

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 1st September 2026

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

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There were no members of the public present.

2255 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr. Cook and Cllr. Garton.

2256 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

2257 To receive and resolve to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 2026

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

2258 To receive a report from the Ward Councillor if present.

The Parish Council discussed the Local Plan Scoping Consultation and comments that they are aware that other Parish Councils have submitted. The Parish Council also discussed potential developments in Macclesfield and the importance of Eaton's village identity.

Councillors asked Cllr. Smetham if there was any update on Peak Cluster. Cllr. Smetham believes that there will be another consultation soon. There is a strong lobby against the pipeline from members of the public and companies, speaking out against the pipeline.

There is no update on any enforcement actions within the Parish. Cllr. Smetham will follow up on these ahead of the next meeting.

2259 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:

[26/2412/HOUS](#) - TAN HOUSE FARM Macclesfield Road, Eaton, Congleton, Cheshire East, CW12 2ND - Single storey side/rear extension

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

2260 To ratify the comments submitted for the following applications which required comments before this meeting:

No comments had been submitted between meetings.

2261 To discuss Broadband and digital provision within the village

There was no update. Cllr. Smetham will follow up with Dean Burrows on broadband and digital provision for more remote areas within the Parish.

2262 To receive any update on known flooding and drainage issues within the village and discuss any new occurrences

Despite the heavy rain, the Parish Council have not heard any reports of flooding. This will continue to be monitored.

2263 To discuss any urgent parking or Highways matters within the village

Councillors agreed that individuals are parking more respectfully since the signs have been installed. There are no further issues, but the Parish Council will continue to monitor this. There have been issues with some contractors that the Plough use for weddings and events; Cllr. Cook will raise this with the Plough when she next speaks to them.

The Parish Council are aware of a commercial vehicle parking overnight in a passing place on Back Lane (between Ladera and Fords Lane), which could cause access issues for vehicles. The

Clerk will inform the Parish Council's police contact to make them aware and to allow them to assess the situation.

2264 To receive an update on the Parish Council's liaison with the Plough Inn

Cllr. Cook had sent through a brief update. The Manager at the Plough is happy for the Parish Council to attend and repair the back of the bus stop.

Cllr. Waltho had received a quote from the manager of the Plough for the painting of the defibrillator or phone box; Cllrs. Waltho and Cook will discuss this with the painter and the manager to ensure the specification is correct.

2265 To receive an update on the Council's ongoing liaison with TARMAC

Cllr. Waltho, Cllr. Cook and the Clerk attended the liaison meeting at the end of July. The quarry is planning to expand to the North, towards Marton, but this is still in the initial stages and is not finalised.

TARMAC have donated towards the roof repairs on the Village Hall and thanks were extended to TARMAC for their support of the village.

There have been no issues relating to noise from the quarry.

2266 To receive an update on village maintenance (including Council owned asset maintenance)

Cllr. Van Weerdenburg will cut through the encroaching ivy in the park to try and get this to die back. Cllr. Waltho or Cllr. Van Weerdenburg will also arrange for spraying of the weeds in this area.

Councillors are aware that the swing sets have been damaged with the cross beams cracking due, probably, to the excessive heat. Cllr. Harrison provided a quotation for two pieces of tanalised timber, and it was **RESOLVED** to approve this. A working party will replace the two cross beams and will backfill the soil under the swing set.

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the purchase another toddler swing set, at a price of £139.90 including delivery. The Clerk will ask Cllr. Cook to procure this.

Cllr. Harrison will arrange for the repairs to the back of the bus stop, as access has been granted by the Plough. A £50.00 budget cost was approved at the July meeting for materials.

The Clerk will e-mail TARMAC to try and arrange for a meeting to discuss long term plans for the park.

2267 To consider the arrangements, if any, for Remembrance Sunday

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Waltho would attend the service and would lay the Parish Council wreath. The Clerk will inform the Churchwarden and will arrange for purchase of the wreath (alongside other Parish Councils, to save on delivery costs.)

2268 To receive an update on the Parish Council's adoption of individual e-mail addresses for Councillors

All Councillors have adopted the new e-mail addresses with the exceptions of Cllrs. Van Weerdenburg and Garton. Cllr. Van Weerdenburg will confirm she is happy with the proposed e-mail address and then the Clerk will set this up.

2269 To note the [budget report \(end Q1\)](#) and consider any amendments to be made

Councillors noted the budget report and it was **RESOLVED** to make no amendments.

2270 To consider increasing the Clerk's salary to SCP14 (£15.82/hour), following three year's employment by the Parish Council

It was **RESOLVED** to increase the Clerk's salary to SCP 14.

2271 To confirm that the Clerk's pay will increase in line with the new NALC pay-scale as of 1st October 2026

It was **RESOLVED** to increase the Clerk's salary in line with the new NALC pay-scale.

2272 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment:

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT – £8,465.24 (as of 1st August 2026)

Payments in italics made after the bank reconciliation and not included in above figure

PAYMENTS MADE

IONOS – website (June)	£8.40
Clerk Salary (June)	£151.76
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (June)	£13.00
Clerk Salary (Jul)	£188.00
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Jul)	£13.00
IONOS - website (Jul)	£8.40
HMRC	£329.60
TCS Management	£67.50
<i>Clerk Salary (Aug)</i>	<i>£151.76</i>
<i>Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Aug)</i>	<i>£13.00</i>
<i>IONOS - website (Aug)</i>	<i>£8.40</i>

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Clerk Salary (Sept)	£TBC
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Sept)	£13.00
IONOS - website (Sept)	£8.40
Clerk Salary (Oct)	£TBC
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (Oct)	£13.00
IONOS - website (Oct)	£8.40
Poppy Wreath	£23.00
Whitehursts (C Harrison expenses)	£82.51
Online Playgrounds (S Cook Expenses)	£139.90

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Interest (end June)	£4.92
Interest (end July)	£4.77

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments and for the Chair to sign the [Bank Rec \(end July\)](#).

2273 Any other correspondence, including any matters to be included in the Parish Magazine

There was nothing to be included in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr. Harrison raised the issue of Councillor roles, which was discussed at the May meeting but hasn't yet been actioned. The Clerk and Cllrs. Waltho and Harrison will draft something for presentation at the November meeting.

2274 To note the date of the next meeting 3rd November 2026

Action Points

- Cllr. Smetham will follow up on outstanding planning enforcement issues within the Parish, and will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Cllr. Smetham will chase Dean Burrows for a more comprehensive update on broadband / digital to be provided at the next meeting.
- The Clerk will contact the Police, to make them aware of the parked commercial vehicle on Back Lane.
- Cllr. Cook will raise the issue of wedding supplier parking with the Plough when she next speaks to them.
- Cllr. Harrison will arrange for the repairs to be carried out on the back of the bus stop (access required via the Plough).
- Cllrs. Waltho and Cook will discuss the provided quotation (for painting of the phone box) with the painter and the manager of the Plough to ensure the specification is correct.
- Cllr. Van Weerdenburg will cut through the encroaching ivy to try and get this to die back.
- Cllr. Waltho or Cllr. Van Weerdenburg will also arrange for spraying of the weeds adjacent to the ivy.
- Cllr. Harrison to arrange for the purchase of the tanalised timber.
- Cllr. Harrison to arrange a working party to replace the cross beams on the swing sets.
- Cllr. Cook to arrange purchase of a new toddler swing seat. If Cllr. Cook is unable to arrange this, then the Clerk will do so instead.
- The Clerk will confirm Cllr. Waltho's attendance at the Remembrance Service.
- Cllr. Van Weerdenburg will confirm she is happy with the proposed e-mail address and then the Clerk will set this up.
- The Clerk will chase Cllr. Garton for approval of his e-mail address, and once this is received, this will be set up by the Clerk.
- The Clerk and Cllrs. Waltho and Harrison will draft a brief paper on Councillor roles for review at the November meeting.