



## Final Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm at Siddington Village Hall

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### Part 1: Public and press present

Present:

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

### Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

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### 1616 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllr. Bill Carbutt was not present.

### 1617 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 1618 To receive and resolve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held May 2025

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

### 1619 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.

Cllr. Smetham was not present. Cllr. Meadowcroft shared that the new waste contractor (to run the household waste sites) has been appointed for a seven-year term. This will include a roaming mobile waste service which will be present in several towns.

### 1620 To discuss internal and external communication and how best for the Parish Council to manage this ahead

Cllr. Meadowcroft said that his plan was to try and limit e-mails getting sent to Councillors. Ahead, the Clerk will only send statutory matters to Councillors – agendas, minutes, planning applications, payments for approval and urgent matters. Any non-

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Signed

Dated

urgent matters or “nice to know” items will be posted to the website, after review by the Clerk and Chair.

The Chair asked Councillors to consider how the Council might improve their external communications. This could include the Parish Magazine, the website, sponsoring local events, advertising bursaries and their own press releases. This will be discussed further at the September meeting.

### **1621 To receive an update on Village Maintenance Projects**

The four new boundary signs have been installed. Thanks were extended to all involved in arranging this. One of the old signs has been donated to the Village Fete Committee, for the silent auction.

The bench at Redesmere is now in place and the invoice was presented for payment. The plaque will now be installed.

The design of the signs warning of ducks in the road at Redesmere Lake and asking for litter to be taken home were approved.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve a budget of £400.00 for the purchase of the signs (including the no parking sign detailed in item 1622), posts and post-crete. Cllr. Meadowcroft will arrange this.

The land at Redesmere, where a small number of memorial trees could potentially be planted, is owned by Cheshire East Council.

### **1622 To receive an update on Highways, including FixMyStreet / TRACE**

Councillors discussed an issue with motorhomes parking next to Redesmere. Councillors were unsure of the legality of this – the Clerk will ask the Police as to if they are aware of the issue and what action the Parish Council could take. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase an A4 size sign, if the Police are unable to support the issue, stating no overnight parking for motorhomes and caravans

Highways are aware of the flooding issue at Coneygreve and will continue to monitor this throughout autumn and winter. The soakaway tanks will be cleaned to remove any build-up of silt – it is noted that a new solution is needed, but Highways will need to await suitable funds to investigate this. Highways are aware of the poor surface on Colshaw Lane and this will also need capital funding (but deemed low priority).

The traffic light at Monks Heath still appear to be struggling for traffic approaching from Siddington – it was hard for Councillors to ascertain any improvement due to the school holidays and whether the priority system is working. Councillors will discuss again at the September meeting.

Siddington Crossroads will have some lines painted when Cheshire East Highways funds allow.

The overgrown tree (at junction of Salters Lane and A34) is considered to be blocking visibility especially for tractor users. Cllr Peter Wain will report this to CEC using the new TRACE system as Councillors feel this is a safety issue. The hedge on Congleton Lane (which falls just out of the Siddington boundary) is overgrown once again – the Clerk will contact the Lower Withington Clerk to make them aware of this.

Cllr. Meadowcroft had attended a call on TRACE – this is the replacement for FixMyStreet built using Cheshire East mapping software (rather than third party software) which will make enquiries easier to deal with and more efficient. Every previously raised issue from FixMyStreet will be imported into TRACE. TRACE went live on 23<sup>rd</sup> July; Councillors will feed back as and when they use this.

The Clerk will draft a letter to Capesthorne and the Hide and Seek Festival, following reports been made to Councillors of highways issues, litter and anti-social behaviour.

**1623 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:**

25/2352/DSC – Land at Capesthorne Hall, Congleton Road, Siddington, Macclesfield, SK11 9JY

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These applications related only to the satisfaction of previous conditions for Lapland UK and as such the Parish Council had no comments on either of the above applications.

**1624 To ratify the comments submitted for the following applications which required comments before this meeting.**

25/1529/HOUS -Demolition of existing single storey side and rear buildings and structures, erection of replacement two storey and single storey side extension.  
*The Parish Council has no objections to this application.*

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

**1625 To discuss the following planning enforcement matters**

Egerton’s Timber and Hardware Ltd. – APP/R0660/C/24/3340824

The appeal has been upheld. Ward Councillor Smetham has asked Cheshire East Enforcement for an update on this matter. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**1626 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Clerk Salary (July)	£95.40
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (July)	£26.00



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TCS Management	£64.80
A Meadowcroft Expenses (sign installations/bench repair)	£253.44
Pete Davies Labour	£480.00
Nigel Braithwaite (bench repair)	£393.76
Signs, postcrete, fixings	£400.00 (budget)

### **Payments Recieved**

Interest (end May)	£13.34
Interest (end June)	£13.81

### **Payments Made**

Siddington Village Hall	£25.00
JDH Business Services	£284.40
Zurich	£214.00
CHALC	£111.54
TCS Management	£61.92
Shona Amies	£210.00
Clerk Salary (end May)	£95.00
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (May)	£26.00
Clerk Salary (June)	£95.40
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (June)	£26.00
HMRC	£190.00

It was **RESOLVED** to sign the Bank Reconciliation.

The Parish Council had noted the budget report for Q1. It was **RESOLVED** to increase the Clerk's salary line within the budget to £2,000, given the pay increase reported below. The Clerk will also include an amount for interest (the same as financial year 2024 – 2025). The budget will be updated on the website.

### **1627 To approve the Clerk's salary increase**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's salary to the new NALC pay scale, as published in July. This will be back dated to April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Clerk will inform TCS of this change.

### **1627 Any other correspondence**

There were no outstanding actions, other than the Data Protection Policy and the powder coating of the milestone / village sign.

Cllr. Meadowcroft will attend Charing training in December 2025.

### **1628 To note the date of the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

### Action Points

- All Councillors to consider how the Council might improve their external communications (for discussion at the September meeting).
- Councillor Meadowcroft to arrange purchase and installation of signs.
- Clerk to contact the Police re: motor homes at Redesmere.
- All Councillors to monitor traffic issues at the lights (for discussion at September meeting).
- Cllr. Peter wain to log the overgrown tree, via TRACE.
- Clerk to contact the Lower Withington Clerk re: the overgrown hedge.
- Clerk to draft a letter to Capesthorne / Hide and Seek, regarding issues at the Hide and Seek Festival. Once approved by the Chair, this will be sent.
- Clerk to update budget.
- Clerk to inform TCS of salary increase to the new NALC pay scale.
- Councillor Meadowcroft to affix memorial plaque to Redesmere bench.
- Outstanding items from May – powder coating and Data Protection policy – to be actioned and discussed in September.