

## **Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Present

Councillors Jackson, Binyon, Corlett, Sherry and Wilson.

In attendance:

G Parker (Parish Clerk)

### **25.054 Apologies for absence**

Councillors Dutton and Painter.

### **25.055 To note declarations of members' interests**

None.

### **25.056 Public Participation: -**

None.

### **25.057 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

### **25.058 To receive the police reports.**

**Resolved that**

- the police reports be noted.
- clarification be sought regarding
  - the circumstances of the individual entering the store in September.
  - the theft of items from a van.
  - the fire on Foxcovert Lane.

### **25.059 To receive news from the Unitary Authority Councillors.**

**Resolved that** the following updates provided by the Parish Clerk be noted: -

- Councillor Harrison is progressing with the proposal to provide Village Gateways funded by Cheshire East Council.
- Councillor Stocks will consider a grant towards a solar speed sign on Middlewich Road.
- Councillor Stocks will request an update on the situation regarding the housing development at Swan Green.

Signed

It was further **resolved** that

- Councillor Harrison be requested to engage with the Parish Council regarding the design, location and materials used for the Village gateway.
- Cheshire West and Chester Council be requested to provide a position statement regarding the adoption of the highway at the new housing development at Swan Green.

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

**Resolved** that: -

Workstream 1

- The project to install a further solar speed sign at a cost of £4000 be approved and a grant application for £2000 be submitted in the next financial year.

Workstream 2

- That it be noted that the pond is now full and the aquatic planting has been completed.
- Planting on the land around the pond is likely to take place next Spring.

Workstream 3

- The purchase of materials to repaint and reglaze the Phone Box be approved with a budget of £1250.
- The final sign off of the information boards be agreed via email.

**25.061 Finance**

**Resolved** that: -

- a. The Receipts and Payments to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 be noted.
- b. The payments due of £156 be approved.
- c. The budget and expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 be noted.
- d. The revised monthly subscription to Office365 of £10.08 (ex VAT) reduced from £10.30 (ex VAT) be noted and approved.
- e. The draft budget for 2026/27 provides
  - allocations for projects including Village Gateways; a solar speed sign partly funded by a member grant from CWAC; and preliminary work on preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

- Maintenance budget increases to allow for the ongoing maintenance of Barrows Brow Pond, the village signs, fingerposts and phone box.

**25.062 Response to Cheshire East Council consultation on its' draft Local Transport Plan and Investment Framework.**

**Resolved** that the draft response be approved with an amendment to draw attention to the shortage of supporting transport for aging rural population.

**25.063 To discuss a Highways works notices protocol.**

**Resolved** that this matter be deferred.

**25.064 To consider communications**

- **Communications protocols**
- **Proposal to establish a Parish wide messaging group.**

**Resolved** that this matter be deferred.

**25.065 Christmas 2025 arrangements**

**Resolved** that: -

- The Christmas event arrangement previously approved be noted.
- That a sound system and vacuum flasks be purchased if affordable

**25.066 Matters for the next agenda.**

**Resolved** that: -

- Communications
- Highway works protocol
- Broadband

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

**25.067 Future Meetings.**

**Resolved** that the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 be noted.