Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th September 2026

Present

Councillors Binyon, Corlett, Dutton, Painter and Wilson

In attendance:

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

26.043 Apologies for absence

Councillor Jackson

26.044 To note declarations of members' interests

None.

26.045 Public Participation: -

None.

26.046 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2026.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2026 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

26.047 To receive and confirm the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 23rd July 2026.

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 23rd July May 2026 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

26.048 To receive the police reports.

Resolved that the police reports be noted.

26.049 To receive news from the Unitary Authority Councillors.

Resolved that the following updates provided by Councillor Stocks be noted including: -

- The position regarding the planning and highways issues at the Swan green development.
- Councillor Stocks would support the installation of a Solar speed sign on Hulme Lane provided that it can be implemented before the end of December.
- The timetable for the CWAC Local Plan has been extended to 2028 and the call-in rules for Councillors are likely to be tightened.
- There are issues with the enforcement of planning conditions and the

number of developments with unadopted roads appears to be increasing.

26.050 Parish Plan

Resolved that: -

1. the updates be noted.
2. the design of the village gateways will be white posts with a yellow background; two village gateways will be at each end of Middlewich Road with a “welcome” message; and one village gateway on Hulme Lane with a “Lower Peover” message; no village gateway will be installed on Plumley Moor Road.
3. the replacement of the Village sign be progressed.
4. Bulbs for planting at Barrows Brow pond be purchased with a budget of £600.
5. the position on the refresh of the Parish Plan be noted.

26.051 Finance

Resolved that:

a. the Receipts and Payments statement for the period ending 31 August 2026 be noted.

b. payments totalling £770.80 be approved, comprising:

- £373.20 in payments due.
- £40.00 to Lower Peover Primary School for room hire; and
- £120.00 and £237.60 to Williams Design and Print for work associated with the Neighbourhood Plan.

c. the Budget Monitoring Report and expenditure to 31 August 2026 be noted;

d. reimbursement of expenses incurred by Councillor Painter for weed clearance at Barrows Brow Pond be approved.

e. the 2026/27 pay award be approved.

26.052 Planning

a. To consider the latest planning applications.

Application Number: 26/2638/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of garage to an independent residential dwelling.

Location: 3, FREE GREEN COTTAGES Free Green Lane, Over Peover, Knutsford, Cheshire East, WA16 9QX.

Resolved to object to this application on the basis that.

- Insufficient detail has been submitted by the applicant.
- There is no heritage statement.
- The scale of the proposed extension is disproportionate

26.053 To approve the pre-event responsibilities and actions for Christmas 2026 arrangements; and to approve the event plan for the Christmas lights switch on.

Resolved that the schedule of pre-event responsivities be approved subject to

- Councillor Corlett taking responsibility for the playlist, microphone and speaker.
- Councillor Jackson taking responsibility for light testing.
- Removal of the requirement for a PA system.

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- The number of expected attendees to be revised to 80-100.
- Councillor Binyon request a local doctor to provide First Aid.
- Councillor Dutton will provide a list of carols.

It was further resolved that the event plan be amended in accordance with the proposals from Councillor Painter.

26.054 To review the newsletter distribution arrangements

Resolved that the current arrangements be maintained.

26.055 Defibrillator.

To approve the replacement of the defibrillator at the Country Store

Resolved that:-

1. the purchase of replacement pads in October at c £130 be approved.
2. the need to replace the defibrillator of 2030 be noted and approved.

26.056 To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan working group

Resolved that:-

1. the position be noted and the Council approves the further development of the NDP.
2. spending incurred from the budget so far be approved.
3. the Neighbourhood Plan budget be increased from £2000 to £5000 for 2026/27.
4. spending of £200 for the ongoing costs above relating to consumables be approved.
5. the minutes of the Working Group meeting on 24th August 2026 be noted.

26.057 To consider the rollout plan for Gov.notify.

Resolved that in the absence of a report from Councillor Sherry consideration of this matter be deferred.

26.058 Matters for the next agenda.

Resolved that: -

- Christmas tree switch on event
- Autumn Newsletter
- Parish Plan
- Village sign replacement

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

26.059 Future Meetings.

Resolved that the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 11th November 2026 be noted.

Signed