

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025

Present

Councillors Jackson, Binyon, Corlett, Dutton, Painter and Wilson.

In attendance:

G Parker (Parish Clerk)
Councillor Mark Stocks (CWAC)

25.039	Apologies for absence Councillor Sherry.
25.040	To note declarations of members' interests None.
25.041	Public Participation: - None.
25.042	To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2025. The minutes of the meeting held on 9 th July 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.
25.043	To receive the police reports. Resolved that the police reports received after publication of the agenda be circulated to all councillors.
25.044	To receive news from the Unitary Authority Councillors. Resolved that the update from Councillor Stocks be noted, including: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• That a decision on Devolution is expected from CWAC this month.• That the consultation period on the CWAC Local Plan has just ended. There are many responses.• That the cost for CWAC to relocate the 30 mph sign on Middlewich Road is between £2000 and £3000. Alternative options include the provision of a second sign leaving the existing sign in situ and options over timing and financing. Councillor Stocks would liaise with a Lach Dennis Parish Council regarding the costs incurred on making similar provisions there.• The street lighting issue at the junction of Foxcovert Road and Middlewich Road is still unresolved.

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25.045	<p>To receive updates regarding progress with the Parish Plan.</p> <p>Resolved that: -</p> <p>Workstream 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheshire East Council has been contacted to discuss the installation of a Village Gateway. This would be the first phase with further gateway projects installed in partnership with CWAC, <p>Workstream 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A duck house has now been installed. Planting is expected to be done in October possibly including Spring bulbs on the banks. <p>Workstream 3</p> <p>Regarding the Phone Box project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It be noted QR codes be considered for individual features on the proposed map. Consideration should be given to the external appearance of the phone box including lighting and glazing. Future maintenance costs be considered when setting the Parish Council budget. The importance of the style and design of the map be recognised. It was agreed that advertising on the Phone Box would not be further considered. The possibility of a donation was noted.
25.046	<p>To approve Councillor Lead Roles (attached).</p> <p>Resolved that the Councillor Lead Roles be approved.</p>
25.047	<p>Finance</p> <p>Resolved that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Receipts and Payments to 31st August 2025 be noted. It be noted that no payments are due. The budget and expenditure to 31st August 2025 be noted. The payment of £1176 to Branson Leisure Ltd. for the replacement bench at Smithy Green in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.8. be noted. The payment of £100 to TEEC Ltd to enable the Parish Council to set up a gov.uk domain be approved. The 2025-26 Fixed Asset Register be approved. The pay award for 2025/26 be approved.

25.048	<p>Planning.</p> <p>a. To consider the latest planning applications (attached).</p> <p>Application Number: 25/02406/FUL Proposal: Conversion of existing integral garage to form lounge, utility and store.</p> <p>Location: 9 Birchwood Drive Nether Peover Northwich WA16 9QJ</p> <p>Resolved that no comments be submitted.</p>
25.049	<p>To consider the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish.</p> <p>Resolved that a working party of two Councillors and one community volunteer be established to consider the next steps.</p>
25.050	<p>To consider the establishment of a Parish wide messaging group.</p> <p>Resolved that consideration of this matter be deferred.</p>
25.051	<p>Christmas 2025 arrangements</p> <p>Resolved that: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Dutton will source a Christmas Tree. • Refreshments will be provided as last year. • Councillor Painter will advise whether any replacement lights are required. • Councillor Painter will supply a gazebo for the switch on event. • Councillor Corlett will supply a microphone and loudspeaker for the switch on event. • Councillor Binyon will approach the school to ask if they can provide a choir. • The switch on event will be publicised using a separate flyer delivered door to door.
25.052	<p>Matters for the next agenda.</p> <p>Resolved that: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village gateways • the establishment of a messaging group • phone box project. <p>be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.</p>

25.053	Future Meetings. Resolved that the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 12 th November 2025 be noted.
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