

## Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Present

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

In attendance:

G Parker (Parish Clerk)

<b>25.068</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  Councillor Sherry.  Councillor Mark Stocks (CWAC)
<b>25.069</b>	<b>To note declarations of members' interests</b>  None.
<b>25.070</b>	<b>Public Participation: -</b>  None.
<b>25.071</b>	<b>To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025.</b>  The minutes of the meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.
<b>25.072</b>	<b>To receive the police reports.</b>  <b>Resolved</b> that the police reports be noted.
<b>25.073</b>	<b>To receive news from the Unitary Authority Councillors.</b>  <b>Resolved that</b> the following updates provided by Councillor Harrison be noted including: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Progress with establishing a Combined Authority</li><li>2. Changes to inheritance tax proposals for farms</li><li>3. The implications of the introduction of "grey belt2 in the NPPF</li><li>4. CEC's call for sites for consideration in the next Local Plan</li><li>5. CEC is reintroducing a Cabinet system of governance</li><li>6. The proposals to reduce the number of PCSO's by 60</li><li>7. CEC's budget setting may result in a 10% increase in Council Tax</li><li>8. Concerns regarding the possible designation of Adlington as a new settlement</li><li>9. Delays in implementation of highway related projects initiated by Councillors</li></ol>

Signed

	10. A request that Parish Councillors notify Councillor Harrison of any needs for line painting and/or replacement speed limit repeater signs.
<b>25.074</b>	<p><b>To receive updates regarding progress with the Parish Plan.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that: -</p> <p>Workstream 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that the Parish Council would liaise with Councillor Harrison regarding the design of the Village Gateways to be installed in the Cheshire East part of the Parish.</li> <li>• It be noted that these Village Gateways would be fully funded by Councillor Harrison using his Cheshire East Council Highways budget.</li> </ul> <p>Workstream 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. It be noted that work on the refurbishment of the phone box is complete.</li> <li>b. Payment of £196.18 for paint and silicone be approved.</li> <li>c. It be noted that work on the design of the information board is ongoing.</li> <li>d. Agreed that two further sets of Christmas tree lights be purchased at a cost of c £140 to replace those that failed last Christmas.</li> </ol>
<b>25.075</b>	<p><b>To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Applications be submitted to the Planning Authorities to designate the Neighbourhood area.</li> <li>b. Quotations be obtained for consultancy support to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan with break clauses should the project be cancelled.</li> <li>c. Communication and publicity be considered at a later stage.</li> </ol>
<b>25.076</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Receipts and Payments to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 be noted.</li> <li>b. It be noted that there are no payments due.</li> <li>c. The budget and expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 be noted.</li> <li>d. That the budget for 2026/27 be approved and that the precept be set at £13900 being equating to a band D charge of £41.23, an increase of £1.15 on last year's £40.08.</li> </ol>
<b>25.077</b>	<p><b>To approve the IT Policy.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that the IT Policy be approved.</p>

<b>25.078</b>	<p><b>To approve the Defibrillator Memorandum of Understanding.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that the Defibrillator Memorandum of Understanding be approved.</p>
<b>25.079</b>	<p><b>To discuss the Community Emergency Plan Community Risk pilot.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that the feedback on the Community Emergency Plan Community Risk pilot be noted.</p>
<b>25.080</b>	<p><b>To discuss a Highways works notices protocol.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that a log of Highways notices within the Parish be maintained for 6 months.</p>
<b>25.081</b>	<p><b>To consider communications issues.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that the Parish Council sign up to Gov.uk Notify for free and run a pilot between Parish Councillors.</p>
<b>25.082</b>	<p><b>Matters for the next agenda.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village sign</li> <li>• Phone Box information point project</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Plan</li> <li>• Road safety on Plumley Moor Road</li> </ul> <p>be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.</p>
<b>25.083</b>	<p><b>Future Meetings.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 be noted.</p>