

# WARDLE PARISH COUNCIL

1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Commenced: 7.30 pm

Terminated: 8.50 pm

Present: Councillor Roden (Chair)  
Councillors Jennings, Leftwick, Nelson and Welch

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Chair introduced Mrs Pam Brown who had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor, and had been invited to the meeting to observe proceedings.

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Members of the Parish Council were in attendance.

## 3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 4. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Borough Councillor was absent from the meeting.

## 5. BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT 2025-2026

Consideration was given to a report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on the following matters:-

### (i) Transactions

#### RESOLVED

That the following transactions, from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, from the Charitable Bank Account, be approved:-

PAYER/PAYEE	DETAILS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
RBS	Service charge		£5.40
Cheshire East Council	Precept - 1st Instalment	£1,513.50	
Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance Premium		£196.00
RBS	Service charge		£5.00
M Clough	Office Expenses from 23/09/2024 – 05/05/2025		£480.00
A Latham	Quarter 1		£275.00
Alraham and Calveley Village Hall	Room Hire for May		£12.00
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RBS	Service charge		£5.80
RBS	Interest	£5.52	
RBS	Service charge		£6.20
RBS	Service charge		£5.00
Cheshire East Council	Parish Compact	£1,150.00	
Alraham and Calveley Village Hall	Room Hire for August		£24.00
M Clough	Office Expenses from 06/05/2025- 12/08/2025		£210.00

A Latham	Quarter 2		£275.00
Cheshire East Council	Precept - 2nd Instalment	£1,513.50	
RBS	Interest	£5.15	
RBS	Charges		£1.20

**(ii) Approval of Payments**

**RESOLVED**

That the following payments, be approved:-

PAYER	DETAILS	PAYMENTS
Alpraham and Calveley Village Hall	Room Hire 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025	£24.00
A Latham	Lengthsman	£275.00
M Clough	Office Expenses 13/08/2025-03/12/2025 16 weeks @ £15.00 per week	£240.00

**(iii) Budget Expenditure to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

**RESOLVED**

That the following Budget Head expenditure to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025, be approved:-

Budget Head	Total	Budget Allocated	£ Difference
Office Expenses	£690.00	£780.00	£90.00
Room Hire	£48.00	£80.00	£32.00
Insurance	£196.00	£620.00	£424.00
Community Projects	£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Lengthsman	£550.00	£1,100.00	£550.00
Bank Charges	£28.60	£72.00	£43.40
Pinfold Maintenance	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
	£1,512.60	£5,652.00	£4,139.40

**(iv) Bank Reconciliation as at 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

**RESOLVED**

That the following Bank Reconciliation, as at 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025, be approved:-

<b>Bank Reconciliation 23rd November 2025</b>	
<b>WARDLE PARISH COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Financial year ending 31 March 2025</b>	
Prepared by: Muna Clough, Parish Clerk & RFO	
Balance per bank statements as at 11th November 2025	£
Current Account (61011375)	£3,414.23
Reserve Account (01011618)	£1,305.46
Less: any unpresented cheques	
Current Account (61011375)	£0.00
Reserve Account (01011618)	£0.00
Add: any unbanked cash	£0.00
<b>Net bank balances as at 23rd November 2025</b>	<b>£4,719.69</b>
<b>The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows</b>	

<b>CASH BOOK</b>	
Opening Balance Current at 1st April 2024	£896.68
Opening Balance Reserve at 1st April 2024	£1,294.79
Add: Receipts in the year	
Current Account (61011375)	£4,177.00
Reserve Account (01011618)	£10.67
Less: Payments in the year	
Current Account (61011375)	£1,659.45
Reserve Account (01011618)	£0.00
<b>Closing balance per cash book [receipts and payments book] must equal net bank balances above</b>	<b>£4,719.69</b>

**(v) Bank Statements – Charitable Bank Account (Current Account)**

**RESOLVED**

That the following bank statements, as circulated with the Report, be approved:-

- (a) Statement Number 276
- (b) Statement Number 277
- (c) Statement Number 278
- (d) Statement Number 279
- (e) Statement Number 280

**(vi) Bank Statements – Business Money Manager Account**

**RESOLVED**

That the following bank statements, as circulated with the Report, be approved:-

- (a) Statement Number 198
- (b) Statement Number 199
- (c) Statement Number 200
- (d) Statement Number 201
- (e) Statement Number 202

**6. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2026-2027**

The Parish Council considered a Report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on the proposed Budget for 2026-2027 and its associated Precept request.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) That the 2026-2027 Budget, as Appended to these Minutes, be approved;
- (ii) The a Precept Request in the sum of £3,317.73 for 2026-2027, be approved.

**7. INSTALLATION OF DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Parish Council received an update from the Chair on the ongoing procedures relating to the installation of the defibrillator.

The Clerk was currently awaiting a costing for its installation.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) That the Clerk emails the MP, Alpha Brandreth, and copies the Borough Councillor, Becky Posnett, into the email, asking the MP to use her influence to expediate this matter to a satisfactory conclusion;
- (ii) That the Clerk contacts the Clerk for Alpraham and Calveley Community Council, to enquire about the costs of installing the Community Council's defibrillator.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members agreed that the date of the final meeting for the 2025-2026 would be held on **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**9. URGENT ITEMS**

The Chair considered that the following matters required consideration as a matter of urgency.

**9. NOISE**

Councillor Nelson reported on a noise nuisance in the area.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Clerk circulates the appropriate link to the Parish Councillors, so that the noise can be reported online.**

**10. FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTIONS**

Members referred to overgrown hedges which were obstructing footpaths.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Clerk circulates the appropriate link to the Parish Councillors, so that the noise can be reported online.**

**11. SPEEDING ON WARDLE AVENUE**

Members referred to the speed of cars on Wardle Avenue.

**RESOLVED**

**That on behalf of the Parish Council, the Clerk reports this concern to Cheshire East Council and Guinness Housing Association.**

**12. ROAD SURFACE ON A51 FROM THE ROUNDABOUT TO GREEN LANE**

The Chair referred to the poor condition of the road surface on the A51.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Clerk reports this matter to the Highways Department.**

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## BUDGET 2026-2027

Budget Head	Budget 2026-2027
Office Expenses	£780.00
Room Hire	£100.00
Insurance	£400.00
Community Projects	£2,000.00
Lengthsman	£1,100.00
Bank Charges	£100.00
Pinfold Maintenance	£1,000.00
	£5,480.00