

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Members: Cllr. S Waltho (Vice Chair), Cllr. C Harrison, Cllr. I Goodwin, Cllr. N Thorpe

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PART 1 - PUBLIC AND PRESS

There will be an opportunity for public participation at the start of the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman. This period will last for no longer than 15 minutes.

There were no members of the public present.

2008 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies had been by Cllr. C Van Weerdenburg (Chair), Cllr. M Cohen, Cllr. S Cook and Cllr. Lesley Smetham.

2009 To receive any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

2010 To receive and resolve to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of July 2024.

2011 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.

Cllr. Smetham was not present and had not sent a report to the Clerk. The Council asked the Clerk to request an update on the Ward Councillor budget and whether this was still available. The Clerk will gain an update ahead of the meeting in November. Cllr. Waltho raised a matter that he would have liked to discuss with Lesley regarding a potential breach of planning permission; Cllr. Waltho will send an e-mail to the planning officer to ensure this is logged.

2012 To receive an update on broadband and digital provision within the village.

Cllr. Cook had sent an e-mail confirming that there was no update.

2013 To receive an update on known flooding and drainage issues within the village and discuss any new occurrences

Councillors confirmed there had been no new occurrences as far as they are aware. The discussed meeting with Andy Simpson had not happened. Cllr. Waltho will chase the local farmer (as detailed in the minutes of July 2024) and try and arrange this.

2014 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:

24/2887C – It was **RESOLVED** to submit a comment of “no objections.”

2015 To ratify the comments submitted for the following applications which required comments before this meeting.

24/2754M - It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the comments.

2016 To receive an update on boundary signs and whether the Council will seek to gain quotations and install them in the near future

Cllr. Waltho has completed an informal survey of the local boundary signs to ascertain their status. Cllr. Waltho has taken some images of the sites as well as having suitable maps. This is to be discussed in more detail with Andy Simpson, at the meeting detailed in point 2013. Cllr. Cook will then compile a budget. The Clerk is keen to progress this ahead of the next meeting when the budget and the precept for 2025 – 2026 will be authorised.

2017 To receive an update on the Parish Council's liaison with the Plough Inn, including related liaison with the Police and Cheshire East Council

The meeting with the Plough will take place next Monday 9th September 2024. The Clerk has approached Cheshire Police and had shared an e-mail containing information of how to report noise and parking issues, should they arise. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

2018 To receive an update on village maintenance (including Council owned asset maintenance)

The Council noted that there is a rotten post at the gate. This has been noted by Councillors and by individuals who inspect the park. The Clerk has tried repeatedly to get in contact with TARMAC to ask for this to be reviewed.

Cllr. Harrison will arrange for the removal of the rotten bench.

The Parish Council (Cllr. Thorpe, initially) will take a look at the Park Inspection form, as this is now outdated.

2019 To receive an update on the Council's ongoing liaison with TARMAC, including the issues of flooding on the permissive path

The Clerk is struggling to get in contact with Steve Williams at TARMAC, regarding the minutes of the Liaison Group. The Council noted that the permissive path has been drained by TARMAC. The Clerk will try to contact Steve regarding the grass cutting, fencing and the Liaison Group minutes.

2020 To consider whether the payment method for the website should be updated

Cllr. Thorpe had previously taken ownership of the website payment at a rate of £6/month. It was **RESOLVED** to reimburse the last 6 months expenses (£36) direct to Neil. The Clerk and Neil will arrange to change this payment method over (to BACS or Direct Debit, as a preference, or a payment from the Clerk's credit card).

2021 To consider the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

It was **RESOLVED** to buy a wreath to the value of £24.99 plus delivery, and to donate the balance for a total donation of £50.00. The Clerk will ask for any volunteers to lay the wreath (it was suggested by the Council that this should be the Chair) and Cllr. Waltho is available to lay the wreath in the absence of any other volunteers. To save on costs, the Clerk will purchase this alongside the wreath for Hulme Walfield and Somerford Booths (for which she is also Clerk).

The Council agreed, in principle, to the erection of a flagpole in the Village, but Councillors will review this.

The Clerk will confirm the details with John Stenton, Churchwarden.

2022 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment:

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT

£8,355.11 as of 1st August 2024

PAYMENTS MADE

Clerk Salary (July)	£179.52
Clerk Expenses Allowance (July)	£13.00

Clerk Expenses (TARMAC)	£50.91
Clerk Salary (Aug)	£188.24
Clerk Expenses Allowance (Aug)	£13.00
Adam Keppel Green	£150.00
Cheshire Community Action	£20.00

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Clerk Salary (Sept)	£188.24
Clerk Expenses Allowance (Sept)	£13.00
Clerk Salary (Oct)	£188.24
Clerk Expenses Allowance (Oct)	£13.00
Stephen Oakes Maintenance	£150.00
Royal British Legion (wreath / donation)	£50.00
Neil Thorpe Expenses	£36.00

RECEIPTS

Interest (end July)	£4.69
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it was **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments. The Clerk has been asked to request a formal invoice in advance of payment of Stephen Oakes. It was **RESOLVED** to sign the Bank Reconciliation.

It was **RESOLVED** that the current account will be held at a balance of £1,000.00 by the Clerk. The remainder will be held in the reserve account to help accrue slightly more interest. The Clerk will maintain this each month when she does the Bank Reconciliation.

2023 To consider what may included in the Parish Magazine article

There is nothing to be included in the Parish Magazine this month.

2024 Any other correspondence / business

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would submit a comment to CHALC, on behalf of the Council, emphasising the value of the neighbourhood plan to Eaton and their hope that these will be continued in some form in 2030 and beyond.

The Council noted some fly tipping on School Lane – this has been dealt with. There have also been several instances of fallen branches within the Village.

2025 To note the date of the next parish council meeting to be held on 5th November 2024

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Action:

- Clerk to gain an update from Lesley Smetham on the status of the Ward Budget (Clerk)
- Cllr. Waltho to e-mail the relevant planning officer regarding a potential breach of planning permission (SW)
- Cllr. Waltho to try and arrange the meeting with the local farmer and (possibly separately) Andy Simpson to discuss the ongoing flooding and signage issues (SW)
- Cllr. Cook, following the meeting with Andy Simpson, to compile an up to date budget for signage for Councillors to consider.
- Clerk to submit a comment to CHALC emphasising the importance of the neighbourhood plan for Eaton (Clerk)
- Clerk to submit planning comment regarding 24/2887C (Clerk)
- Cllr. Thorpe to review the Park Inspection report (NT)
- Clerk, cc'ing Cllr. Waltho, to try and contact TARMAC regarding fencing, grass cutting and Liaison Group minutes. The Clerk will let Cllr. Waltho know an update at the Liaison Group meeting (Clerk/SW)