



Final Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th September 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. Peter Wain
- Cllr. B. Carbutt
- Elizabeth Worrall – Clerk

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

1629 To receive and approve apologies for absence

An apology was received from Paul Wain.

1630 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1631 To receive and resolve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held July 2025

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

1632 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.

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Cllr. Smetham shared an update from Cheshire East. There has been a proposal for a new town (Adlington) for 10,000 new homes in the north of the county. There are heavy costs for the council current relating to adult social care and transport for schools. Cheshire East has voted for Devolution; this will go ahead with elections in 2027.

1633 To review, and resolve to approve, the Data Protection Policy

It was **RESOLVED** to amend the Data Protection Policy to include a specific mention of Councillors, and then publish this on the website.

1634 To discuss external communication and how best for the Parish Council to manage this ahead

The Clerk will include the website URL on the agenda and on the minutes. Cllr. Smart will arrange to have these put in the noticeboard. The Clerk will produce a one-page laminate for “how to contact the Parish Council” which will be added to the noticeboard. Cllr. Furness will arrange for the website to be mentioned in the next edition of the magazine.

The Council will discuss sponsoring the Village Fete at the November meeting.

1635 To receive an update on Village Maintenance Projects

The Council discussed boundary signs – there is one more amendment to be done and Pete Davies will do this.

There are still issues with motorhomes parking; the Police cannot intervene without Cheshire East expressly saying that they wish to ban overnight parking. The Clerk will draft an e-mail for Cllr. Smetham to submit as a member’s enquiry, mentioning Lapland. The duck signs have been ordered and will be installed in mid-October.

The plaque has been installed on the repaired bench.

Cllr. Furness is still attempting to arrange a quotation for the milestone – an update will be provided at the next meeting.

1636 To receive an update on Highways, including siding out work

The tree that was flagged as dangerous has been reviewed by Cheshire East and is not considered dangerous. Given the proximity of the tree to the highway and therefore the likely requirement for a specialist tree surgeon to undertake any work the cost to the Parish Council of funding the work ourselves was considered prohibitive when CEC has deemed the tree not to be dangerous

The siding out work was completed in Siddington, barring one stretch near the Capesthorpe Estate. This work will be completed during October half term and has



partially funded by the Cheshire East Council and partially by the Ward Councillor budget.

The spraying work, which is carried out by Siddington's contractor, may need to be carried out twice a year, to better maintain the sided-out pathways.

There is still a noted issue with the traffic lights leading from Siddington (i.e. driving towards Manchester) – this will be reported by Cllr. Peter Wain on TRACE.

1637 To consider the Council's response, if any, to the letter received from the Hide and Seek Festival

It was **RESOLVED** to not submit a response to the Festival.

1638 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:

There were no planning applications.

1639 To ratify the comments submitted for the following applications which required comments before this meeting.

25/2667/HOUS Demolition of existing house extensions and ancillary outbuilding... *Siddington Parish Council has noted this application. As the property sits within the jurisdiction of Henbury Parish Council, Siddington Parish Council will defer any comment to them.*

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

1640 To discuss the following planning enforcement matters

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

Planning Enforcement at CEC have advised that they will undertake a site visit. This will take place at the end of September / start of October. The Parish Council are awaiting an update at their next meeting.

1641 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT (as of 31st August) - £9,130.39

PAYMENTS MADE

Clerk Salary (July)	£95.00
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (July)	£26.00
Clerk Salary (August)	£110.00
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (August)	£26.00

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TCS Management	£64.80
Pete Davies labour	£480.00
Nigel Braithwaite (bench repair)	£393.76

Plaque	£44.00
Millward and Keeling	£139.20
Shenton's (post crete)	£40.00
Brackets and fixings (G and G)	£30.24

The above four payments were the Chair's Expenses and were reimbursed to the Chair.

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Siddington Village Hall (July)	£22.50
Siddington Village Hall (September)	£22.50
Pete Davies (spraying)	£284.40
HMRC	£202.40
Clerk Salary (September)	£98.40
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Sept)	£26.00
Clerk Salary (October)	£98.40
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Oct)	£26.00
Postcrete (budget figure – Shenton's)	£30.00
Road Signs Direct	£162.00
Arien Signs	£223.20

The above two payments were the Chair's Expenses and will be reimbursed to the Chair.

RECEIPTS

Interest (end July)	£13.29
Interest (end August)	£11.77

It was **RESOLVED** to sign the Bank Reconciliation and approve the above payments. Thanks were extended to Nigel Braithwaite and Cllr. Billington for their work on the bench.

1642 To receive an update on Cheshire East's Devolution Plans

Cllr. Meadowcroft shared an update with the Parish Council. A digital copy of the update will be sent to the Clerk, and this will be uploaded onto the website.



1643 Any other correspondence

The Clerk had received a complaint from two residents who were struggling to walk to the Monk's Heath. This has been sent to Public Right's of Way, Highways and reported on TRACE. The Clerk has not received a response. This will be sent to member enquiries by Councillor Smetham.

The Parish Council will not lay a wreath at Remembrance. This may be reconsidered in future years.

1644 To note the date of the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 25th November 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to move the meeting to Part B to discuss the final item.

1645 To discuss a confidential Parish Council matter

Action Points

- The Clerk will amend the Data Protection Policy and will upload on the website.
- The Clerk will include the website URL on the agenda and on the minutes.
- Cllr. Smart will arrange for the minutes and the agenda to be shown on the noticeboard ahead.
- The Clerk will produce a one-page laminate for “how to contact the Parish Council” which will be added to the noticeboard.
- Cllr. Furness will arrange for the website to be mentioned in the next edition of the magazine.
- The Clerk will draft an e-mail for Cllr. Smetham to submit as a member’s enquiry, mentioning Lapland.
- Cllr. Peter Wain will contact TRACE to report the issue with the traffic lights.
- Cllr. Meadowcroft will share the Devolution update with the Clerk; this will be shared by the Clerk on the website.
- The Clerk will send the e-mail trail regarding the chippings to Councillor Smetham.