



## **Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at the Village Hall**

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### **Part 1: Public and press present**

Present:

- Cllr. D. Billington
- Cllr. D. Furness
- Cllr. A. Meadowcroft
- Cllr. B. Smart
- Cllr. Paul Wain
- Cllr. S Forster
- Cllr. B. Carbutt
- Elizabeth Worrall – Clerk

### **Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

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### **1679 To receive and approve apologies for absence**

An apology was received from Cllr. Peter Wain.

### **1680 To receive any declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **1681 To receive and resolve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held February 2026**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting with one minor amendment – Cllr. Peter Wain was present. The Clerk will make this update prior to posting on the website.

### **1682 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.**

Cllr. Smetham provided a brief update – Cheshire East is still financially struggling but the proposed higher Council tax increase was not passed, when voted on back in February.

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Signed

Dated

Cheshire East are in the process of creating a new Transformation Plan and a Local Plan.

The mayoral candidates are starting to engage with Parish Councils and with Cheshire East Ward Councillors – there are two candidates (Labour and Conservative) but there may be more.

The proposal for the new town of Adlington has been halted.

Concerns about Peak Cluster have been raised to Cllr. Smetham, as more cost effective and less invasive methods may be more suitable – Cllr. Smetham is aware of these and is passing them on accordingly.

### **1683 To receive an update on Village Maintenance Projects**

Cllr. Furness and Cllr. Smart are in the process of repainting the village sign and the milestone. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Cllr. Billington has inspected the railings – these are generally in good condition, barring a section of c. 10 metres, which was damaged in a vehicle collision several years ago. The period of railings is located at the end of a stretch of railings. The tenant of the adjacent field is happy to complete this work themselves and will remove the railings and replace with a suitable fence. It was **RESOLVED** to allow the tenant to complete this.

The noticeboard in the village is damaged. Cllr. Meadowcroft will investigate and will report back to the Clerk as to if she needs to procure a new noticeboard. In the short term, copies of the agenda will be added to the Post Office noticeboard.

The Parish Council held their litter pick, with seven attendees. A large amount of litter was collected.

### **1684 To receive an update on Highways**

The work on Siddington crossroads is funded and will go ahead – Highways are waiting for suitable manpower and will complete the work as soon as resources become unavailable.

The pavement near to Monk's Heath chippings has been sided out and looks much better. Cllr. Smetham will contact Highways and will chase for an update as to how the path will be segregated from the chippings. Cllr. Carbutt suggested suitable signage may assist this.

There were no further comments about the Monk's Heath traffic lights – the queues seem to be better, when compared to the last meeting. The Parish Council will only address this if a new matter or complaint is raised.

The Clerk and Chair have chased, on multiple occasions, when the temporary average speed cameras will be installed within the village, with the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office. They are awaiting an update.

There is a long-standing suspected burst water main on Mill Lane – Cllr. Paul Wain will speak to a contact network to see if they can ascertain if this is a burst water main or another matter.

The siding out work within the Parish has now been completed.



**1685 To further review and offer feedback on the draft map produced by the wildlife trust**

Cllr. Meadowcroft provided feedback to the wildlife trust that their draft map had contained several slurry pits. The Parish Council attempted to review the map, but could not confirm any sites, due to the scale of the map.

**1686 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:**

There were no planning applications.

**1687 To ratify the comments submitted for the following applications which required comments before this meeting.**

There were no comments to ratify.

**1688 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment**

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT - £8,844.83 (as of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026)

**PAYMENTS MADE**

TCS Management	£64.80
Clerk Salary (January)	£98.00
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Jan)	£26.00
Clerk Salary (February)	£98.40
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Feb)	£26.00
CHALC	£25.00

**PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED**

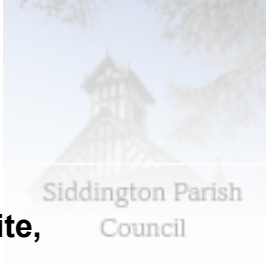
Clerk Salary (March)	£98.00
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Mar)	£26.00
Clerk Salary (April)	£98.00
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Apr)	£26.00
A Meadowcroft Expenses	£23.94
Siddington Village Hall	£25.00
HMRC	£196.40
Clerk's Expenses - ICO	£52.00
Parishes Online	£378.00

**RECEIPTS**

Interest (end Jan)	£10.87
Interest (end Feb)	£10.15

It was **RESOLVED** to sign the Bank Reconciliation and approve the above payments.

**1689 To review and resolve to approve the Parish Council's IT Policy and Council Publication Policy**



It was **RESOLVED** to approve the documents.

**1690 To confirm that the Parish Council will move to a new domain and website, including an e-mail address, and to choose the new domain**

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with a new e-mail address and domain of [clerk@siddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@siddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk), or if that was unavailable, [clerk@siddington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@siddington-pc.gov.uk).

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with a new website with Parishes Online, commencing in July 2026, after the audit, and to set up Councillor e-mail addresses, on the same domain as the Clerk.

**1691 Any other correspondence**

Cllr. Meadowcroft provided an update on the Parish Council Liaison Group. There has been a declining attendance, and, at the next meeting, a discussion will take place as to the future of the group. The Parish Council were happy for Cllrs. Meadowcroft and Peter Wain to make their own judgement call on to whether Siddington should continue as members of the group.

Cllr. Meadowcroft has submitted a short report for the Parish Magazine regarding the village litter pick.

**1692 To consider meeting dates for the 2026 – 2027 financial year**

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the below meeting dates:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

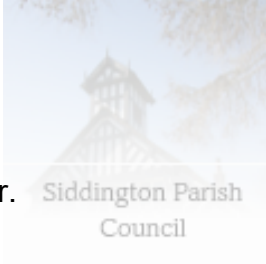
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**1693 To note the date of the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting)**

Due to the additional meeting, this will start at 7.15pm.



### **Action Points**

- The Clerk will update the minutes of the February meeting to include that Cllr. Peter Wain was in attendance.
- Cllr. Furness and Smart will continue their work on the sign and the milestone.
- Cllr. Meadowcroft will investigate the damaged noticeboard and will inform the Clerk if she needs to gain quotations for a new noticeboard.
- The Clerk will contact Parishes Online, to arrange for a Parish Council .gov e-mail address.
- Cllr. Smetham will contact Highways and will chase for an update as to how the path will be segregated from the chippings.
- There is a suspected burst water main on Mill Lane – Cllr. Paul Wain will speak to a contact network to see if they can ascertain if this is a burst water main or another matter.
- The Clerk and Cllr. Meadowcroft will continue to liaise with the PCC office for an update on speed cameras.
- The Clerk will contact Parishes Online and confirm the Parish Council’s intention to proceed with a new website in July 2026.
- The Clerk will send the Village Hall the meeting dates for 2026 – 2027 and will update the website.