

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26th November 2024 7.30pm at Siddington Village Hall

Part 1: Public and press present

Present:

- Cllr. D. Billington
- Cllr. B. Carbutt
- Cllr. S. Forster
- Cllr. D. Furness
- Cllr. A. Meadowcroft
- Cllr. B. Smart
- Cllr. Peter Wain
- Cllr. L. Smetham – Ward Councillor
- Elizabeth Worrall – Clerk

Public Forum

There were no members of public present.

1547 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllr. Paul Wain had sent his apologies in advance of the meeting.

1548 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1549 To receive and resolve to approve the [minutes for the meeting of 24th September 2024](#)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes. The Clerk was asked to rectify one small spelling mistake when issuing the final version.

1550 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.

Councillor Smetham shared that there were still financial difficulties at Cheshire East Council. There is an early consultation taking place regarding Parish Council's taking over some of the election costs for Councillor elections. Car park charges are being introduced in several locations across the county. The new planning website has been rolled out but is still experiencing teething problems.

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Signed

Dated

1551 To receive updates on village maintenance projects (Redesmere Lake, boundary signs, footpaths etc.)

The bench at Redesmere still needs to be replaced and a meeting with a possible contractor will take place at the end of the week. An e-mail will be sent later this week sharing the outcome of the meeting.

The boundary signs have been delivered and will be installed by Pete Davies. These will be installed over the winter, with an update to be provided in January.

An application has been submitted to Highways for siding out (from the Ward Budget) and the Parish Council and Cllr. Smetham are awaiting an update from Highways. Cllr. Wain will follow up the application.

The hedge on Congleton Lane has still not been cut. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would send an e-mail to Lower Withington Parish Council, asking if they had received an update.

1552 To receive an update on the Village First Aid meeting

Thanks were extended to Cllr. Forster for her hard work in arranging the Village First Aid meeting. The evening was a great success with c. 40 attendees, including some from neighbouring villages.

1553 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:

Egerton Timber Yard – planning refusal

It was noted that this remains unresolved, and the Planning Inspectorate have not updated the case (as of the date of the meeting).

1554 To ratify the comments submitted for the following applications which required comments before this meeting.

[24/4326/HOUS](#) – Swallows Meet Blackden Lane, Siddington, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 9NA

The Parish Council has no objections to this development.

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the above comments.

1555 To [review the Council's budget](#) (through to 31st October 2024) and consider any amendments to be made

The budget was reviewed and discussed by Councillors. The Clerk noted that several exceptional items had been excluded from the budget to allow the Council to gain a sense of the running costs. The Parish Council discussed some of the work that they may be expected to fund.

The Clerk will move the spraying work from earlier on the year to Village Maintenance and will clearly list the village maintenance.

1556 To consider creating a reserve fund to use for future village maintenance projects and an emergency fund

Reserve Fund 1 – Emergency Funds - £2,500

Reserve Fund 2 – Village Maintenance - £2,000

It was **RESOLVED** to create the two above reserve funds.

1557 To consider and resolve to approve the [Council's budget for 2025 – 2026](#)

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

1558 To consider and resolve to approve the Council's precept for 2025 – 2026

It was **RESOLVED** to approve a precept of £4,500.

1559 To consider updating the Clerk's pay to be in line with the NALC payscale at pay point SCP13

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the increase in the Clerk's salary in line with the new pay scale as of January 1st 2025.

1560 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment:

PAYMENTS MADE

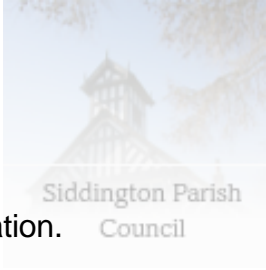
£50.00	Siddington Village Hall – hire for two meetings
£181.20	HMRC
£60.00	CHALC – Training
£91.36	Clerk Salary – end September
£26.00	Clerk Homeworking Allowance – end September
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£117.36	Accidental duplicate payment made to Clerk

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

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£181.20	HMRC – Q3 – due end December
£61.92	TCS Management
£30.00	Village Hall Hire – First Aid Evening

RECEIPTS

£426.84	Zurich – insurance payment for damaged signs
£140.43	VAT Refund



£117.36 Refund of accidental payment from Clerk

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

1561 Any other correspondence

It was **RESOLVED** to approve John Henry as the Council's internal auditor for April 2025 at a cost of £237 + VAT.

It was **RESOLVED** to move the May meeting to a suitable date to allow for the Vice-Chair and Clerk to attend.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the below dates for 2025:

28th January

8th April (Annual Parish Meeting, followed by a regular Parish Council meeting)

12th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

30th September

25th November

1562 To note the date of the next parish council meeting to be held on 28th January 2025