



Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 14th Sept 2026

Present: Cllr John Harding (Chair), Cllr Michelle Simpson, Cllr Jo Kershaw, Cllr Rob Snasdell, Cllr Dan Marr, Cllr Liz LeBreuil, Cllr Nick Jennings, Cllr Anna Last

Also present: Angela Capstick (Clerk)

Apologies

Cllr Marr running late due to other meeting. Arrived at 19:45

44. Declarations of Interest

None

45. Public Forum

Request made by member of the public for allotments. Currently no land available but plans shown to council for Niddries Lane did include allotments. No further information known.

46. PCSO Report

PCSO not present. Reports for August & September distributed and discussed.

47. Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 13th July are an accurate record of the meeting. Proposer Cllr Jennings, 2nd Cllr Harding. Approved with 2 abstentions due to not present at meeting.

48a. Financial Matters - Payments

Resolved: that payments to be made in August for the period 1.8.26 to 31.8.26 are retrospectively approved. Proposer Cllr LeBreuil, 2nd Cllr Kershaw. Approved by unanimous vote.

Resolved: that payments to be made in Sept for the period 1.9.26 to 30.9.26 are approved. Proposer Cllr Kershaw, 2nd Cllr Snasdell. Approved by unanimous vote.

48b. Financial Matters – Reports

Resolved: that bank reconciliation to 31st August is accepted. Proposer Cllr Kershaw, 2nd by Cllr Simpson. Approved by unanimous vote.

48c. Review of NALC pay award for clerk.

Resolved: that increase recommended by NALC is given to clerk, backdated to 1st April. Proposer Cllr Snasdell, 2nd by Cllr Simson. Approved by unanimous vote.

48d. Approval of Zurich insurance for MPC.

Resolved: that Zurich Insurance cost is approved. Proposer Cllr Snasdell, 2nd Cllr Harding. Approved by unanimous vote.

48e. Approval of costs of traffic management for Remembrance Day

Resolved: that costs for traffic management are approved. Proposer Cllr Harding, 2nd Cllr Simpson. Approved by unanimous vote

48f. Approval of fabrication costs for exercise equipment on playing field.

Resolved: that cost of £315 be approved. Proposer by Cllr Harding, 2nd by Cllr Jennings. Approved by unanimous vote

48g. Approval of electrical work on Cenotaph & MUGA

Resolved: that all lights on MUGA are replaced at the same time. Contractor to quote for more suitable timer for MUGA lighting. Proposer Cllr Harding, 2nd by Cllr Jennings. Approved by unanimous vote.

48h. Approval of costs from Jigsaw for installation & commissioning of EV point.

Resolved: that payment of invoice be made after access has been set up to the back-office function of the EV points. Proposer Cllr Harding, 2nd Cllr Marr. Approved by unanimous vote.

48j. Review MPC Community Grants Policy.

Resolved: that policy still valid, no changes required. Review timescales to be 3 yearly. Proposer Cllr Harding, 2nd Cllr LeBreuilly

49. Planning

Noted: that no planning applications have been submitted since last meeting

50. Parish Matters

Regent St Back is now completed. Council noted comments on social media regarding issues of dog mess being left on gardens.

Fire on Whitlow Lane evidence that we need to be very mindful during the extreme hot weather of potential fire conditions.

Safety on junction of Brick Kiln Lane and bypass remains a concern of the Parish Council. Will be brought up again with CWAC for safety measures.

51. Clerks report.

Events coming up:

- ChaLC AGM – 15th October from 6 – 9 pm. Cheshire View, Christleton.

- CWAC Town & Parish Conference. 30th September 4 – 6pm. Hartford Golf Club
- Cheshire PCC meeting with Dan Price. 6th October 6 – 7pm. Police HQ.

The Pension Regulator noted of incorrect correspondence details.

Remembrance Sunday organised for 8th November 2026.

CilCa training has commenced due to complete in August 2027.

Audit & AGAR from 2027 going digital. Webinar in December for clerks.

Christmas Tree dead – to be replace.

Wasp nest reported on playing field was not a wasp nest.

Gate opening requests for:

- Wednesday 23rd September. WI day trip from 09:30 – 19:30
- Monday 5th October. WI outbound.
- Friday 9th October. WI return.

Davenham Football Club have repaired ground in front of goals.

52. Chairs report

Draft letter of complaint written to CWAC, discussed with councillors. Application to have FP9 moved will be resubmitted to CWAC, for discussion at next PC meeting

53. Subcommittee reports.

No subcommittee meetings have taken place this month.

54. Councillor reports.

Ward Councillor report: Details given regarding bridge at station is Winsford causing huge traffic congestion during peak times. CWAC scoping out for Local Plan (details sent to councillors), everyone is encouraged to respond. Decision notice on the planning application on Niddries Lane is waiting for S106 agreement. Backs Lane (Regent St Backs) was shown in internal meeting of good example of adopted estate. CWAC redoing portal on website for reporting overgrown hedge.

Cllr Jennings: Topsoil has been left by Davenham Football club on park. Clerk to contact resident regarding creeping vine becoming an issue for walkers.

Cllr Marr: Potholes reported along Jack Lane to CWAC.

Cllr Kershaw: Field from Eaton Lane to locks has been ploughed making is very difficult for walkers.

Cllr LeBreuilly: Footpath along the top of village very overgrown in parts, can we report to CWAC (see earlier comment from ward councillor)

Cllr Snasdell: Concerns expressed from residents regarding the overhanging branches from the old vicarage. Willow fencing on park is still there. Public footpath near bypass is covered with moss – can this be cleared by handyperson.

Cllr Last: None

Cllr Simpson: None

55. Data Protection

1 FOI received. Clerk has responded to requestor.

56. AOB

None

Meeting ends: 20:50