



Final Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27th July 2026

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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. Paul Wain
- Elizabeth Worrall – Clerk

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

1716 To receive and approve apologies for absence

An apology was received from Cllr. Carbutt, who has been unwell. The Parish Council wished him all the best for a speedy recovery. Cllr. Smetham had sent her apologies.

1717 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1718 To receive and resolve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held May 2026

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

1719 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.

Cllr. Smetham had sent a brief written update:

Cllr. Smetham confirmed that all Highways work, including the siding out, had been completed.

Planning would like input on the Local Plan scoping consultation; the deadline for comments, from stakeholders, is the 1st September 2026.

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Signed

Dated

Opposition for the Peak Cluster pipeline is growing; Cllr. Smetham expects that this will be heard by the cabinet and will then be heard by the full Council. Cllr. Smetham is meeting with the Place Officer at Cheshire East, in August, to discuss this matter. Cllr. Smetham has confirmed her plans to retire, in May 2027.

Cllr. Paul Wain said he believed that the Peak Cluster matter had been heard by cabinet and was not progressing to full Council. As this is pending meetings that Cllr. Smetham is still to have, in August, the Parish Council will await an update from Cllr. Smetham in September.

1720 To receive an update on Village Maintenance projects

The village sign has been reinstalled on the village green. Thanks were extended to Cllr. Smart for her hard work restoring the sign and for Cllr. Furness for his on the milestone.

The Parish Council discussed the recent e-mail from Cheshire East regarding the Parish Council adopting road signs and decided not to proceed with this at the current time.

Cllr. Billington has discussed the work on the noticeboard with a local contractor, who plans to complete the work in August 2026. It was **RESOLVED** to approve a £100 budget figure, for the contractor to install a suitable lock.

1721 To receive an update on Highways

The Parish Council noted damage had been caused to a Cheshire East Council owned road sign. The Clerk will report this to the Police and via TRACE.

The Clerk will ask Cllr. Smetham to chase an update from Highways as to when the work on the A34 in Siddington will be carried out. The Parish Council were advised this would be early on during the financial year 2026 – 2027, but as of the date of the meeting, no work has been carried out.

1722 To receive an update on the Parish Council website and consider when the Council should transfer over to the new website

Cllr. Meadowcroft will complete a review of the new website and will work with the Clerk to complete removal of any unused pages – any judgement calls that may warrant further discussion will be referred to the September meeting.

The old Parish Council website is currently out of use, due to issues with software. This will be remedied.

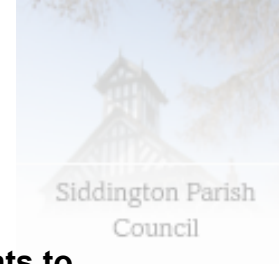
Once access to the old website is restored, the Clerk will copy the photographs onto a gallery page, on the new website.

For now, both websites will be updated by the Clerk.

1723 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda

There were no planning applications.

1724 To ratify the comments submitted for the following applications which



required comments before this meeting

There were no comments to ratify.

1725 To consider the budget monitoring report (end Q1), and any amendments to be made

The Parish Council considered the report and it was **RESOLVED** to make no amendments.

1726 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT – £9,962.62 (as of 1st July 2026)

Payments listed below in italics were made after the balance above was verified and the bank reconciliation was completed

PAYMENTS MADE

Clerk Salary (April)	£98.40
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (April)	£26.00
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Clerk Salary (June)	£98.40
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (April)	£26.00
JDH Business Services (Audit)	£300.00
Siddington Village Hall	£25.00
TCS Management	£64.80
CHALC	£114.40
Zurich	£448.07

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

B Smart Expenses (village sign)	£76.15
Kitchencraft (noticeboard)	£680.00
Kitchencraft (lock)	£100.00 budget
S Forster Expenses (defib)	£132.00
TCS Management	£67.50
Siddington Village Hall	£25.00
HMRC	£196.00
Clerk Salary (July)	£98.40
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (July)	£26.00
Clerk Salary (Aug)	£98.40
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Aug)	£26.00
Parishes Online	£258.00

RECEIPTS

Interest (end May)	£9.70
Interest (end June)	£10.72

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It was **RESOLVED** to sign the Bank Reconciliation and approve the above payments. Cllr. Smart will confirm her bank details with the Clerk.

1727 Any other correspondence

Councillors reviewed the action points from last time.

Cllr. Billington will liaise with the owner of an overgrown hedge, which some residents have noted to Councillors.

The Cheshire Wildlife Trust wildlife corridors project will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Clerk confirmed a change to her working plans, starting from September 1st, whereby she will be acting as a Clerk (for various Parish Councils) full time. The Parish Council were happy to support the Clerk in this.

Thanks were extended to all who were involved in the village fete – Councillors felt this was a great success!

1728 To note the date of the next Parish Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 29th September 2026

Future meeting dates for 2026 – 2027:

Tuesday 24th November

Tuesday 26th January

Tuesday 23rd March

Tuesday 25th May

Action Points

- Cllrs. Billington to liaise with the local contractor on the repair work to the noticeboard.
- The Clerk will report the damaged Highways sign to the Police and via TRACE.
- The Clerk will ask Cllr. Smetham to chase an update from Highways as to when the work on the A34 in Siddington will be carried out.
- Cllr. Meadowcroft will complete a review of the new website and will work with the Clerk to complete removal of any unused pages. Cllr. Meadowcroft will compile a list of “judgement calls” to be reviewed by the Parish Council in September.
- Once access to the old website is restored, the Clerk will copy the photographs onto a gallery page, on the new website.
- Cllr. Forster to contact the British Heart Foundation regarding sourcing of new defibrillator batteries in the future.