

**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: -  1. Progress with establishing a Combined Authority 2. Changes to inheritance tax proposals for farms 3. The implications of the introduction of "grey belt2 in the NPPF 4. CEC's call for sites for consideration in the next Local Plan 5. CEC is reintroducing a Cabinet system of governance 6. The proposals to reduce the number of PCSO's by 60 7. CEC's budget setting may result in a 10% increase in Council Tax 8. Concerns regarding the possible designation of Adlington as a new settlement 9. Delays in implementation of highway related projects initiated by Councillors

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	10. A request that Parish Councillors notify Councillor Harrison of any needs for line painting and/or replacement speed limit repeater signs.
25.074	<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>
25.075	<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>
25.076	<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>
25.077	<p><b>To approve the IT Policy.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that the IT Policy be approved.</p>

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25.078	<p><b>To approve the Defibrillator Memorandum of Understanding.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> that the Defibrillator Memorandum of Understanding be approved.</p>
25.079	<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>
25.080	<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>
25.081	<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>
25.082	<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>
25.083	<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>

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