

ONECOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Onecote Parish Council held on Tuesday 31st March 2026 at 8:00pm

Present Cllr A. Johnson – Chair
Cllr. J. Stone
Cllr. B Swindells
Cllr. P. Tagg
Cllr. E. Walker

In attendance:
Cllr. Jonathan Kempster

1. Apologies.

Cllr. M. Evenden
Cllr. A. Weaver

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes

3.a Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2026 were proposed a correct record by Cllr. E. Walker and seconded by Cllr. A. Johnson.

4. Actions and Updates Arising from previous meeting

None.

5. SMDC Update

There are various funding sources available:

- Climate change fund, not available to parish councils but to community groups, up to £5k;
- Connect Fibre up to £500;
- District Councillor has up to £100 / council
- SMDC Disabilities Amenity Fund up to £2k- £3k.

There is a local government reorganisation presentation at Waterhouses Village Hall on 14th April.

There has been some contact and progress on the flooding issue. Evidence of flooding now required. Photographs of previous occurrences would be ideal.

For SIDs Elan City have extended their offer which is now 15%. It is still possible that Belle Engineering may contribute. Lafarge may be a source of community funding. Cllr J. Kempster will make enquiries.

6. Planning – Applications

None.

7. Reports of Committees and Outside Bodies

None notified

8. Correspondence

8.a General emails had been forwarded to the parish Councillors.

8.b Onecote Cemetery Report

Drainage work will commence when ground conditions permit. Signage on-going.

9. Accounts

9.a Payments

The following payment was approved:

Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association Annual Subs 2026/27 £165-57

Bank balance £6,465-63 as at 31 March 2026.

10. Projects

10.a Bus Shelter

Some work has taken place. When complete a refurbishment will be organised.

10.b Community Plan

Results have been compiled. Response and plans to be formulated at next meeting.

11. Highways

11.a Reports of defects.

The 30mph repeater sign adjacent to the telephone box is in danger of falling over.

12 Any Other Business

12.a Parish Council Website

A meeting to progress will be held 8th April.

12.b Local Government Reorganisation

There are on-going concerns about the area being joined with Stoke-on-Trent. These are compounded by the lack of clarity on the future role and status of parish councils See attached motion.

13. Date of the next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 28th April 2026