

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm Monday 15th June 2026.

Councillors in attendance: Victoria Coward (VC), Ian Pulley (IP), Alex Baker (AB), Derek Heiron (DH), Rachel Blood (RB), Amy Shadbolt (AS), Nigel Reeves (NR), Jos Saunders (JS-CEC).

Parish Clerk: Michelle Andrew (MA)

1.	Apologies for Absence.		
	None.		
2.	Declarations of Interest.		
Noted	DH has submitted a quote for electrical work as part of the hall renovations.		
3.	Public Forum.		
	None.		
4.	Feedback and information sharing from Cheshire East Councillors.		
All Noted	a. School Speed Mitigation. RB shared that CE have now deemed the project to be too costly and so have scaled back the plans to include refreshing the road markings through the village and lowering the pavement at a location near to the school to create an unmanned crossing. CE claim there are no speeding issues, so no other measures are deemed necessary. JS-CEC shared that she has requested a Teams meeting with CE executives due to the length of time that this project is taking as it has been over 2 years now. Also commented that no figures have been provided for why the project is now too expensive, when it was originally costed to be within budget. b. B5470 Closure. The road has now reopened. c. Other Matters. None.		
5.	To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 21st May 2026.		
Approved	Approved – 7 FOR.		
6.	Finance.		
	a. Payments to be authorised by the Council.		
	BACS		
Approved	Clerk Salary June 2026	£	233.32
	HMRC PAYE M3 June 2026	£	58.40

	L Smallwood – Cleaning £ 96.15 G Preston – Gardener £ 50.00 D Heiron Expenses – Hive heating Batteries £ 12.00 ASP Window Cleaning £ 75.00 TOTAL £ 524.87 7 FOR b. Bank statement reconciliation. Noted Bank accounts at the end of May 2026 Current Acc - £ 9,594.08 Reserve Acc - £ 36,706.33 TOTAL = £ 46,300.41 Noted Direct debits paid in May 2026. Sky Broadband £ 35.94 Pozitive Energy – Gas £ 169.77 Octopus Energy – Electricity £ 65.60 Debit card payments in May 2026. Noted Amazon – File, dividers + pens £ 7.53 Amazon – Printer ink Black £ 22.50
7.	To update Council on the External Audit for 2025/26.
All Noted	Clerk has emailed all the documents required for the external audit and has a confirmation of receipt email in response. The period of exercise of public rights has been set from June 3 to July 14.
8.	To note any correspondence received.
All Noted	Reminder letter dated 22/05/26 to complete the ownership / rent information of the village hall for the Valuation Office Agency. Clerk completed the form online 27/05/26. Reminder letter to complete 'My Business Profile' information for NatWest Bank. Awaiting AB to confirm profile details with NatWest then will be complete.
9.	To consider planning applications / decisions received.
All Noted	Cheshire East - 26/1779/LBC Listed Building Consent – No comments. Cheshire East - 26/1654/HOUS Householder – No comments. Cheshire East - 26/2161/HOUS Householder – No comments.

10. Noted	To discuss ideas for the donation received from Kettleshulme Rose Queen. RB suggested a new Kettleshulme sign on one of the approaches into the village after seeing a sign in Wincle. Councillors thought this was a good idea so VC will look into some pricing options. AB suggested commissioning a local artist to design the sign.
11. Noted Noted	Reports from Community Events working party. a. Summer Fete 2026 – Saturday 4th July. 2 x beer boxes from Bollington Brewery as well as Pimms and cans will be available. Beer priced at £4 per pint. Picnic benches will be brought down to the field from the hall. b. Spring / Summer Litter Pick. Event will not go ahead as Councillors are not available prior to the Summer Fete but the hall garden and field are in a good condition currently so a clean-up is not required. c. Other upcoming Events. None currently planned.
12. Noted All Noted	Reports from Maintenance & Hall Renovations working party. a. Repair to wall outside hall. The repair work has been scheduled to begin June 27. b. Refurbishment of main hall space. Due to the cost of some of the quotes received far exceeding the funds available, the working party concluded that the main areas where renovation is required is the walls, radiators, electrics and flooring. AB is waiting on 1 further quote for electrics but has now received the required quotes for the other jobs ... - <i>Sandown Joinery and Building Ltd</i> – submitted quote that includes new copper pipes for radiators sunk into wall, panelling around hall at 1m high and sanding floor. £3,460. - <i>JP Construction and Joinery Ltd</i> – submitted quote for entire project which included the above plus plastering and a new front door. £54,200. - <i>Paul S Clark Plastering Contractors</i> – submitted quote for replastering hall. £15,000. - <i>J Stevenson Plastering Services</i> – submitted quote for replastering hall. £13,880. - <i>Carrington Heating Ltd</i> – submitted quote for radiator work including chasing pipework into wall and refitting radiators with new valves. £2,300 + VAT. - <i>Elite Floor Sanding</i> – submitted quote for sanding and sealing floor. £1,850. Councillors concluded that replastering the hall was not within the budget available for renovations so the panelling option would be best suited. Councillors assessed the quotes submitted and decided that Sandown Joinery offered the best value for money and their skillset of being able to do radiator work, panelling

Approved Action	and flooring meant the project could run smoother and the hall would not have to be closed for as long. Approved 7 FOR. AB would contact Sandown Joinery and assess dates when the work could be carried out fitting around hall bookings already made.
13. Noted	Reports from Grants Projects. a. Enabling Prosperity & Wellbeing Fund – playground project. Clerk received an update from the parks officer that the swing was corroded beyond repair. The CE team will schedule a meeting w/c June 22 to discuss the best options in the time scale available.
14. Noted	Hall lettings. A number of parties have been booked and an enquiry was received for a day retreat booking.
15.	Items for future meetings. None.
16. Noted	Items for information. VC shared that she recently used the phone box in the village to register a call and keep the phone active.
17. Noted	Date & Time of Next Meeting. Monday 20 th July 2026 at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.41 pm.