

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th November 2025

Present

Councillors Jackson, Binyon, Corlett, Sherry and Wilson.

In attendance:

G Parker (Parish Clerk)

25.054	Apologies for absence Councillors Dutton and Painter.
25.055	To note declarations of members' interests None.
25.056	Public Participation: - None.
25.057	To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2025. The minutes of the meeting held on 10 th September 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.
25.058	To receive the police reports. Resolved that • the police reports be noted. • clarification be sought regarding ○ the circumstances of the individual entering the store in September. ○ the theft of items from a van. ○ the fire on Foxcovert Lane.
25.059	To receive news from the Unitary Authority Councillors. Resolved that the following updates provided by the Parish Clerk be noted: - • Councillor Harrison is progressing with the proposal to provide Village Gateways funded by Cheshire East Council. • Councillor Stocks will consider a grant towards a solar speed sign on Middlewich Road. • Councillor Stocks will request an update on the situation regarding the housing development at Swan Green.

Signed

	It was further resolved that • Councillor Harrison be requested to engage with the Parish Council regarding the design, location and materials used for the Village gateway. • Cheshire West and Chester Council be requested to provide a position statement regarding the adoption of the highway at the new housing development at Swan Green.
25.060	To receive updates regarding progress with the Parish Plan. Resolved that: - Workstream 1 • The project to install a further solar speed sign at a cost off £4000 be approved and a grant application for £2000 be submitted in the next financial year. Workstream 2 • That it be noted that the pond is now full and the aquatic planting has been completed. • Planting on the land around the pond is likely to take place next Spring. Workstream 3 • The purchase of materials to repaint and reglaze the Phone Box be approved with a budget of £1250. • The final sign off of the information boards be agreed via email.
25.061	Finance Resolved that: - a. The Receipts and Payments to 31st October 2025 be noted. b. The payments due of £156 be approved. c. The budget and expenditure to 31st October 2025 be noted. d. The revised monthly subscription to Office365 of £10.08 (ex VAT) reduced from £10.30 (ex VAT) be noted and approved. e. The draft budget for 2026/27 provides • allocations for projects including Village Gateways; a solar speed sign partly funded by a member grant from CWAC; and preliminary work on preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

	• Maintenance budget increases to allow for the ongoing maintenance of Barrows Brow Pond, the village signs, fingerposts and phone box.
25.062	Response to Cheshire East Council consultation on its' draft Local Transport Plan and Investment Framework. Resolved that the draft response be approved with an amendment to draw attention to the shortage of supporting transport for aging rural population.
25.063	To discuss a Highways works notices protocol. Resolved that this matter be deferred.
25.064	To consider communications • Communications protocols • Proposal to establish a Parish wide messaging group. Resolved that this matter be deferred.
25.065	Christmas 2025 arrangements Resolved that: - • The Christmas event arrangement previously approved be noted. • That a sound system and vacuum flasks be purchased if affordable
25.066	Matters for the next agenda. Resolved that: - • Communications • Highway works protocol • Broadband be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.
25.067	Future Meetings. Resolved that the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 14th January 2026 be noted.