Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th July 2026

Present

Councillors Corlett, Jackson and Wilson.

In attendance:

G Parker (Parish Clerk), Councillor Anthony Harrison (CEC)

26.019 Election of Chair for the meeting

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, members noted that the meeting was quorate. Nominations were invited for a councillor to chair the meeting. Cllr Corlett was proposed and seconded. There being no other nominations, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Corlett be elected to chair the meeting. Cllr Corlett then took the chair.

26.020 Apologies for absence

Councillors Binyon, Dutton, Painter and Sherry.

26.021 To note declarations of members' interests

None.

26.022 Public Participation: -

None.

26.023 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2026.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2026 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

26.024 To receive the police reports.

Resolved that the police reports be noted.

26.025 To receive news from the Unitary Authority Councillors.

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

1. CEC had now introduced a Cabinet governance system.
2. Combined authority elections are taking place in 2027.
3. CEC is looking for housing sites for inclusion on the Local plan potentially including a site in Plumley.
4. The latest planning application regarding Heesom Farm has been

refused.

5. Road surfacing has been undertaken on Booths Lane.
6. Councillor Harrison has a significant unspent budget, but his proposed schemes have not been approved. The provision of a Village Gateway scheme is now not likely to proceed.

26.026 To agree Lead roles for Parish Councillors.

Resolved that: -

Councillor Sherry be appointed to the lead role on communications (excluding the Newsletter)

Councillor Jackson continues as lead for the Newsletter.

Councillor Jackson replaces Councillor Painter on the Personnel Committee.

26.027 To receive updates regarding progress with the Parish Plan.

Resolved that: -

- The position on each project be noted.
- The likelihood that funding for a Village Gateway from Cheshire East Council would not be forthcoming be noted and that alternative proposals be formulated.
- The procurement of a fixed solar speed sign be continued at location advised by Concillor Binyon
- The proposal to undertake maintenance of Barrows Brow Pond at the end of September or in October at a cost of £500 be approved.
- The status of the procurement of a replacement village sign be noted.
- Alternative quotations for the manufacture of a vandal proof information board be obtained.
- The Replacement Bench at Tree of Imagination was expected to be installed in August.
- The feedback from the recent Manchester Airport Liaison meeting be noted.

26.028 To discuss the refresh of the Parish Plan.

Resolved that consideration of this item be deferred.

26.029 To discuss measures to improve the appearance of the village and to improve footpaths

Resolved that consideration of this item be deferred.

26.030 Finance

Resolved that

a. the Receipts and Payments to 30th June 2026 be noted.
b. the payments due be approved.
c. the budget and expenditure to 30th June 2026 be noted.
d. To consider the request from the Parochial Church Council of St Oswald's Church for a contribution toward the upkeep of the churchyard in 2026/27 (attached).

26.031 To consider replacement of the defibrillator at the Country Store.

Resolved that consideration of this item be deferred.

26.032 To determine the arrangements for the next Litter Pick.

Resolved that a litter pick be arranged for a convenient date in September when as many Councillors as possible could participate.

26.033 To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan working group.

Resolved that

- the update be noted.
- the requirement to redesignate the Neighbourhood Area as advised by Cheshire West and Chester Council be noted.

26.034 To discuss the Summer Newsletter

Resolved that the Newsletter include items regarding

- Dog fouling
- The Autumn litter pick
- The Neighbourhood Plan
- Christmas event

26.035 To consider room hire for future meetings.

Discussed concerns about charging given the charitable objects of the school. Also, the lack of facilities and need for heating in colder months

Resolved that further discussions be held with the school to establish satisfactory arrangements.

26.036 To consider Christmas 2026 arrangements.

Resolved that

- The Christmas lights switch on event be scheduled for 1st December

2026.

- Councillor Dutton be requested to assist with arrangement to provide the Christmas Tree
- Councillor Corlett liaise with Lower Peover School regarding inviting the choir.

26.037 To consider the rollout plan for Gov.notify.

Resolved that it be noted that Councillor Sherry had not yet submitted a plan and that he again be requested to submit a plan for consideration at the next meeting.

26.038 Matters for the next agenda.

Resolved that: -

- Gov.notify rollout plan.
- Parish Plan refresh.
- Christmas event plan.
- Solar speed sign.
- Village sign.
- Room hire.

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

26.039 Future Meetings.

Resolved that the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 9th September 2026 be noted.

Signed