Views £378.00								
321	180474201	£70.08	£70.08	130/2/3		18/03/26		37442	Lyncraft
Marketing - Hawthorn Road Car Park Sign				£70.08					
322	Clerks Card	£7.20	£7.20	120/1/5		18/03/26		gb604gq08rhhb1	
Amazon - Bin Bags									
BinBags ;									
323	661738182	£24.30	£24.30	100/18/1		18/03/26		MileageMrs	Amy
Watson - Mileage									
	£24.30								
303	£8,277.16	£8,277.16	140/11	19/03/26	267140	Kompan	- Surfacing		
at Primrose									
308	£143.00	£143.00		23/03/26	INV11864895	WaterPlus	-		
Monthly Charges									
1	£71.50	100/10 Charges							
2	£71.50	100/10 Still in Credit							
306	gpc	£64.74	£64.74	100/10	24/03/26	M046 GJ	BT	-	Monthly
Charges									
	£64.74								
305	DD Bank	£10.00	£10.00	100/21	31/03/26	160	Untity Trust - Bank		
Charges									
	£10.00								
Charge									
Sub Total		£59,112.91	£59,112.91						
		£5,235.85	£5,235.85	Confidential					
Total		£64,348.76	£64,348.76						

Receipts and Payments Account Unaudited

31/03/25 31/03/26

£ £

RECEIPTS

0.00 Fx card 0.00
40,899.62 Income 29,298.00
0.00 Interest on Investments 0.00
130,508.00 Precept 134,364.00
11,638.79 VAT on income/Vat repayments 24,811.75
183,046.41 **RECEIPTS TOTAL** 188,473.75

PAYMENTS

101,450.31 Expenditure 104,555.77
78,383.03 General Administration 80,428.96
0.00 S. 137 Payments 954.45
19,668.73 VAT on Payment 20,447.24
Capital reduction long term borrowing 0.00
199,502.07 **PAYMENTS TOTAL** 206,386.42
7,972.13 Balance as at 01/04/25 12,887.55
183,046.41 Add Total Income 188,473.75
191,018.54 201,361.30
199,502.07 Deduct Total Expenditure 206,386.42
0.00 Stock Adjustment 0.00
21,371.08 Transfer to/ from reserves 5,024.59

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Unity trust working reserves 20419150 60-83-01
Statement Number 47 Bank Statement No. 47
Statement Opening Balance £80,585.00 Opening Date 01/02/26
Statement Closing Balance £80,585.00 Closing Date 28/02/26
True/ Cashbook Closing £80,585.00

Balance

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
No activity	0.00	0.00	80,585.00		
Uncleared and unrepresented effects					
Total uncleared and unrepresented			0.00	0.00	
Total debits / credits			0	0	

Lapley Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council

Income transactions - receipts approval list Start of year 01/04/25
Tn no Ref. Gross Heading Cttee Invoice Details Ref.
date Total

37 £829.50 40/1 PC 19/03/26 Jackson Fencing - refund of £829.50
for

duplicated pmt

Total £829.50

Lapley Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council

Income transactions - receipts approval list Start of year 01/04/25

Tn no	Ref.	Gross	Heading	Cttee	Invoice	Details	Ref.
38	bacsssc6326	£25,000.00	40/1 PC	20/5	PC	06/03/26	South Staffordshire District Council - ukspf funds

for gym

Total £25,000.00

Lapley Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council

Income transactions - receipts approval list Start of year 01/04/25

Tn no	Ref.	Gross	Heading	Cttee	Invoice	Details	Ref.
39	£4.00	40/1 PC	25/03/26				Equals Card - remaining £4 refunded to clear card balance

Total £4.00

Tn no	Ref.	Gross	Heading	Cttee	Invoice	Details	Ref.
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date Total

40	bacs	£343.28	33 PC	31/03/26			Unity Trust Bank - unity trust reserves interest
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Total £343.28

41	£146.65	50 PC	02/03/26				Barclays Bank - interest
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Total £146.65

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Unity trust working reserves 20419150 60-83-01

Statement Number 48 Bank Statement No. 48

Statement Opening Balance £80,585.00 Opening Date 01/03/26

Statement Closing Balance £44,722.28 Closing Date 31/03/26

True/ Cashbook Closing £44,722.28

Balance

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
02/03/26	Transfer	47,666.00 0.00	32,919.00		
18/03/26	Transfer	0.00 11,300.00	44,219.00		
23/03/26	Transfer	0.00 160.00	44,379.00		
31/03/26	bacs	Unity Trust Bank	0.00	343.28	44,722.28

Uncleared and unrepresented effects

Total uncleared and unrepresented 0.00 0.00

Total debits / credits 47666 11803.28

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Unity Trust - Current Account 1111559/2035784 30-98-00

Statement Number 57 Bank Statement No. 57

Statement Opening Balance £2,969.69 Opening Date 01/03/26

Statement Closing Balance £892.25 Closing Date 31/03/26

True/ Cashbook Closing £892.25

Balance

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
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13/11/25		Transfer to Fair FX prepaid	164.00 0.00	card - Clerk	
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28/02/26		WaterPlus	0.00 0.00		
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02/03/26		Transfer0.00	47,666.00	50,471.69	
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06/03/26		bacssc6326	South Staffordshire District	0.00	25,000.00
75,471.69					

Council

18/03/26		Transfer11,300.00	0.00	64,171.69	
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19/03/26		Jackson Fencing0.00	829.50	65,001.19	
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23/03/26		Transfer160.00	0.00	64,841.19	
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24/03/26		Kompan	8,277.15	0.00	56,564.04
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24/03/26		HM Revenue & Customs	93.60	0.00	56,470.44
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Only

24/03/26		HM Revenue & Customs	21.80	0.00	56,448.64
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Only

24/03/26		HM Revenue & Customs	74.20	0.00	56,374.44
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Only

24/03/26		HM Revenue & Customs	304.00	0.00	56,070.44
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Only

24/03/26		HM Revenue & Customs	145.88	0.00	55,924.56
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Only

24/03/26		HM Revenue & Customs	403.12	0.00	55,521.44
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Only

24/03/26	HM Revenue & Customs	62.00	0.00	55,459.44
Only				
24/03/26	Kompan	47,665.54	0.00	7,793.90
24/03/26	WaterPlus	-71.50	0.00	7,865.40
24/03/26	WaterPlus	71.50	0.00	7,793.90
24/03/26	127840430 Pink Print	378.00	0.00	7,415.90
24/03/26	128721988 Ditton Services	1,439.00	0.00	5,976.90
24/03/26	180474201 Lyncraft Marketing	70.08	0.00	5,906.82
24/03/26	4060111565 Mrs Amy Watson			
24/03/26	6254060701 Jessica Shulman (Heale)			
24/03/26	657262030 Mr. Malcolm Bissell			
24/03/26	661738182 Mrs Amy Watson	24.30	0.00	2,959.56
24/03/26	760476654 Staffordshire County Council			Superannuation Fund
24/03/26	771990336 Cloudy It	255.67	0.00	1,583.79
24/03/26	860156656 Mrs. Josie Morris			
24/03/26	891507600 South Staffordshire District	380.00	0.00	1,115.60
Council				
24/03/26	913789141 Capital Sflu Group	192.00	0.00	923.60
24/03/26	991742859 Pink Print	150.00	0.00	773.60
24/03/26	DD Bank ChargeUnity Trust	10.00	0.00	763.60
24/03/26	DD EE EE	56.21	0.00	707.39
24/03/26	gpc BT	64.74	0.00	642.65
24/03/26	Transfer0.00	11.16	653.81	
24/03/26	Transfer0.00	74.44	728.25	
25/03/26	Transfer0.00	164.00	892.25	
Uncleared and unrepresented effects				
Total uncleared and unrepresented		0.00	0.00	
Total debits / credits		75822.54	73745.1	

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Barclays savings account 73219496 20-08-64
Statement Number 45 Bank Statement No. 45

11 | Statement Opening Balance £57,928.07 Opening Date 01/01/26
LSWA PC Agenda 15th April 2026

Statement Closing Balance £58,074.72 Closing Date 31/03/26

True/ Cashbook Closing £58,074.72

Balance

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
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31/03/26	Barclays Bank	0.00	146.65	58,074.72	
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Uncleared and unrepresented effects

Total uncleared and unrepresented	0.00	0.00			
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Total debits / credits	0	146.65			
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Financial Summary - Cashbook

Summary of receipts and payments between 01/04/25 and 31/03/26 inclusive. This may include transactions with ledger dates outside this period.

Balances at the start of the year

Ordinary Accounts

Barclays savings account £56,199.65

equals card VO £311.87

Fair FX prepaid card - Clerk £229.65

Unity Trust - Current Account £11,881.10

Unity trust working reserves £52,979.65

Total £121,601.92

RECEIPTS	Net	Vat	Gross
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Parish Council	£188,473.75	£0.00	£188,473.75
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Total Receipts	£188,473.75	£0.00	£188,473.75
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PAYMENTS	Net	Vat	Gross
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Parish Council	£185,939.18	£20,447.24	£206,386.42
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Total Payments	£185,939.18	£20,447.24	£206,386.42
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Closing Balances at 31/03/26

Ordinary Accounts

Barclays savings account £58,074.72

equals card VO £0.00

Fair FX prepaid card - Clerk £0.00

Unity Trust - Current Account £892.25

Unity trust working reserves £44,722.28

£103,689.25

Total £103,689.25

Uncleared and Unpresented effects

Statement Closing 31/03/26

Ordinary Accounts

Barclays savings account £58,074.72

equals card VO £0.00

Fair FX prepaid card - Clerk £0.00

Unity Trust - Current Account £892.25

Unity trust working reserves £44,722.28

Total £103,689.25

Balance Sheet Unaudited

31/03/25 31/03/26

£ £

Current assets

0.00 Investments 0.00

0.00 Investment 0.00

0.00 Stocks 0.00

0.00 VAT Recoverable 0.00

0.00 Debtors 0.00

0.00 Payment in Advance 0.00

121,601.92 Cash in Hand && at Bank 103,689.25

121,601.92 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 103,689.25

121,601.92 TOTAL ASSETS 103,689.25

Current liabilities

0.00 Loans Received 0.00

0.00 Temporary Borrowing 0.00

0.00 VAT Payable 0.00

0.00 Creditors 0.00

0.00 Receipts in Advance 0.00

0.00 TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES 0.00

13 | 121,601.92 TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES 103,689.25

0.00	Deferred Liabilities	0.00
0.00	Deferred Credits	0.00
0.00	0.00	
121,601.92	NET ASSETS	103,689.25

Represented by

12,887.55	General Fund	-0.53
5,000.00	Election	5,000.00
57,387.13	Contingency (3 months precept)	57,760.98
-1,005.16	BLPJG Allotments	2,176.84

0.00 Primrose Bank Play Equipment. 0.00

5,000.00 Wheaton Aston Village Car Park 5,000.00

2,000.00 Marston Road Youth Shelter 2,000.00

2,500.00 Marston Road Skate Park 1,310.00

13,344.40 Marston Road Play Equipment 1,721.40

2,275.00 Office Equipment 1,845.14

500.00 War Memorial Repair 500.00

0.00 Bus Shelter Repair/Replacement 0.00

215.00 Chairman's Chain Replacement 215.00

Drainage

1,000.00 Tree work 1,000.00

1,500.00 Christmas 1,500.00

2,700.00 Surfaces 0.00

Balance Sheet Unaudited

31/03/25 31/03/26

£ £

1,000.00 Birkenshaw Lane Clearance 1,000.00

2,928.00 Defib and kiosk 2,292.36

3,500.00 Clerk absence contingency 3,500.00

200.00 Crime Prevention 40.00

Clerk training

1,500.00 Reserve to fund future qualifications 1,500.00

14 | Page 400.00 Speed indicator devices 0.00

2,770.00	Lapley Green reserve	2,770.00
0.00	0.00	
3,000.00	container	0.00
1,000.00	Best Kept Village Comp	858.06
0.00	pump track	7,000.00
0.00	Councillor Tablet	3,700.00
0.00	New CCTV for MF	1,000.00
0.00	reserve interest	0.00
0.00	LONG TERM Investment Bank Accounts	0.00
0.00	Liability Reserves e.g. deposits	0.00
121,601.92	103,689.25	
108,714.37	Reserves total excluding general fund and liabilities	103,689.78
0.00	Reserves total of liabilities e.g. deposits	0.00
12,887.55	General fund total	-0.53
121,601.92	103,689.25	

Notes:

0.00	Long Term Borrowing	0.00
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Summary Trial Balance

Year ending 31/03/26

Credit Debit

Income

Fx card 0.00

Income 29,298.00

Interest on Investments 0.00

Precept 134,364.00

VAT on income/Vat repayments 24,811.75

Income Total 188,473.75

Expenditure

Expenditure 104,555.77

General Administration 80,428.96

15 | Page S. 137 Payments 954.45

VAT on Payment	20,447.24
Capital reduction of long term borrowing (via transfers)	0.00
Expenditure Total	206,386.42

Balance Sheet Assets

Stocks	0.00
Stock Adjustment	0.00
VAT Recoverable	0.00
Debtors	0.00
Payment in Advance	0.00
Cash in Hand && at Bank	103,689.25
Investments	0.00
Long term assets	0.00

Balance Sheet Liabilities

Loans Received	0.00
VAT Payable	0.00
Creditors	0.00
Receipts in Advance	0.00
Reserves (at start of year)	121,601.92
Trial Balance Total	310,075.67
	310,075.67

Total of credits and debits match.

Bank Reconciliation

Balance per bank statements as at 31/03/26	£	£
Barclays savings account	£58,074.72	
equals card VO	£0.00	
Fair FX prepaid card - Clerk	£0.00	
Unity Trust - Current Account	£892.25	
Unity trust working reserves	£44,722.28	
	£103,689.25	
Petty cash (no balance)	£0.00	
Less: any unrepresented cheques	£0.00	
Add: any uncleared effects	£0.00	
Net balance as at 31/03/26 (Box 8)	£103,689.25	

Section 2 - Statement of accounts

Lapley Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council

Annual return last year	Year ending 31 March 2026	Variance	
£			
1. Balances brought forward	138,057.58	121,601.92	
2. (+) Annual precept	130,508.00	134,364.00	2.95%
3. (+) Total other receipts	52,538.41	54,109.75	2.99%
4. (-) Staff costs	58,685.13	62,730.05	6.89%
5. (-) Loan interest / capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00%
6. (-) Total other payments	140,816.94	143,656.37	2.02%
7. (=) Balances carried forward	121,601.92	103,689.25	
8. Total cash and investments	121,601.92	103,689.25	
9. Total fixed assets and long term assets		145,076.57	187,390.84 29.17%
Box 10 - total borrowings	0.00	0.00	
Reserve Status	01/04/25	01/04/26	
Election	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	
Contingency (3 months precept)	£57,387.13	£57,760.98	
BLPJG Allotments	-£1,005.16	£2,176.84	
Primrose Bank Play Equipment.	£0.00	£0.00	
Wheaton Aston Village Car Park	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	
Marston Road Youth Shelter	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
Marston Road Skate Park	£2,500.00	£1,310.00	
Marston Road Play Equipment	£13,344.40	£5,678.40	
Office Equipment	£2,275.00	£1,845.14	
War Memorial Repair	£500.00	£500.00	
Bus Shelter Repair/Replacement		£0.00	£0.00
Chairman's Chain Replacement	£215.00	£215.00	
Drainage			
Tree work	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
Christmas	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	
Surfaces	£2,700.00	£0.00	

Birkenshaw Lane Clearance	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Defib and kiosk	£2,928.00	£2,292.36
Clerk absence contingency	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
Crime Prevention	£200.00	£40.00
Clerk training		
Reserve to fund future qualifications	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Speed indicator devices	£400.00	£0.00
Lapley Green reserve	£2,770.00	£2,770.00
	£0.00	£0.00
container	£3,000.00	£0.00
Best Kept Village Comp	£1,000.00	£858.06
pump track	£0.00	£7,000.00
Councillor Tablet	£0.00	£3,700.00
CLlr Tablets	£0.00	£0.00
New CCTV for MF	£0.00	£1,000.00
reserve interest	£0.00	£0.00
	£108,714.37	£107,646.78
	£108,714.37	
	£107,646.78	

Appendix 3

Template Motion: Ensuring an Influential Role for Parish/Town Councils in Neighbourhood Governance

Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council

Motion for Resolution

Date:

Proposed

by:

Seconded by:

Motion

This Council notes:

1. That the Government's English Devolution and Community Empowerment (EDCE) Bill introduces a new duty on all local authorities to establish "effective neighbourhood governance" structures, with further detail to be set out in forthcoming regulations.
2. That the Government has stated it wants all local authorities to have a way of working with neighbourhoods "**so they are not relying on town and parish councils to do it,**" indicating that parish and town councils may not automatically be recognised as the primary neighbourhood governance mechanism.

3. That the Secretary of State will have powers to define neighbourhood areas and set criteria for neighbourhood governance arrangements, but these definitions and criteria have **not yet been published**, creating uncertainty about the future role of parish and town councils within the new framework. [nalc.gov.uk]
4. That parish and town councils are the most local and democratically accountable tier of government, with established relationships in communities and a strong track record of facilitating local engagement and service delivery.

This Council believes:

1. That parish and town councils should play a **central and influential role** in any new system of neighbourhood governance, reflecting their democratic mandate and deep local knowledge.
2. That any new neighbourhood governance structures should **complement, not duplicate or marginalise**, existing parish and town councils.
3. That clear guidance from Government is essential to avoid confusion, overlap, and the dilution of local democratic accountability.
4. That parish and town councils are offered the opportunity to join any neighbourhood governance structures created in their area.;

This Council resolves to:

1. **Call on our local Member of Parliament** to press the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to:
 - Ensure that parish and town councils are formally recognised as key partners within the emerging neighbourhood governance framework;
 - Guarantee that the forthcoming regulations and guidance clearly set out how parish and town councils will be integrated into neighbourhood governance structures;
 - Provide assurance that new neighbourhood governance arrangements will not duplicate functions or undermine the democratic legitimacy of parish and town councils.
2. **Write to the MP** enclosing this motion and requesting active lobbying on behalf of parish and town councils during the development of regulations under the EDCE Bill.
3. **Engage with our principal authority** to express the Council's expectation that parish and town councils be meaningfully involved in shaping local responses to the neighbourhood governance duty.
4. **Publicly communicate** this Council's position to residents, reaffirming our commitment to maintaining strong, local, democratic representation.

Template Letter to your local MP

[Council Letterhead]

[Date]

[Name of MP]

Member of Parliament for **[Constituency]**

[Office Address]

Dear **[Name of MP]**,

Re: Request for Advocacy on the Role of Parish/Town Councils in Neighbourhood Governance Reforms

I am writing on behalf of **[Council Name] Parish/Town Council** to draw your attention to significant concerns arising from the Government's emerging neighbourhood governance proposals under the English Devolution and Community Empowerment (EDCE) Bill.

As you will know, the Bill introduces a new legal duty for all local authorities to establish "**effective neighbourhood governance**" structures. However, the Government has indicated that local authorities should not rely solely on parish and town councils for this purpose. Specifically, accompanying commentary to the Bill states that councils should have ways of working with neighbourhoods "**so they are not relying on town and parish councils to do it.**"

At the same time, the Bill provides the Secretary of State with new powers to **define neighbourhood areas** and set criteria for governance arrangements, but these definitions and criteria have **not yet been published**, leaving substantial uncertainty about how existing parish and town councils will fit within the new system.

Given that parish and town councils are the **most local, democratically elected tier of government**, with deep knowledge of their communities, we strongly believe they should have an **influential and clearly recognised role** within any new neighbourhood governance arrangements.

Enclosed with this letter is a motion passed by **[Council Name]** requesting that you press the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to:

1. Ensure parish and town councils are formally recognised as key partners in neighbourhood governance.
2. Provide clarity—through forthcoming regulations and guidance—on how these councils will be integrated into the new framework.
3. Avoid the creation of parallel structures that could duplicate or diminish the role of democratically elected local councils.

We would be grateful for your support in raising these matters with Ministers and ensuring that community-level democratic representation is not weakened as these reforms progress.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to meet to discuss this further or require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

[Position, e.g., Chair/Clerk]

[Council Name] Parish/Town Council
