

CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 07 JULY 2026

PRESENT:

Cllr Mark Smith (Chairman), Cllr Tim Boote, Cllr Brian Charlesworth, Cllr Sharon Kynaston and Cllr Nigel Lewis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Becky Posnett and 25 Members of the Public

26/013 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dobson

26/014 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

26/015 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding traffic volumes, vehicle speeds, road safety and the impact of heavy goods vehicles travelling through the village.

The Borough Cllr Posnett reported that representations had been received from residents and had been forwarded to the Director of Place at Cheshire East Council. A full response was awaited.

Members and residents noted that existing traffic issues may be exacerbated by further development in the wider area, including the proposed development at Leighton. Particular concerns were expressed regarding heavy goods vehicle movements, vibration damage to properties, and the adequacy of existing speed limits and traffic management measures.

It was noted that Cheshire East Council had previously accepted that a 20mph limit would be appropriate for the village; however, implementation would require supporting infrastructure. The Council also noted that 40mph buffer zones at either end of the village had been agreed as part of the road assessment process.

Concerns were further raised regarding bridge strikes, pedestrian safety, the location and safety of the bus stop, the effectiveness of the roundabout, and the visibility and condition of existing road markings, signs and speed indicator devices.

The meeting considered potential next steps, including the preparation of a petition, the collection of evidence from residents, liaison with neighbouring communities, use of the Cheshire East Council reporting system, and further consideration of traffic monitoring and speed enforcement options.

The following actions were agreed:

It was resolved that the Borough Cllr Posnett would raise the need for road markings to be repainted, foliage to be cut back from signs and speed indicator devices, the roundabout to be reviewed, and contact to be made with the Police regarding traffic survey cables.

It was further resolved that the Borough Cllr Posnett would seek clarification regarding Cheshire East Council's duties in respect of traffic regulation and the conservation area.

The Parish Council resolved to arrange both an online and paper petition, establish an evidence form on the Parish Council website, consider the provision of a speed gun, and work with a small group of residents to progress the matter.

Residents were encouraged to sign the petition, provide evidence of traffic-related

issues, report matters through the Cheshire East Council reporting portal, and seek advice where appropriate regarding the potential impact on listed buildings and the conservation area.

26/016 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2026

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

26/017 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Borough Cllr Posnett provided an update regarding matters relating to Cheshire East Council. It was noted that the Council has changed from a Committee system to a Cabinet system.

26/018 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

These had been discussed during the public participation session.

26/019 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

It was noted that the new noticeboard would be delivered shortly.

26/020 BIODIVERSITY

Following the success of the House Martin boxes, it was agreed to include to allocate monies for the provision of further boxes next year. The exact sum would be agreed during budget discussions.

26/021 PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.4 CHURCH MINSHULL

Cllr Smith provided feedback from the site visit with Cheshire East Council Rights of Way officers. It was clear that the path was no longer passable and the costs of making it safe would be prohibitive.

RESOLVED – that the Parish Council supports the closure of PF4 Church Minshull on safety grounds.

26/022 FINANCE REPORT

Councillors reviewed the Finance report which advised that the Council's current financial balance was in the sum of £6,716, with a forecast outturn of £2,458.

Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be approved:

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
Mark Robinson	Salary (tax code change)	190.84		190.84
HMRC	PAYE Q1	377.85		377.85
ThenMedia	Website	856.80	142.80	714.00

Speed Gun

In order to support the Community Speedwatch proposals, it was suggested that the Council purchases a Speed Gun.

RESOLVED – that the purchase of a speed gun be approved.

26/023 FINANCE REPORT

Home Farm Park

Cllr Smith provided an update on issues at Home Farm Park, which was noted.

Royal Mail Deliveries

Concern was expressed at the current state of postal deliveries which required some residents to collect their second-class post from Nantwich sorting office.

Bus Stop

It was noted that the solar lighting was still not working.

26/024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 25 August 2026 at St Bart's Church