

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm
Monday 20th October 2025.**

Councillors in attendance: Victoria Coward (VC), Derek Heiron (DH), Jo Butler (JB), Rachel Blood (RB), Charlie Blood (CB), Hayley Whitaker (HW-CEC).

Parish Clerk: Michelle Andrew (MA)

1. Noted	Apologies for Absence. Ian Pulley (IP), Alex Baker (AB), Jos Saunders (JS-CEC).
2.	Declarations of Interest. None.
3. All Noted	Public Forum. A resident was present to discuss the winter gritting provisions for Bakestonedale Road, Shrigley Road and Blaze Hill as this is the diversion that the majority of people are using whilst the B5470 is closed. It was noted that the road gets very icy and is prone to drifting snow which in previous years often leads to road closures. Should the road be closed, this would cause many issues for residents and the emergency services, as well as the teachers from the school. A suggestion was to request that Cheshire East carry out a new risk assessment as the roads are now used as major access for many which could, in turn, grant additional gritting. A further suggestion was made for a traffic survey to be carried out to measure the volume of traffic now using these roads compared to before the B5470 was closed. HW-CEC will submit a members enquiry requesting a new risk assessment and also to look at how many times the road has been closed in previous years due to snow and ice.
4. Noted Noted Noted Action	Feedback and information sharing from Cheshire East Councillors. a. School Speed Mitigation. No update. b. School Swimming Lessons CEC have backtracked on paying the extra cost for the buses to take the children to New Mills Swimming Pool. HW-CEC has requested a meeting with the Interim Director of Education about this. c. Playground Improvements. Waiting for the outcome of the grant application. d. B5470 Closure. Work is due to start on Monday 27 th October and continue until Spring 2026. JB suggested contacting CE Highways to find out the name of the company who the road repair contract has been awarded to and find out if a community fund is available. Clerk will look into this.

Noted	<p>e. Other Matters.</p> <p>There has been a lot of worry amongst residents and neighbouring Parish's about the news of a 'new town' in Adlington. HW-CEC shared how they had not received any advance notice of this and at the moment do not have any further information other than it is not on the fast-track list for work to begin before the next election.</p>																														
5. Noted	<p>PCSO comments.</p> <p>PCSO was not present at the meeting. The next PCSO sessions are as follows ..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thursday 23rd October 5.30pm – 6.30pm. - Thursday 13th November 5.30pm – 6.30pm. - Thursday 4th December 5.30pm – 6.30pm. - Thursday 15th January 3.30pm – 4.30pm. <p>Clerk emailed PCSO regarding the fireworks that had been set off in a field in the village and PCSO encouraged residents to report all future incidents via 101 if it happen again.</p>																														
6. Approved	<p>To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th September 2025.</p> <p>Approved – 4 FOR.</p>																														
7. Approved	<p>Finance.</p> <p>a. Payments to be authorised by the Council. BACS</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="406 1243 1353 1630"> <tr> <td>Clerk Salary October 2025</td> <td>£</td> <td>276.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE M7 2025</td> <td>£</td> <td>69.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G Preston – Gardener - October</td> <td>£</td> <td>50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Blood Expenses – Bierkeller Bread</td> <td>£</td> <td>18.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Smallwood – Cleaning</td> <td>£</td> <td>122.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Blood Expenses – Bierkeller Beer</td> <td>£</td> <td>63.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Butler Expenses - Bierkeller</td> <td>£</td> <td>209.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Butler Expenses – CRTA Event</td> <td>£</td> <td>111.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CRTA – Victor & Albert</td> <td>£</td> <td>440.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>£</td> <td>1,360.58</td> </tr> </table> <p>5 FOR</p> <p>b. Bank statement reconciliation.</p> <p>Bank accounts at the end of September 2025</p> <p>Current Acc - £ 7,017.64 Reserve Acc - £ 26,495.23 TOTAL = £ 33,512.87</p>	Clerk Salary October 2025	£	276.64	HMRC PAYE M7 2025	£	69.20	G Preston – Gardener - October	£	50.00	R Blood Expenses – Bierkeller Bread	£	18.14	L Smallwood – Cleaning	£	122.30	C Blood Expenses – Bierkeller Beer	£	63.86	J Butler Expenses - Bierkeller	£	209.15	J Butler Expenses – CRTA Event	£	111.29	CRTA – Victor & Albert	£	440.00	TOTAL	£	1,360.58
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11.	<p>To consider planning applications / decisions received.</p> <p>None.</p>
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<p>13.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>To discuss maintenance of the hall and garden.</p> <p>a. Hall Flag. Clerk has purchased this and it will be fitted prior to the Remembrance Service.</p> <p>b. PSU box shelf. A shelf will be fitted for the PSU to sit on once the projector is all set up.</p> <p>c. Banister rail. DH will look into repairing the rail.</p> <p>d. Water boiler. VC has been informed that the small water boiler in the hall is broken. Councillors concluded that this was not the Councils equipment and must have been brought in by somebody hiring the hall and therefore would not be replaced.</p> <p>e. Possible mice. VC has been informed that mice droppings have been found in one of the cupboards. DH will look into this and this will be cleaned out.</p> <p>f. Collapsed wall outside. The lady who’s car rolled into the wall outside the hall causing damage to the wall has not been in touch again so RB will chase this.</p> <p>g. Window Cleaning. Clerk suggested a window cleaner for the hall as the previous one no longer comes. RB will send clerk details of the company used by the Primary School.</p> <p>h. Fascia boards progress. AB was not present at the meeting to provide an update.</p>

<p>Action Noted</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>i. Refurb of main hall space. DH is trying to obtain a quote for the initial work. Councillors discussed allowing regular hall users to keep using the hall but that no other bookings would be taken from January to March.</p> <p>Councillors also asked Clerk to contact gardener about clearing leaves away from the front of the hall prior to the Remembrance Service, and also to jet wash the paths prior to the Christmas Fair. As in previous years, Councillors decided that the gardening could then be paused until March.</p>
<p>14.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Reports from Grants Applications.</p> <p>a. Rural England Prosperity Fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital Connectivity Project Update. - Enabling Prosperity & Wellbeing Fund Application <p>Clerk has purchased the items needed to fit the projector, as well as A4 paper.</p> <p>Clerk is yet to hear back about the submission so will chase up with when the communications can be expected.</p>
<p>15.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To further discuss putting on a session for defibrillator training.</p> <p>A free session is still going to be planned for once the projector is fitted in the hall. Councillors also discussed putting on a drop-in session for anyone wanting help with using a computer.</p>
<p>16.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Hall lettings.</p> <p>An enquiry was made for January however this was during the time the hall is expected to be closed.</p>
<p>17.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Action</p>	<p>Update on hall ownership paperwork and setting up a new Trust.</p> <p>Clerk received an email back from Chesire Community Action requesting more information which has been emailed across but they are yet to come back again. Clerk will chase.</p>
<p>18.</p>	<p>Items for future meetings.</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p>Items for information.</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>20.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting.</p> <p>Monday 17th November 2025 at 7.30pm.</p>

The meeting concluded at 9.26 pm.