

Final Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 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. Paul Wain
- Cllr. Peter Wain
- Cllr. L. Smetham – Ward Councillor
- Elizabeth Worrall – Clerk

Public Forum

There were no members of public

1563 To receive and approve apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

1564 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1565 To receive and resolve to approve the [minutes for the meeting of 26th November 2024](#)

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

1566 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.

Several questions were asked by Cllr. Smetham regarding the planning application at Capesthorne. These were discussed with Councillors. Councillors asked Cllr. Smetham to raise their concern regarding traffic management and access to the village during rush hour. Councillors also discussed issues with traffic through the village during rush hour and asked whether the traffic lights could be amended to allow for better flow of vehicles. Cllr. Smetham will raise this at the strategic planning meeting and Cllr. Wain

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will report this to Highways.

Cllr. Smetham shared that the increase in Council Tax will be voted on by the full Council, but Cllr. Smetham confirmed that the application has been given approval by the Government as Cheshire East have applied for a package of support from central Government. Councillors raised their concerns regarding the shortfall at Cheshire East Council.

The Local Plan (Planning) is in the process of being reviewed - Cllr. Smetham expects a flurry of Planning Applications over the next few weeks. The Planning team are stretched so applications are taking longer to approve. Cheshire East are reviewing their "grey belt" sites and deciding whether any of these sites are suitable for development.

The Biodiversity and Local Diversity strategy are changing. Biodiversity Net Gain for new developments must now rest at 10% and this will be updated in the Local Plan. Devolution was discussed – Cheshire East are working more collaboratively with Cheshire West and Warrington Councils.

1567 To receive updates on village maintenance projects (Redesmere Lake, boundary signs, footpaths etc.)

There was nothing to report on Redesmere Lake. The new boundary signs are to be installed by a local contractor who the Parish Council regularly uses but this is unlikely to happen before March due to other pressing commitments. The footpaths should be sided out as per the application to the Ward Budget – Lesley will chase for an update. The future maintenance of the footpaths on the Capesthorpe Estate are being discussed with the Estate.

Councillors have worked together to remove the damaged bench. The bench is currently located at the local joiners and a price will be advised shortly.

1568 To discuss the Council's arrangements for the next litter pick

It was **RESOLVED** that the next litter pick will take place at 10am on Saturday 22nd March, meeting at the Village Hall. The Clerk will contact ANSA to arrange the drop off bags, and litter picking equipment. The Clerk will also draft a note to go in the Parish Magazine.

1569 To consider the Council's arrangements, if any, to commemorate VE Day 80

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would arrange for the bell to be rung at 6.30pm on 8th May 2025. The Clerk will register this on the VE Day Website.

1570 To discuss the Parish Network meeting, and matters arising

Cllr. Wain shared an update from the discussions had at the Parish Council meeting and discussed a letter drafted by members of that group, detailing the group's displeasure. Individual Parish Councils were given the power to publish this letter on their own website, should they wish to. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would publish the letter on the website and that Cllr. Peter Wain would confirm to the Parish Network that this action had been undertaken.

1571 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:

Egerton Timber Yard – planning refusal

There was no update on Egerton Timber Yard.

1572 To ratify the comments submitted for the following applications which required comments before this meeting.

[24/4504/FUL](#) - Temporary, 10-year permission for an annual Christmas experience to be held at Capesthorne Hall, beginning from winter 2025/26
Comments available [here](#)

[24/4752/VOC](#) - Variation of Condition
The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

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

1573 To review and consider any amendments to the Parish Council's [asset register](#)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the asset register with no amendments.

1574 To review and consider any amendments to the Parish Council's [risk assessment](#)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the risk assessment with no amendments.

1575 To [review the Council's budget](#) (through to 31st December 2024) and consider any amendments to be made

The Council noted the budget monitoring document and **RESOLVED** that no amendments needed to be made.

1576 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment:

PAYMENTS MADE

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| £181.20 | HMRC – Q3 |
| £91.36 | Clerk Salary – end November |
| £26.00 | Clerk Homeworking Allowance – end November |
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| £61.92 | TCS Management |
| £30.00 | Village Hall Hire – First Aid Evening |

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£25.00 Village Hall Hire – Parish Council meeting

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

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| £95.40 | Clerk Salary – end January |
| £26.00 | Clerk Homeworking Allowance – end January |
| £95.40 | Clerk Salary – end February |
| £26.00 | Clerk Homeworking Allowance – end February |
| £61.92 | TCS Management |
| £25.00 | Village Hall Hire – Parish Council meeting |

RECEIPTS

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| £100.00 | Goodwill payment from bank |
| £32.06 | Interest |

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments and sign the [Bank Reconciliation](#).

1577 Any other correspondence

The Clerk had received an e-mail from an individual wishing to install a plaque or memorial bench to their late parent, who enjoyed fishing at Redesmere. The Parish Council enjoyed hearing about the memories that the individual had of their late father and their enjoyment of Redesmere, but feel that memorial benches and plaques, which are limited due to space, should be reserved for individuals who are residents of the Parish.

The Parish Council will review this and try to create a space that any individual can use to remember their loved one. The Parish Council will also contact Cheshire East, to see if any memorial trees can be planted in the area.

1578 To note the date of the next parish council meeting to be held on 25th March

The Clerk will contact the Village Hall and will confirm the dates of the March and May meetings as these dates have changed several times, due to various commitments for the Clerk and Councillors.