

Ilam Parish Council

Serving the Parish of Ilam, Staffordshire

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Parish Council AGM Meeting Agenda – 12th May 2026 at 7.00pm Ilam School

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Held: 12 May 2026, 7.00pm

Venue: Ilam School

Present

C. Andrews (Clerk & Vice Chair), C. Wilderspin (Cllr), I. Frith (Chairman), H. Allen (Cllr), Adam Linnett (NT), Charlotte Kelly (Cllr), Karl Mortimier, Karen Tipper, A. Andrews, R. Flynn

Apologies

V. Nottage (Cllr), R. Wain (Cllr), A. Chillingworth (NT), J. Moffatt (Staffordshire Police), E. Wain (Cllr), K. Warrington (Cllr & Secretary)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted as listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on 06 May 2025 at Ilam School were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman, I. Frith.

3. Election of Chairman for 2026

I. Frith was nominated and seconded as Chairman and was elected unopposed.

4. Election of Vice Chairman for 2026

C. Andrews was nominated and seconded as Vice Chairman and was elected unopposed.

The Council noted that R. Wain had informed C. Wilderspin that he is standing down from the Council. Members expressed their thanks for his many years of service and confirmed that a letter of appreciation would be sent.

Karen Tipper was nominated, seconded, and duly elected as a member of the Parish Council.

5. Chairman's Report for 2025/2026

I. Frith advised that, although he had not completed a full year as Chairman, he was pleased with the progress made regarding parking issues during Bank Holiday weekends. The introduction of bollards and signage, together with assistance from village residents, had been successful.

The Council agreed to continue using the signage and to monitor and report any ongoing parking issues.

The community coffee morning was also considered a success, and the Council agreed to continue exploring further community events to support village engagement.

6. Financial Report (2025/2026)

C. Wilderspin presented details of expenditure for the financial year 2025/2026.

The accounts for the year were adopted, and the following documents were signed by the Chairperson, Responsible Financial Officer, and Clerk:

- Annual Governance Statement
- Accounting Statements

C. Wilderspin also presented the proposed budget for the coming year, which was approved by the Council.

The Council discussed the precept for 2027 and agreed to request an increase to £900.

Debbie Flynn was appointed to audit the accounts.

It was confirmed that there are no bank charges on the Council account.

7. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

C. Andrews declared an interest in relation to the Parish Council website hosting, which is provided through his company.

8. Open Forum

No matters raised.

9. Close of AGM

The meeting closed following completion of business.

10. Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council meeting took place immediately after the AGM.