Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th March 2026

Present

Councillors Painter, Binyon, Dutton and Wilson.

In attendance:

G Parker (Parish Clerk), Councillor Mark Stocks (CWAC), Phil Hambleton (PCSO), Kate Griffiths (RCT Trustee).

25.088 Apologies for absence

Councillors Jackson, Corlett and Sherry.

25.089 To note declarations of members' interests

None.

25.090 Public Participation: -

None.

25.091 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2026.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2026 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

25.092 To receive and confirm the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 30th January 2026.

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25.093 To receive the police reports.

PCSO Hambleton advised that the new policing arrangements would commence in April.

Resolved that the police reports be noted.

25.094 To receive news from the Unitary Authority Councillors.

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

1. Concern expressed regarding the decision to reduce the number of PCSO's.

2. CWAC has increased Council tax by 4.9% the eleventh successive year of maximum increases
3. Combined Authority elections will be held in 2027
4. Communication issues with CWAC continue to be a serious problem.

25.095 To receive an update on the Richard Comberbach Trust

Kate Griffiths presented an update report on the activities of the Richard Comberbach Trust

Resolved that the report be noted.

25.096 To receive updates regarding progress with the Parish Plan including the Village sign and Phone Box project.

Resolved that: -

a. The specification for the work to restore the Village sign be finalised, formal quotations be obtained and considered at the next meeting.
b. The wording for inclusion on the Phone Box information board be finalised and that the contractor be requested to arrange the printing and delivery of the finished product.

25.097 Finance

Resolved that: -

a) the Receipts and Payments to 28th February 2026 be noted.
b) the payments due of £795.00 be approved.
c) the budget and expenditure to 28th February 2026 be noted.

25.098 To discuss road safety on Plumley Moor Road.

Resolved that the situation be noted.

25.099 To Consider support for Legislative Change on the Sale and Use of Fireworks (attached).

Considered the proposal received from Nantwich Town Council.

Resolved that, having regard to the upset to pets and farm animals , the injuries and accidents caused, and the resources spent by our emergency services, the Parish Clerk is requested to write to our MP, the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary asking them to support legislation preventing the sale of fireworks and promoting, instead, public displays of fireworks and bonfires arranged by responsible organisations with licences issued by the relevant principal local authority for the area.

25.0100 To approve the replacement of the bench at the Tree of Imagination.

Resolved that the rotted bench at the Tree of Imagination be replaced with a bespoke bench designed by a local craftsman at a cost of £850.

25.0101 To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

Resolved to note that a meeting of the working group had taken place.

25.0102 To pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussion regarding quotations to provide support for the Parish Council in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

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Resolved that the proposal from contractor A be approved

25.0103 Matters for the next agenda.

Resolved that: -

- Solar speed sign
- Additional village bench
- Village sign

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

25.0104 Future Meetings.

Resolved that the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 13th May 2026 be noted.

Signed