

**CHURCH MINSHULL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 06 JANUARY 2026**

PRESENT:

Cllr Mark Smith (Chairman), Cllr Tim Boote, Cllr Jill Dobson, Cllr Nigel Lewis and Cllr Bob Schiller.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Borough Cllr Posnett

25/045 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Kynaston

RESOLVED – that the apology for absence be approved.

25/046 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

25/047 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2025

With regards Minute 25/043 and sentence 'It was agreed that the costs of providing a Speed Indicator Device were prohibitive once the Cheshire East Council costs were included.', it was emphasised that this referred to the purchase of a new SID by the Parish Council which would have been placed on Cross Lane.

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

25/048 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

With regards to the solar lighting at the bus stop on Over Road, this had been referred back to the Borough Council as these lights were still not operative. It was noted that the streetlight had been de-energised and would not be replaced.

Updates regarding Cheshire East Council referred to the financial position regarding the dedicated school grant and the change to the Cabinet Governance structure.

The weekly food waste collections would commence in April 2026.

25/049 FLOODING AND RIVER POLLUTION

Councillors noted the water pollution statistics shared by Cllr Kynaston and the Clerk was authorised to purchase a number of testing kits.

25/050 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The works to FP4 had not been undertaken yet owing to the inclement weather conditions.

25/051 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

The defibrillator for Home Farm Park had been installed and its availability would be publicised across the Park and local area.

25/052 BIODIVERSITY

It was noted that £200 had been allocated for the provision of nest boxes and it was agreed that this scheme be advertised for residents to request one to install at their property.

25/053 FINANCE REPORT

Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be approved:

Payee	Reason	Total	VAT	Net
Defib Machines	Rental Increase	17.52	2.92	14.60
HMRC	PAYE Q3	355.20		355.20
St Barts Church	Room Hire	35.00		35.00

Budget and Precept 2026/27

Councillors reviewed the draft budget and precept options for the next financial year. The draft budget was in the sum of £10,515.84. The precept in the current year was £7,000. Given the increase in potential costs associated with elections, to fund the two defibrillators and to provide the flexibility to provide further village improvements in the forthcoming year, it was suggested that the precept be raised to £7,500, which would equate to £34.44 per year (at Band D level).

RESOLVED – that:-

- i) The budget be approved as set out in the report in the sum of £10,515.84.
- ii) The precept be in the sum of £7,500

25/054 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for a new noticeboard currently positioned outside the Village Hall.

Cllr Schiller confirmed that he had submitted his resignation from the Parish Council. Councillors thanked Bob for his contribution during his time on the Council, including five years as Chairman. The vacancy would be publicised in accordance with the relevant legislation.

25/055 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 03 March 2026 at St Bart's Church