

Ladbroke Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th January 2026 @ 19:45 hrs in Ladbroke Village Hall.

1. Record of Members Present

Cllrs Grove, Neal, Holloway, Copley, and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk)

2. To receive Apologies and approve reasons for Absence

Cllr Kemp - apologies accepted

3. Declaration of pecuniary interests

None

4. Approval of minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Holloway, seconded by Cllr Neal and

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2025.

5. Public Participation

Representatives from HS2 (Kimberley Birtwistle) and EKFB (Chris James, Haidee Williams, and Hugo Rebelo) attended the meeting. They advised the Kinton Road, B4451, is due to be closed in April for 2/3 days and then it is likely to be closed for four weeks (could be less) around July 2026. The A423 is likely to be closed for 4 weeks around August 2026. The A423 will be over the new bridge by the end of the year.

EFFB were specifically asked to be aware of the 7.5 environmental weight limit within Ladbroke and the weight limit on the railway bridge in Deppers Bridge when they plan the road closures and diversions.

Washwood Heath, (Birmingham) to Wendover (Buckinghamshire) is the test area for HS2. EKFB are due to hand over to Rail Systems (for the track build) in 2028.

Warwickshire County Cllr Kettle, formally thanked EKFB and HS2 for attending the meeting and working with the Parish Council.

6. Matters Arising from the minutes and for ongoing attention

None

7. District and County Councillor Reports

District Councillor Ostrander's report covered the South Warwickshire Local Plan, SDC's lack of a five-year supply of land for housing and the public consultation on council tax charges for second homes. Cllr Ostrander also advised the dog which had been living on the Windmill Lane site has been removed and will not be returning. SDC are still chasing the Section 106 agreement.

Warwickshire County Cllr Kettle's report was forwarded to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

8. Financial

8.1 Direct Debit payments made since last meeting on 12th November 2025

Payee	Amount £
Hugofox 26.11.25 website fee	11.99
Hugofox 05.01.26 (for December 2025) website fee	11.99
lonos 26.11.25 email	4.80
lonos 26.12.25 email	4.80
Yu Energy 01.11.25 – 30.11.25 inv 03258716	31.55
Yu Energy 01.12.25 – 31.12.25 inv 03384571	34.14
Clerk November salary paid on 01.10.25	
Clerk December salary paid on 01.12.25	
HMRC for Clerks salary November – paid 05.10.25	
HMRC for clerks' salary December – paid 05.11.25	

8.2 Payments made since last meeting 12th November 2025

Name	Amount £
British Heart Foundation – new defibrillator	954.00

8.3 Invoices for payment

None

It was proposed by Cllr Holloway, seconded by Cllr Neal and **RESOLVED** to authorise all the payments in 8.1 and 8.2.

8.4 Financial Reports

01.04.24 – 31.12.25 Noted

8.5 Bank Statements and Bank Reconciliations

31.12.25 Cllr Groves signed the Bank Reconciliation as being correct.

8.6 Increase in Unity Trust Bank fees

It was noted Unity Trust Bank fees will increase to £7.00 per month as from 1st February 2026.

8.7 Budget 2026 – 2027

It was proposed by Cllr Holloway, seconded by Cllr Neal and **RECOMMENDED** the budget for 2026 – 2027 be approved.

8.8 Precept 2026 – 2027

It was proposed by Cllr Copley, seconded by Cllr Holloway and **RECOMMENDED** the precept for 2026 – 2027 be £7087.

8.9 Internal Auditor

It was proposed by Cllr Copley, seconded by Cllr Neal and **RECOMMENDED** Eleanor Choudry be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2025 – 2026 and 2026 – 2027 financial years.

9.0 Planning Matters

9.1 Consultation List

The have been no planning applications received since the meeting held on 12th November 2025.

9.2 Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions has been received since the meeting held on 12th November 2025.

Planning No.	Address	Decision
25/02360/TREE	The Orchard Bungalow, Bridge Lane, Ladbroke	Permission with conditions

9.3 Appeals

None

9.4 Windmill Lane

Cllr Ostrander was not able obtain an update in time for the meeting. When she received it she will forward it onto the Clerk.

10. HS2

See under public representation.

11. Defibrillator

Councillors agreed to offer the old defibrillator to groups within the parish with clear instructions the Parish Council will not accept any liability. A discussion took place as to whether the defibrillator cabinet ought to be left unlocked. It was agreed the cabinet will remain locked; to avoid theft, the code can be obtained from the ambulance service.

Clerk to obtain costs for a new cabinet.

12. Items for next agenda

Assertion 10 IT Policy

13. Date of next Meeting – 24th March 2026

Meeting closed 21:25

Signed

Date