

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm
Monday 17th November 2025.**

Councillors in attendance: Victoria Coward (VC), Derek Heiron (DH), Jo Butler (JB), Rachel Blood (RB), Charlie Blood (CB), Ian Pulley (IP), Alex Baker (AB).

Parish Clerk: Michelle Andrew (MA)

1. Noted	Apologies for Absence. Hayley Whitaker (HW-CEC), Jos Saunders (JS-CEC).
2.	Declarations of Interest. None.
3.	Public Forum. No members of the public present.
4. Noted Noted Noted	Feedback and information sharing from Cheshire East Councillors. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. School Speed Mitigation. No update.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. School Swimming Lessons RB shared that the school had a meeting with Helen Wallace who works with the Interim Director of Education and asked the school to put together a list of bullet points of the issues they are currently experiencing. RB gave examples such as the extra cost of swimming lessons on an already tight school budget, how the schoolteachers struggle to get to the school in winter due to the diversions for the road closure and how they have had to limit all marketing for school events due to people struggling to attend.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c. Playground Improvements. See Point 14 – Grant Applications.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">d. B5470 Closure. Work has now begun.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">e. Other Matters. No other matters discussed.</p>
5.	PCSO comments. No comments.
6. Approved	To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th October 2025. Approved – 5 FOR.

7.	<p>Finance.</p> <p>a. Payments to be authorised by the Council.</p> <p>BACS</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Clerk Salary November 2025</td> <td>£</td> <td>233.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE M8 2025</td> <td>£</td> <td>58.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G Preston – Gardener - November</td> <td>£</td> <td>150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Smallwood – Cleaning</td> <td>£</td> <td>60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RBL – Remembrance Wreath</td> <td>£</td> <td>20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Online – Website & Emails</td> <td>£</td> <td>258.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Butler Expenses – Remembrance</td> <td>£</td> <td>5.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>£</td> <td>785.32</td> </tr> </table> <p>7 FOR</p> <p>b. Bank statement reconciliation.</p> <p>Bank accounts at the end of October 2025</p> <p>Current Acc - £ 7,812.56</p> <p>Reserve Acc - £ 26,518.06</p> <p>TOTAL = £ 34,330.62</p> <p>Direct debits paid in October 2025.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>ICO Subscription</td> <td>£</td> <td>47.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Plus</td> <td>£</td> <td>29.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sky Broadband</td> <td>£</td> <td>35.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pozitive Energy - Gas</td> <td>£</td> <td>30.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Octopus Energy - Electricity</td> <td>£</td> <td>18.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Plus</td> <td>£</td> <td>38.30</td> </tr> </table> <p>Debit card payments in October 2025.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>TENS – Victor & Albert - CRTA</td> <td>£</td> <td>21.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amazon – Printer Ink</td> <td>£</td> <td>24.83</td> </tr> </table> <p>c. Budget 2026/27 & Precept Request.</p> <p>Clerk provided Council with a Budget for 2026/27 based on end of year forecasts for 2025/26. The budget also included a new cost of Local Election Recharges, which have been introduced by Cheshire East Council for local elections as well as estimated inflation increases that may face the Council in the 26/27 financial year. IP suggested an increase to Precept for 26/27 of 2% which would increase the Precept to £12,954. This would lead to a Band D parish precept increase of around £1.17. APPROVED 7 FOR.</p> <p>Clerk will now complete the Precept Request Form online to Cheshire East Council prior to the January deadline. A copy of the Budget 26/27 will also be</p>	Clerk Salary November 2025	£	233.52	HMRC PAYE M8 2025	£	58.20	G Preston – Gardener - November	£	150.00	L Smallwood – Cleaning	£	60.00	RBL – Remembrance Wreath	£	20.00	Parish Online – Website & Emails	£	258.00	J Butler Expenses – Remembrance	£	5.60	TOTAL	£	785.32	ICO Subscription	£	47.00	Water Plus	£	29.58	Sky Broadband	£	35.94	Pozitive Energy - Gas	£	30.95	Octopus Energy - Electricity	£	18.15	Water Plus	£	38.30	TENS – Victor & Albert - CRTA	£	21.00	Amazon – Printer Ink	£	24.83
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	published on the new Parish Council website once the Clerk has finished setting this up.
8. Noted Action	To update Council on the new website & emails. The new website & clerk emails are now set up. Clerk will make sure the new website has all the required information on it prior to the next Council meeting then Councillors can share the new webpage address with residents to use going forward. Clerk will also complete the form for Councillor email addresses to be set up prior to the January meeting.
9. Noted Action	To update Council on amendments to the village hall Insurance Policy. Clerk has received an update from the insurance company for the amendments, and this does not alter the premium. Clerk noted one of the items may have been in the wrong column so will phone to confirm.
10. Noted Noted Action	To note any correspondence received. The Peak District National Park (PDNP) are inviting parties to make representations in helping them create a new Local Plan. ChALC have produced a 'Thinking Ahead' Survey to find out local Councils plans for the future, how they believe devolution will affect them, and what support may be needed. Clerk will complete the survey before the November 28 deadline.
11. Noted	To consider planning applications / decisions received. 25/3930/FUL – Councillors did not have any comments for the application.
12. Noted Noted Approved Noted Noted Noted	Reports from Community Events working party. a. Remembrance Service Feedback – Sunday 9th November. The service was well attended and positive comments were received about both the service and the hall being open for hot drinks and chat afterwards. b. Christmas Fair – Saturday 29th November The Christmas tree is being put up on November 18 th . Councillors will ask more residents if they are willing to bake / donate cakes for the event. JB will purchase mulled wine and mince pies and RB will put together a raffle hamper up to the value of £50. These expenses will be paid out prior to the next meeting due to there not being a meeting scheduled for December. Approved 5 FOR. c. Senior's Christmas Party – Saturday 6th December RSVP's have been received and the event will be catered for 60 people. d. Spring Clean of the hall. A date of March 21 st was decided for a spring clean of the hall. Regular booking groups will be given a deadline to remove any items that are theirs before the date. e. Summer Fete 2026. No further update.

Noted	<p>f. Other upcoming Events. The spring CRTA brochure has been received however Councillors decided that they would skip the spring events as the last couple have not been very well attended.</p>
<p>13.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To discuss maintenance of the hall and garden.</p> <p>a. PSU box shelf. A shelf will be fitted for the PSU to sit on once the projector is all set up.</p> <p>b. Banister rail. No Update.</p> <p>c. Possible mice. No Update.</p> <p>d. Collapsed wall outside. The lady whose car rolled into the wall outside the hall causing damage to the wall has not been replying to messages so JB will try phoning again.</p> <p>e. Window Cleaning. No Update.</p> <p>f. Fascia boards progress. AB has confirmed that all work will be complete before the end of the year.</p> <p>g. Refurb of main hall space. A builder is due to assess the work needed over the next couple of weeks with a view to providing a quote for the work.</p> <p>Additional quotes will be sought.</p> <p>The antiseptic wipes in the first aid box were passed their use by date so clerk has purchased more to replace these.</p>
<p>14.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Reports from Grants Applications.</p> <p>a. Rural England Prosperity Fund.</p> <p>- Digital Connectivity Project Update. Clerk provided some security options for the laptop and printer at the hall for when they are left on the desk. These are similar to the measures used in electronic retail shops. Clerk also presented options for a home office chair for the laptop and printer when they are on the desk and a 1TB external hard drive for backups. Chair priced at £50, security lock measures priced at £31 and external hard drive priced at £50. Approved 7 FOR.</p> <p>- Enabling Prosperity & Wellbeing Fund Application Clerk received email that the grant application was successful, and the Parish Council has been granted £10,000 for the Kettleshulme Play Park Improvement Project that is due to be carried out in collaboration with Cheshire East Council. Clerk has submitted the additional information requested by Cheshire East and will now get back in touch with Cheshire East Council for the next steps to get the project moving forward.</p>
15.	<p>To further discuss putting on a session for defibrillator training.</p> <p>Noted Awaiting refurb work to be carried out on the hall.</p>

16.	Hall lettings.
Noted	No bookings are currently being taken for January – March.
17.	Update on hall ownership paperwork and setting up a new Trust.
Noted	Clerk is still waiting to hear back from her latest email sent 10/10/25.
18.	Items for future meetings.
	None.
19.	Items for information.
	None.
20.	Date & Time of Next Meeting.
Noted	Monday 19 th January 2026 at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.48 pm.