

## Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> 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: -

- 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.

Signed

**25.045 To receive updates regarding progress with the Parish Plan.**

**Resolved** that: -

Workstream 1

- 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,

Workstream 2

- A duck house has now been installed.
- Planting is expected to be done in October possibly including Spring bulbs on the banks.

Workstream 3

Regarding the Phone Box project

- 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 To approve Councillor Lead Roles (attached).**

**Resolved** that the Councillor Lead Roles be approved.

**25.047 Finance**

**Resolved** that: -

- a. The Receipts and Payments to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 be noted.
- b. It be noted that no payments are due.
- c. The budget and expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 be noted.
- d. The payment of £1176 to Branson Leisure Ltd. for the replacement bench at Smithy Green in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.8. be noted.
- e. The payment of £100 to TEEC Ltd to enable the Parish Council to set up a gov.uk domain be approved.
- f. The 2025-26 Fixed Asset Register be approved.
- g. The pay award for 2025/26 be approved.

**25.048 Planning.**

**a. To consider the latest planning applications (attached).**

Application Number: 25/02406/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of existing integral garage to form lounge, utility and store.

Location: 9 Birchwood Drive Nether Peover Northwich WA16 9QJ

**Resolved** that no comments be submitted.

**25.049 To consider the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish.**

**Resolved that** a working party of two Councillors and one community volunteer be established to consider the next steps.

**25.050 To consider the establishment of a Parish wide messaging group.**

**Resolved** that consideration of this matter be deferred.

**25.051 Christmas 2025 arrangements**

**Resolved that:** -

- 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 Matters for the next agenda.**

**Resolved that:** -

- Village gateways
- the establishment of a messaging group
- phone box project.

be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.

**25.053 Future Meetings.**

**Resolved** that the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 be noted.

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