



Minutes of Meeting of the Ansdell and Fairhaven Parish Council held on
Monday, 17 November 2025 at St Pauls Church, Ansdell & Fairhaven

Present: Cllr Amy Barnes, Cllr Chris Dixon, Cllr Michelle Morris, Cllr Paul Wilkinson (Ch),
Cllr Joanne Frith-Wiliams, Cllr Deborah Wilkinson, Cllr David Perkins and Cllr Paul Spilsbury.
County Councillors John Singleton and Tim Ashton.

12 Members of the Public.

1. Welcome by Chair

Cllr. P Wilkinson welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Receive Apologies

Apologies: Cllr Susan Millar and Cllr Elliot Taylor

4. Public Participation

Public Participation issues:

One resident explained the neighbour harassment he is suffering and feels that he is not getting enough support from Fylde Council or the police. Cllr Dixon who is also a Fylde Councillor is aware of the case and will follow it up with the resident and Fylde Council.

A breakdown of monies spent on events was requested but this was covered later in the meeting.

The future of Ansdell Institute – Cllr Dixon explained that it is not a Council building but privately owned and held in a trust. The building itself needs extensive funds spent on it particularly the roof to keep it sustainable.

The neighbourhood plan was discussed and it was advised that this takes many years to put together and requires the input from the Fylde planning offices and consultation with business, residents and other stakeholders. Liaison with the businesses has already been started by Cllr Perkins.

It was clarified that the money to be spent on the lights switch on is funds raised from the recent ball and is totally separate and is not coming out of the Council tax precept.

5. Minutes of Council Meetings

Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 6 October 2025

These were taken as read. Proposed by Cllr Chris Dixon and seconded by Cllr Deborah Wilkinson.

6. Grants

Cllr Perkins advised that we have received two requests for grants.

Ansdehl in Bloom for £1,500 This request had been resubmitted as it had exceeded the limit last time. This was unanimously granted. Proposed by Cllr Deborah Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr Joanna Frith-Williams.

Ansdehl Station - £400. Agreed unanimously and approved by Cllr Morris and seconded by Cllr Frith-Williams.

Cllr Perkins proposed that the limit for grants remain at £1,500 but if an extraordinary bid is received the Council will reserve the right to look at this.

Cllr Frith-Williams approved and Cllr Dixon seconded

7. Financial Considerations

7.1 Lights Switch On

Micky and Minnie Mouse will be accompanying Father Christmas on the float/sleigh. Members were asked to agree a fee of £150 for M&M who also have a chaperone with them. Cllr Perkins proposed and Cllr Spilsby seconded.

7.2 The donations Post office and go fund me update.

It was advised that the Post Office has given a £1,320 donation as well as £420 remaining from a Go Fund Me campaign raised for Parish Council switch ons.

7.3 High Viz Jackets

Cllr Deborah Wilkinson requested funding for 10 high viz jackets which will have the Council logo on together with lanyards. The total cost will be £175. Switch on ball drinks to be paid £109.00 Proposed by Cllr Paul Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr Frith-Williams.

Thanks were given to Cllr Deborah Wilkinson for organising.

7.4 Small Selection boxes to Distribute

It was agreed that Cllr Deborah Wilkinson will purchase 300 boxes at £1.29 each to be distributed at the event.

Cllr Paul Wilkinson propose and Cllr Frith-Williams seconded.

7.5 Spids and Posts

Cllr Paul Wilkinson proposed that two are purchased one for each end of Woodlands Road. It was agreed to purchase the cheaper priced ones at £3,170.95 each plus £400 per post from LCC. A debate took place that it is really LCC's responsibility to purchase these but CC Singleton explained that all local Parish Councils purchase their own putting residents' safety first.

Cllr Dixon proposed and Cllr Paul Wilkinson seconded

7.6 Consideration of Chair of Council to join Finance Committee

Cllr Perkins explained as there are only 3 members on the Finance Committee he would like the Chair Cllr Paul Wilkinson to join the committee.

Cllr David Perkins proposed and Cllr Frith-Williams seconded.

7.7 Precept Budget

Cllr Wilkinson asked all members to think of what the Council should be doing next year with the precept budget and what they see as the Council's priorities.

7.8 Ideas for Surplus Christmas Funds

One suggestion was to have a lunch at St Pauls. Another to buy something for each of the 5 churches. Cllr Spilsby will contact the local bridge club to enquire if they are putting anything on at Christmas and need financial help.

7.9 Lighting Posts

P C had to put RCB and timers in all the lighting columns for the lights which are timed from 3pm – 11pm daily. A cherry picker has been offered to the Council FOC to assist in putting the lights up.

8. Planning Applications

259 Inner Promenade – already has permission for demolition that was given a while ago. Cllr Dixon will look into this again.

Phone Mast at front of High School – objections are that it is detrimental to the visual aspect of the area. Health grounds are not an issue to object on as there is no evidence

of health issues near to a telephone mast. Cllr Dixon will write in to object on behalf of the Council although in his opinion it is highly unlikely to be given planning permission.

9. Events

Cllr Deborah Wilkinson gave a report on the recent fundraising ball which raised £3,400 towards the Christmas lights switch on. She thanked everyone for their help and particularly the local businesses. CC Singleton said the event was very well organised and that Cllr Wilkinson should be proud of the event and its success.

Switch on – Cllr Deborah Wilkinson has met with all 5 churches who are all on board and will also include Councillors, residents and businesses. The road will be closed from 3.45pm to 7pm and will be on a rolling basis up to Commonsides due to the buses going along Commonsides. Cllr Deborah Wilkinson has organised all the staging and lighting etc.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Fylde will be present and Phil Walker will be doing the actual switch on.

10. Business Survey

Cllr Perkins reported that he had received 10 replies so far. The common themes were that people don't know of the businesses down Woodlands Road and asked for more signage. It was agreed that the Council would look into signage. The other major issue raised was that the street parking isn't permitted for long enough.

Cllr Wilkinson suggested a shop local scheme like there is in Lytham but it was noted that there is a Fylde wide scheme which will be investigated.

11. Clerk Vacancy

The advert is still on line for the post but to date no one has applied. It was agreed that now is not a good time to recruit and to look wider in the New Year.

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It was requested that when the agenda is posted on the community notice board that details of the website and a contact number be printed on this as well for those who are unable to attend are able to find out information of what happened and future meetings.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 1 December 2025 at 7.00pm at St Pauls Church