

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm
Monday 20th April 2026.**

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

Parish Clerk: Michelle Andrew (MA)

1.	To discuss the co-option of a new Councillor to fill the current vacancy.
Noted	Two residents attended the meeting and showed an interest in the vacancy. They introduced themselves and remained present for most of the meeting to see how the Parish Council worked.
2.	Apologies for Absence.
Noted	Hayley Whitaker (CEC-HW).
3.	Declarations of Interest.
Noted	DH has submitted a quote for the repair of the wall outside the hall.
4.	Public Forum.
Noted	Two members of the public were present as mentioned in point 1. Neither wished to make comment.
5.	Feedback and information sharing from Cheshire East Councillors.
All Noted	<p>a. School Speed Mitigation. RB shared that a date has still not been set for the work to be carried out. The road safety team leader had informed RB that a 4-week notice period is required for the road closure required to carry out the work. They will inform Jos Saunders (CE Council) once a date has been set.</p> <p>b. B5470 Closure. Work is still on track to be completed during the first week of June. workers were told that the road would be completed during the first week in June. Photos and updates online show that the stone layer is now at the level of the old surface. Drainage on Bolshaw's side of the road has been completed and drains are now being put in on the Blackbrook Farm side of the road.</p> <p>c. Other Matters. None.</p>
6.	PCSO comments.
Noted	Clerk shared that Macclesfield Chief Inspector has been sharing information regarding how the revised neighbourhood policing policy will work however she has been unable to attend any of these meetings so far.

<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>	<p>c. Final Budget Report for 2025/26 including Reserves.</p> <p>Clerk shared the report with Councillors with showed total expenses for 2025/26 at £16,880.69. Total Income was £32,619.84. The report showed a negative variance on maintenance due to an additional defibrillator cabinet being purchased as well as some fire extinguishers needing replaced during the service. Councillors agreed Reserves as follows ..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £5,000 general reserves - £10,000 playground project (point 15) - £2,500 Rose Queen donation project (point 12) - £1,000 wall repair outside (hopeful for completion in the next few weeks) - £22,700 main hall repairs project (point 14c) <p>Approved 6 FOR.</p>
<p>9.</p> <p>Noted Action</p>	<p>To update Council on the Internal Audit for 2025/26.</p> <p>Clerk has begun uploading the information requested. Clerk will complete this and submit over the next week.</p>
<p>10.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To note any correspondence received.</p> <p>Council have received two invitations for meetings over the coming month. One about the Peak Cluster Pipeline and one about the Cheshire & Warrington Devolution. Clerk is unable to attend either meeting so asked Councillors if anyone wished to attend. They were unable to make the meetings due to time and location.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>To consider planning applications / decisions received.</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>12.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To discuss ideas for the donation received from Kettleshulme Rose Queen.</p> <p>Suggestions included planters around the park with plaques and thinking of a way that the school could also get involved as the majority of passed Rose Queens have attended the school. Discussions will continue at the next meeting.</p>
<p>13.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Reports from Community Events working party.</p> <p>a. Hall spring clean Feedback – Saturday 21st March. RB and VC had a sort out upstairs and cleared the pile of rubbish that had accumulated. They also cleared under the stairs. Tables and plastic chairs were also moved upstairs from the main hall and it was suggested that these could be kept upstairs going forward with a note to be added to the booking form for any hirers to put them back upstairs after use.</p> <p>b. Summer Fete 2026 – Saturday 4th July. There will be a Victorian theme and a hog roast is being discussed along with a tombola.</p> <p>c. Other upcoming Events. A community litter pick for the field and park will be planned for June.</p>

<p>14.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved Action</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To discuss maintenance of the hall and garden.</p> <p>a. Bannister rail. DH has repaired this.</p> <p>b. Collapsed wall outside. Three quotes have now been received ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peak Paving - £980. - Stonechopper - £1,084. - Call Derek! - £1,650. <p>DH left the room whilst Councillors discussed these. Peak Paving was awarded the job due to price and Councillors were impressed with their work elsewhere in the village. Approved 5 FOR. AB will contact Peak Paving to arrange for the work to be carried out.</p> <p>c. Refurb of main hall space. Further quotes received include one for the entire project at £54,200 and two plastering quotes at £13,880 and £15,000. Quotes for doors and electrics still being sought.</p> <p>DH has completed PAT testing on appliances in the hall.</p>
<p>15.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Reports from Grants Projects.</p> <p>a. Enabling Prosperity & Wellbeing Fund – playground project.</p> <p>Clerk received an update from the parks officer that there was concern from the construction team about the structural condition of the swing that was planned to be renovated. A site visit has been scheduled for this week then the project will be reviewed. RB enquired whether a member of the Parish Council could be present at the site visit so Clerk emailed the officer to request this, copying in RB and Jos Saunders (CEC).</p>
<p>16.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Hall lettings.</p> <p>A number of children’s parties have been booked.</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Items for future meetings.</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>18.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Items for information.</p> <p>RB shared that the Kettleshulme Fell Race raised over £3,600 for the school and competitor numbers were up from the previous year.</p>
<p>19.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting.</p> <p>Annual General Meeting - Monday 18th May 2026 at 7.30pm.</p>

The meeting concluded at 8.51 pm.