

Final Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2nd September 2025

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

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There were no members of the public present.

2131 To consider, and resolve to approve, pending applications, the co-option of a new Councillor

There had been no applications. Councillors discussed individuals that they may wish to approach.

2132 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr. Cook and Cllr. Van Weerdenburg.

2133 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

2134 To receive and resolve to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 2025

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting, with one amendment made to the date, which had a typo.

2135 To receive a report from the Ward Councillor if present.

Cllr. Smetham was not present

2136 To discuss Broadband and digital provision within the village

There was no update.

2137 To receive any update on known flooding and drainage issues within the village and discuss any new occurrences

There had been an issue of flooding at Ladera Lodge, which is located just over the boundary in North Rode. This has been reported by residents to the Environment Agency and Cheshire East Council are also aware. The matter will also be raised to North Rode Parish Council by residents at their next meeting. The Parish Council will monitor this to decide if any other action would need to be taken.

2138 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:

25/2749/FUL – Briery Croft Macclesfield Road, Eaton, Congleton, Cheshire East CW12 2QL – Demolition of existing stable block and replacement building to provide ancillary residential accommodation

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a comment of no objections.

2139 To ratify the comments submitted for the following applications which required comments before this meeting:

There were no comments to approve.

2140 To receive an update on the Parish Council's liaison with the Plough Inn

There was no further update since the last meeting. The noise issues are still improved. The Parish Council will continue to monitor this.

2141 To consider the purchase of a new bench

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the requisition of two matching benches (Marmax Traditional Seat - £380.00 each) in brown and pay for delivery to Eaton. It was **RESOLVED** to requisition fixing kits (£20 each) in addition; if required, the fixing kits will be purchased by the Parish Council. The plaques will also be purchased by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will arrange for installation of these benches.

The first bench (and fixing kits) will be purchased by TARMAC. The funds to go towards the second bench are in discussion with the Plough.

Cllr Cook will liaise with Tarmac and Cllr Waltho is to liaise with the Plough regarding the procurement of the benches.

2142 To receive an update on village maintenance (including Council owned asset maintenance)

The bushes will be cut back by Cllr. Harrison later this autumn. The hedges and bushes are being trimmed by Stephen Oakes. The grass is being cut thanks to TARMAC.

There have been no new reports of dogs on the field.

Cllr. Goodwin will arrange for Landales to look at the rotten post, which was noted in the ROSPA report.

2143 To discuss any urgent parking or Highways matters within the village

There had been instances of poor parking noted over the summer. These have been reported to and noted by the Police.

The Police Surgery will take place on Saturday 6th September, at Marton Meadows Golf Club.

Councillors will try and attend to discuss the parking issues within the village face to face.

2144 To receive an update on the Council's ongoing liaison with TARMAC

The Clerk will contact TARMAC to ask for approval of the minutes of the last liaison meeting and the date of the next one. Thanks were extended to TARMAC for their support and generosity.

2145 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT

£7,688.32 (as of 1st August 2025)

PAYMENTS MADE

Clerk Salary (July)	£231.47
Clerk Expenses Allowance (July)	£13.00
Clerk TARMAC Mileage (18 x 0.45)	£8.10
Cheshire Community Action	£20.00
HMRC	£157.40
Steve Waltho expenses (defib)	£140.40
IONOS (website - July)	£8.40
IONOS (website - August)	£8.40
Clerk Salary (August)	£144.79
Clerk Expenses Allowance (August)	£13.00

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Clerk Salary (September)	£TBC
Clerk Expenses Allowance (Sept)	£13.00
Clerk Salary (October)	£TBC
Clerk Expenses Allowance (Oct)	£13.00
TCS Management (payroll)	£64.80
Marmax	£516.00
IONOS (website -Sept)	£8.40
IONOS (website – Oct)	£8.40

RECEIPTS

Interest (end July)	£5.98
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Interest (end August)

£5.46

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments and for the Chair to sign the Bank Reconciliations. The Clerk's salary is to be confirmed pending amendments to pay discussed later in the minutes.

2146 To review the budget report for Q1 and consider any amendments to be made

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to note the report and monitor it. The overspend on salary is minor and is not any cause for concern, even taking into account the Clerk's salary increase.

2147 To consider increasing the Clerk's salary to fall in line with the new NALC pay scales, and consider any back pay

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the Clerk in line with the new pay scales and to backdate the pay to 1st April.

2148 To consider increasing the Clerk's salary to SCP13, following one year's employment by the Parish Council

It was **RESOLVED** to increase the Clerk's salary to SCP13 and to backdate this increase to 1st April 2025.

2149 Any other correspondence, including any matters to be included in the Parish magazine

It was agreed to post a reminder about the Councillor vacancy in the next edition of the magazine. The Clerk will submit this.

2150 To note the date of the next meeting 4th November 2025