

WARDLE PARISH COUNCIL

17th August 2026

Commenced: 7.30 pm

Terminated: 8.50 pm

Present: Councillor Roden (Chair)
Councillors Leftwick and Nelson

Councillor Posnett – Ward Councillor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Brown, Jennings and Welch submitted their apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th May 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. DEFIBRILLATOR

RESOLVED

- (i) That the purchase of new pads as soon as possible, by the Clerk, be approved (a Parish Councillor will install);
- (ii) That the purchase of a new battery, when required, by the Clerk, be approved;
- (iii) That the appointment of Councillors Brown and Welch to make the weekly defibrillator checks, be approved.

4. BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT 2026-2027

The Parish Council considered a report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on the following:-

(i) Transactions

RESOLVED

That the following transactions from 1st April 2026 (current account), be approved:-

PAYER/PAYEE	DETAILS	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Cheshire East Council	Precept 1	£1,659.00	
Zurich	Annual Insurance		£196.00
A Latham	Quarter 4. (Cheque c/f from 2025-2026)		£275.00
HugoFox	Emails - 25164		£2.99
HSBC	Charges		£1.20
A Latham	Quarter 1		£275.00
M Clough	Office Expenses		£120.00
HugoFox	Emails - 26410		£2.99
HSBC	Charges		£1.20
HugoFox	Annual Website Fee - 28016		£143.86
Cheshire East Council	Cheque for Defibrillator		£800
	Interest		
Cheshire East Council	Adjustment - Cheque Refused for Defibrillator	£800.00	
HugoFox	Emails - 27704		£2.99

Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge		£2.94
Cheshire East Council	Defibrillator		£800
HugoFox	Emails - 28948		£2.99
	Interest		
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge		£7.00

(ii) Approval of Payments

RESOLVED

That the following payments, be approved:-

PAYEE	DETAILS	PAYMENTS
Alpraham & Calveley Village Hall	Room Hire 17 th August 2026	£24.00
A Latham	Lengthsman Quarter 2	£275.00
M Clough	Office Expenses 02/05/2026-15/08/2026 15 weeks @ £15.00 per week	£225.00
Ian Brooks		£450.00

(iii) Budget Expenditure to 7th August 2026

RESOLVED

That the following Budget Head expenditure to 7th August 2026, be approved:-

Budget Head	Total	Budget Allocated	£ Difference
Office Expenses	£286.96	£780.00	£493.04
Room Hire	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00
Insurance	£196.00	£400.00	£204.00
Community Projects	£800.00	£2,000.00	£1,200.00
Lengthsman	£550.00	£1,100.00	£550.00
Bank Charges	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00
Pinfold Maintenance	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
	£1,832.96	£5,480.00	£3,647.04

(iv) Bank Reconciliation as at 7th August 2026

RESOLVED

That the following Bank Reconciliation as at 7th August 2026, be approved:-

<u>Bank Reconciliation 7th August 2026</u>	
WARDLE PARISH COUNCIL	
Financial year ending 31st March 2027	
Prepared by: Muna Clough, Parish Clerk & RFO	
Balance per bank statements as at 31st July 2026	
Current Account (20556181)	£2,131.42
Reserve Account (20556194)	£1,320.66
Less: any unpresented cheques	
Current Account (20556181)	£0.00
Reserve Account (20556194)	£0.00

Add: any unbanked cash	£0.00
Net bank balances as at 7th August 2026	£3,452.08
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows	
<u>CASH BOOK</u>	
Opening Balance Current at 1st April 2026	£2,306.58
Opening Balance Reserve at 1st April 2026	£1,314.78
Add: Receipts in the year	
Current Account (20556181)	£2,459.00
Reserve Account (20556194)	£5.88
Less: Payments in the year	
Current Account (20556181)	£2,634.16
Reserve Account (20556194)	£0.00
Closing balance per cash book [receipts and payments book] must equal net bank balances above	£3,452.08

(v) Bank Statements - HSBC

RESOLVED

That the following bank statements, as circulated with the report, be received:-

(The Parish Council's Bank Accounts with the HSBC have been closed and transferred to the Unity Trust Bank)

- (i) Statement Number 286 (HSBC) Charitable Bank Account
- (ii) Statement Number 287 (HSBC) Charitable Bank Account
- (iii) Statement Number 209 – Business Money Manager Account
- (iv) Statement Number 211 – Business Money Manager Account

(vi) Bank Statements – Unity Trust Bank

- (i) June 2026 – Current Account
- (ii) July 2026 – Current Account
- (iii) July 2026 – Savings Account

5. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The Chair to report on speeding concerns along the A51 and the Parish Council to agree the next steps.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Clerk contacts Stoke and Hurleston Parish Council to suggest a combined project for the purchase of average speed cameras, out of Section 106 monies obtained from the employment park, which totalled approximately £62,000 for these parishes.
- (ii) That the Clerk writes to Councillor Posnett, outlining the Parish Council's wish to purchase average speed cameras from its allocation of Section 106 monies.

Indicating that the PC would like average speed cameras from x to y which is currently a 40 mph limit. The PC is aware of the £62k. Email to Becky.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Posnett reported on the following matters in the Parish:-

- Ongoing highways matters, especially regarding speed and road condition;
- Peak Cluster
- Cheshire East Local Plan
- Cheshire East Council was in the process of looking to recruit a new Chief Executive.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the remaining meetings would be held on the following dates:-

Monday, 2nd November 2026

Monday, 1st February 2027

Tuesday, 4th May 2027

8. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair agreed to consider the following matters:-

- Councillor Nelson would send a photo of an overgrown footpath into Green Lane, to Councillor Posnett, who would refer to the appropriate Cheshire East Council Department;
- The Chair would arrange for the hedge to be cut in September, from the Pinfold to Wardle Avenue;
- Councillor Nelson would report foliage and blockages of road gulleys on the A51 on the Cheshire East Council TRACE system;
- Councillor Posnett would walk the A51, to inspect its condition.