



Final Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 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. Peter Wain
- Cllr. B. Carbutt
- Elizabeth Worrall – Clerk

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

1664 To receive and approve apologies for absence

An apology was received from Cllr. Forster.

1665 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1666 To receive and resolve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held November 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting.

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1667 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.

Cllr. Smetham shared an update on the Peak Cluster Project, which is in consultation. Councillors discussed whether this would affect the village and the current plans appear that they will not affect Siddington.

Cheshire East is still struggling financially – the Council tax is likely to be higher than ever before. Councillors had seen on social media, an increase of up to 9.9%. Some Parish Councils are also increasing their precepts.

The Adlington proposal has been opposed by Cheshire East. Updates on this will follow as the proposal may get revisited in the future.

The next full Cheshire East Council meeting is the 22nd February.

1668 To receive an update on Village Maintenance Projects

The milestone and bracket have both been powder coated. The front face needs a small amount of work to make the characters to make these stand out. The village sign is going to take more work as this will need some more detailed work. Cllr. Smart has volunteered to do this but Cllr. Furness will check on the type of paint required. The next litter pick will take place on Saturday 14th March. The Clerk will include this in the next village magazine article and will list it on the website. The Clerk will make the usual arrangements with ANSA for 20 pickers and bins. The Clerk will complete the risk assessment and will send to Cllr. Meadowcroft and will make it clear that volunteers are undertaking this at their own risk. Cllr. Meadowcroft will purchase 6 Hi-Viz jackets to ensure there are enough for all volunteers.

1669 To discuss new village maintenance projects that may be undertaken in 2026

Councillors agreed that the railings opposite the mill (on the bend onto Pexhill Road) require replacement. Cllr. Billington will begin the process of getting three quotations to replace these.

1670 To receive an update on Highways, including siding out work

Cheshire East have flagged that they are completing a lot of maintenance on potholes, and are hence focussing on volume and short-term repairs rather than long term, aesthetically pleasing repairs.

The work at Siddington crossroads will, in theory, take place in February or March. IT issues are stopping Councillors from accessing the programme of works.

The Monk's Heath chippings have now been cleared by Highways – this is not a formal Public Right of Way and is being used by Highways as a storage area. As it forms part of the Highway network, this cannot be considered a right of way. Cllr. Smetham will contact Highways to ask that the pavement is maintained to allow residents to continue accessing the bus stop at Monk's Heath and asking for better segregation; it will be a safety issue is pedestrians are required to walk in the road.

Cllr. Smart has arranged for the Neighbourhood Watch to keep an eye out for motor homes – no issues were reported.

Cllr. Wain and Furness reported that the traffic lights at Monk's Heath appear to have been adjusted to allow for better traffic flow to and from Siddington. This will be monitored and update will be provided at the next meeting.

Highways are aware of flooding on the A34 and will consider improvements during a future cycle of works.

There was a crash on the bend of the A34 near to the Sailing Club. This was reported on TRACE to ensure that the warning signage is sufficient and whether anything further could be done to improve. Highways have replied to say the signage is adequate have also confirmed that the Police are aware of the section of road having a high frequency of road accidents and are looking at possible mitigations. The Clerk and the Chair will write to the PCC.

The Clerk had received an email regarding drainage issues on Mill Lane. The clerk will ask the resident to report the matter on TRACE.

Cllr. Meadowcroft confirmed that the remaining siding out work has now been rescheduled for February half term.

1671 To receive an update on the Parish Council Liaison Group, including the draft map produced by the wildlife trust

The map was circulated for Councillors to review. The areas highlighted in red contain distinctive / interesting areas of habitat with a high level of data and areas in orange contain significant but less distinctive areas of habitat or area where there is less data available.

Councillors queried why the rivers were in orange whereas the lakes are in red and noted that the desktop survey had highlighted several stagnant slurry pits as areas of interest, which may need to be corrected.

The Parish Council will await the final report from the Wildlife Trust later this summer and will then decide further actions.

1672 To note the issues highlighted with the asset register in the last auditor report and to consider any nominal values which may need to be added It was **RESOLVED** to add a value of £200.00 to the Siddington sign.

It was **RESOLVED** to add a value of £200.00 for the platform.

It was **RESOLVED** to add a value of £750.00 to the Pump.

It was **RESOLVED** to add a value of £1,000.00 to the streetlight.

It was **RESOLVED** to add a value of £2,500.00 to the railings in the village and to add this item to the asset register giving the discission in 1669.

It was **RESOLVED** to add a value of £1,475.00 for the newly installed signs within the village (duck warning signs and boundary signs).

It was **RESOLVED** to increase the amount covered by Council insurance at the next renewal date, as the signs have led to the current amount potentially being too low in the unlikely circumstance that all Parish Council assets be damaged in one event. The Clerk will recirculate the asset register to Councillors.



1673 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:

There were no planning applications. Cllr. Smetham is continuing to liaise with Enforcement on the timber yard; there has been no further update.

1674 To ratify the comments submitted for the following applications which required comments before this meeting.

There were no comments submitted.

1675 To discuss any feedback on Lapland UK

The Parish Council said that the event had run better than they had expected. The traffic did not appear to cause any issues, other than taxis, which appeared to drop people off at the exit, rather than the entrance.

The Chair and Clerk will write a letter extending the Parish Council's thanks to Capesthorpe.

1676 To discuss any feedback on CHALC training and events

Cllr. Meadowcroft attended the CHALC charring training – there was nothing specific to feedback, but Councillors were reminded that they can submit an item for the agenda to the Clerk.

Cllr. Smart attended a meeting on the new Cheshire East Local Plan – this is still evolving all the time due to mayoral elections, changes to local plans and government policies. Councillors will continue to monitor this.

1675 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT - £9,187.01 (as of 31st December 2025)

PAYMENTS MADE

TCS Management	£64.80
Siddington Village Hall	£25.00
Clerk Salary (November)	£98.00
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Nov)	£26.00
Clerk Salary (December)	£98.00
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Dec)	£26.00
Clerk Salary (January)	£98.00
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Jan)	£26.00
HMRC	£196.40

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

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RECEIPTS

Interest (end Nov)	£10.11
Interest (end Dec)	£11.93

It was **RESOLVED** to sign the Bank Reconciliation and approve the above payments. Councillors noted the budget monitoring report and made no amendments.

1676 To review and resolve to approve the Parish Council's financial risk assessment

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Parish Council's financial risk assessment.

1677 Any other correspondence

There was no further correspondence.

1678 To note the date of the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 24th March 2026

Action Points

- Cllr Furness will make some finishing touches to the milestone and then arrange for its re- installation.
- Cllr. Furness will check on the type of paint required for the village sign and will then liaise with Cllr. Smart regarding painting.
- The Clerk will include the litter pick in the next village magazine article and will list it on the website.
- The Clerk will make the usual arrangements with ANSA for 20 pickers and bins.
- The Clerk will complete the litter pick risk assessment and will send to Cllr. Meadowcroft. The risk assessment will make it clear that volunteers are undertaking this at their own risk.
- Cllr. Meadowcroft will purchase 6 Hi-Viz jackets to ensure there are enough for all volunteers for the litter pick.
- Cllr. Billington will begin the process of getting three quotations to replace the railings on opposite the mill on the A34.
- The Chair and Clerk will write to the PCC regarding Highways accidents / incidents within the village.

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- Cllr. Smetham will contact Highways to ask that the pavement is maintained to allow residents to continue accessing the bus stop at Monk's Heath.
- The Clerk will reply to the resident regarding drainage issues on Mill Lane.
- The Chair and Clerk will write a letter extending the Parish Council's thanks to Capesthorpe.
- Cllr. Meadowcroft will reply to Cheshire Wildlife Trust with initial feedback on the provided map.