

North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers

Minutes of Business Meeting on Saturday 6th June 2026 at St Peter's, Marchington

- 1) **Welcome** from the Chairman, Alan Walters and thanks to the Marchington ringers for making us welcome for the striking competition and for the tea.
- 2) **Minutes** of the Business Meeting held on Saturday 7th March 2026 at Stafford were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Nigel Horritt, seconded by Andrew Aspland.
- 3) **Matters arising:** Alan Walters said he had registered the Association support for the Central Council initiative to have change ringing listed in the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

4) Election and Elevation of Members

First Name	Surname	Tower	Type	Proposer	Seconder
Victoria	Burton	Marchington	RM	Jeremy Wragg	Steven Blakemore
Nathanial	Gibbons	Hoar Cross	RM	Andrew Aspland	Jonathan Townsend
Simon	Pearce	Hoar Cross	RM	Andrew Aspland	Jonathan Townsend
Vilma	Silcock	Hoar Cross	RM	Andrew Aspland	Jonathan Townsend
Eliza	Lewis-Skeath	Haughton	RM	Andrew Aspland	Jonathan Townsend
Annette	Haynes	Hoar Cross	AM	Andrew Aspland	Jonathan Townsend
James	Nelson	Hoar Cross	AM	Andrew Aspland	Jonathan Townsend
James	Silcock	Hoar Cross	AM	Andrew Aspland	Jonathan Townsend
David	Tombs	Hoar Cross	AM	Andrew Aspland	Jonathan Townsend
Gill	Tombs	Hoar Cross	AM	Andrew Aspland	Jonathan Townsend
Trevor	Wright	Hoar Cross	AM	Andrew Aspland	Jonathan Townsend
Diane	Milner	Rangemore	AM	Andrew Aspland	Jonathan Townsend
Roz	Stonier	Rangemore	AM	Andrew Aspland	Jonathan Townsend

All elected unopposed.

5) Financial Report:

The current balances as at 30th May are

General Fund: £ 4,910.04

BRF: £10,491.23

Alan Walters noted that the Treasurer, Liz Fitzgibbon, has been on the committee for six years and, in line with the Association rules, would be standing down at the AGM. We will, therefore, need to elect a new treasurer.

6) Updates

- a. **BRF.** Alan Walters explained that the grant of £5,500 offered to Uttoxeter has not yet been claimed.
Alan also explained that there is consideration being given to modifying the Lichfield Diocesan Mobile Belfry (LDMB) to make the erection process easier and safer. Some of the costs would be shared between the three associations in the Diocese. While discussions take place, it has been decided not to transfer funds from the General Fund to the BRF to maintain flexibility.
- b. **Chamboree.** Alan Walters explained that the Chester Guild are taking the LDMB to The Chamboree, involving around 6,000 Guides and Scouts,

between August 8th and 15th. They are looking for help to erect the belfry and for the training sessions during the week. Josie Martin explained that anyone interested should get in touch with her.

c. **Forthcoming Events:**

Surprise Major practice (9th June), Young Ringers meeting (21st June), Tuesday Daytime Band (23rd).

Next monthly meeting is at Leek on 4th July, 2pm – 4pm.

7) **Striking Competition results**

Unfortunately, two teams did not complete the 120 rows from the first call change and were placed 9th equal. The results were:

1 st	Hoar Cross	method ringing	38 faults
2 nd	Stafford	method ringing	44 faults
3 rd	Alton	method ringing	70 faults
4 th	Eccleshall	method ringing	73 faults
5 th	Madeley	call changes	90 faults
6 th	Scratch band	call changes	92 faults
7 th	Under 30s	method ringing	95 faults
8 th	Under 19s	call changes	153 faults
9 th =	Hoar Cross	call changes	
9 th =	Chebsey	call changes	

The committee awarded the Archdeacon Borritt cup to the Madeley call change band.

Andrew Aspland gave a vote of thanks to the judges.

8) **AOB:**

None