

**MINUTES OF CHOLMONDESTON & WETTENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD AT ST DAVIDS CHURCH ON 18TH MARCH 2026**

PRESENT

Cllrs John Woodward (**JW**) (Chair), Heather Pope (**HP**), Patrick Brunt (**PB**), Caroline Taylor (**CT**), Ian Greaves (**IG**), Philip Hollinshead (**PH**), and Sonia Peacock (**SP**)

IN ATTENDANCE

Dr M Bailey (Parish Clerk) (**MB**), Cllr B Posnett (**BP**), Members of the Public

303. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

304. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests were made by Members at the meeting.

305. MINUTES – 17TH DECEMBER 2025 (PARISH MEETING)

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 17th December 2025 were presented to Members for approval. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

306. MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised at the meeting from the above minutes.

- Bench – it was noted that steps are being taken to install the bench, and it was agreed to follow up potential suppliers.
- SIDs – it was agreed to approach further suppliers.

307. PUBLIC FORUM

There were several members of the public were present at the meeting.

- Village Green – it was confirmed that the wall work, once finished, would be followed by putting the area back to its previous state, as well as planting wildflowers.

308. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial matters.

297.1 Ledger (1.4.24-31.12.25)

Members noted the ledger for the period 1.4.24-31.12.25.

297.2 Budget Monitoring Report (Quarter 3 – Oct-Dec 2025)

Members noted the budget monitoring report for the third quarter of the 2025/26 financial year. Members agreed to work with Utility Aid on a lower tariff for the streetlighting.

297.3 Internal Audit 2024-25

Members noted that internal audit report for 2024/25 will come to the next meeting.

297.4 Payments for Authorisation

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

Mark Bailey	£397.36 (Clerk Salary Jan-Mar 2026)
HMRC	£264.80 (Tax Months 10-12 2025/26)
ChALC	£25.00 (Training)
Re-Coded Solutions	£120.00 (Website)
PKF Littlejohn	£96.00 (Audit Fees)
Chris Pope	£239.40 (Defibrillator)

The following payments were made between meetings.

Cheshire Lawn & Border Ltd	£400.00 (Work on Village Green)
HMRC	£40.00 (Back Tax)

Members **APPROVED** the above payments.

Members **RESOLVED** to check on the existing mandate and also to open a new online bank account.

It was **RESOLVED** to add the following to the new bank account mandate.

- Mark Bailey
- Cllr John Woodward
- Cllr Heather Pope
- Cllr Pat Brunt

309. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cheshire East Councillor Becky Posnett attended the meeting.

- Cheshire East Council – held the budget council in February 2026. The request to raise the council tax by 9.99% was rejected by the Government, and the increase was approved at 4.99%.
- Cheshire East Council – there was a no confidence vote on the proposals for a new town in Adlington.
- Footpaths – consultation is ongoing and Parish Council was asked to look at it via the website.
- Local Plan – Call for Sites is ongoing – preferred areas in the north of the borough due to loosening of regulations around the Green Belt, and also some sites around Nantwich.
- Peak Cluster Pipeline – there is a public consultation ongoing, with separate consultations with MPs.
- Waste Collection – separate food waste collections will be implemented in the autumn (2026).
- Roads – Members raised the issue of chevrons on the main road.

310. HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH

Members considered issues affecting the highways in the parish.

311. PLANNING MATTERS

No issues were raised by those present.

312. COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

The following issues were raised under this agenda item.

- Signage – it was confirmed that the issues under the bridge on the main road are being considered and will be followed up.

313. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20th May 2026 – 7.30pm – St David's Church (Annual Parish Council Meetings)

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Chair.....