

**CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2025**

PRESENT:

Cllr Tim Boote, Cllr Brian Charlesworth, Cllr Jill Dobson, Cllr Sharon Kynaston, Cllr Nigel Lewis, Cllr Bob Schiller, and Cllr Mark Smith

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Becky Posnett.

24/073 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – that Mark Smith be elected as Chairman of the Council for the remainder of the municipal year.

24/074 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

24/075 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

24/076 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present

24/077 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 06 JANUARY 2025

With regards to the discussion at the previous meeting under Minute 24/062 pertaining to flooding of a garden, Cllr Charlesworth advised that he had liaised with the landowner who had advised that they did not want any interference with the land. Therefore, there was no further action that the Council could undertake in this matter.

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a true and correct record.

24/078 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Posnett confirmed that elections to the Cheshire and Warrington Mayoral Strategic Authority would be held in May 2026. Although details of the functions of the new authority were being formulated, it was expected that a number of functions would be devolved from central government. An update was provided regarding discussions regarding Home Farm Park. There were a number of outstanding issues that would be pursued further.

Concern was expressed at the increase of inconsiderate dog owners and a number of options to try and tackle this issue.

24/079 FLOODING AND RIVER POLLUTION

No further discussion.

24/080 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Councillors discussed the current situation regarding the condition of roads in the village and the status of potholes.

24/081 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Cllr Lewis referred to the provision of cameras and it was agreed to fund these up to £100. With regards to the obstruction to the public right of way, a response was still awaited from Cheshire East Council. There was also concern regarding the condition of the footbridges on the Bluebell walk and this would need reporting to Cheshire East Council. The defibrillator checking system was working well.

24/082 BIODIVERSITY

Councillors discussed the birdwatch, filling in divots and tidying pathways. It was suggested that a village litter-pick should be undertaken, which Cllr Lewis agreed to coordinate.

24/083 FINANCE REPORT

1) Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be approved:

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
St Bart's PCC	Room Hire	35.00		35.00
SLCC	Clerk's membership	40.00		40.00
HMRC	PAYE Q4	324.00		324.00
Peter Wilson	Lengthsman	686.40		686.40

2) Risk Register

The Clerk circulated the risk register which was unchanged from the previous year.

RESOLVED – that the Risk Register be approved.

3) Fixed Asset Register

The Clerk circulated the fixed asset register.

RESOLVED – that the Fixed Asset Register be approved.

24/084 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

Lengthsman

It was suggested that the Lengthsman be requested to undertake a litter-pick on the B5074 to the south of the village.

24/085 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 13 May 2025 at St Bart's Church