

Willaston Parish Council

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Minutes

of a meeting of the Council held at
St Luke's Church, Coppice Road, Willaston, CW5 6QA
on

Tuesday 28th October 2025 at 7.00pm

Present Cllrs. Angier, Cutts, Kirby, Morton, Newton and Salisbury (Chairman)

In Attendance C Coventry - Clerk to the Council,

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Bailey, Morris and Brazier,

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations

a. Cllr Salisbury declared a Pecuniary interest in item 12 as payee.

b. None

c. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Morris granted a standing dispensation to forgo the need for a declaration to be made, in respect of her interest in the allotments, as allotment holder, at every meeting, to last until the parish council elections in May 2027.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the council held on Tuesday, 30th September are a true and correct record.

Matters arising on Item 8b, to note that Cllr Bailey requested to speak at the meeting of Cheshire East on the 15th October but they did not accept his question.

Item 13a to correct a typographical error "lose" should read "loose".

4. Police

a. No Police were present, Cllr Kirby had received an incident report covering incidents over the last 3 months, but this was not to hand.

b. Cllr Kirby has been to several meetings with the police, including the PCC meeting, and engagement with the public is increasing under a variety of initiatives. Money is available to the Parish Council under the "Swap Fund"

Cllr Newton asked again for information from the White Star event, an update on the Dairyfields drug issue and a follow-up on the issues concerning the Community Restoration Order, as we are still seeking compensation.

5. Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

6. Speed Watch

After recent communications it was decided Speed Watch does not fall under purview of the Parish Council and it is an external group that sits under the direction of Cheshire Police.

For the next meeting, the Chair will ask the Clerk for special notice to rescind the resolution made at the meeting held on 30th September, 2025.

7. Borough Councillors Report

- a. No reports have been received from the Cheshire East Councillors
- b. **RESOLVED:** To write to our MP giving a full overview of the situation re non-attendance of Borough Councillors at Parish Council meetings, asking if he has any influence over resolving the situation.

8. Planning Applications

- a. Planning applications to be considered:-
RESOLVED: 25/3491/HOUS 15 Eastern Road, Willaston, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 7HT Single storey rear extension. Support
RESOLVED: 25/3591/HOUS 36 Eastern Road, Willaston, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 7HT Erection of rear and side single storey extensions after partial demolition of attached outbuildings. Support.
- b. It was noted that the Clerk had responded to the following application under delegated arrangements and following consultation with members.
 5/3077/HOUS 18 Kensington Drive, Willaston, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 7HL Proposed rear extension. Response: Support
- c. None

9. Playing Field and Open Spaces

- a. Playing Field, the missing padlock has been replaced.
 Cllr Angier had circulated research for Shelters.
 The safety report had been circulated and the Clerk is to obtain quotations to rectify the issues presented in the report.
 Nothing to report on the Spinney, Mike Heywood Green or the War Memorial, other than the summer planting needs to be stripped ready for replanting.
- b. The Clerk has obtained quotes for the repair of the wet pour. The Chair presented a summary of costs for both repair and replacement. A discussion followed regarding the pros and cons for replacement or repair, noting the comments contained within the RoSPA inspection report.
RESOLVED: To proceed with the Wicksteed quotation, at £11,316.60 exc VAT, pending confirmation that current funds and reserves will cover it from the current year.

10. Clerks Report

The Clerk submitted a report to the council in advance of the meeting, giving a brief update of work undertaken. planning decisions and communications received from the public. The point was raised about the VAT reclaim situation for 23-24, not yet submitted. This will be formally considered in the January meeting.

11. Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: The schedule of payments for October correctly states the invoices presented and that £2681.96 is approved to be paid and £6 has been paid to avoid late payment or due to being a resolved regular payment. (as detailed on page 4038).

12. Allotments

- a. An inspection has been carried out and 4 allotment holders will be issued with cultivation orders. There has been one termination, with a re-let.
 Cllr Angier received an email early Sunday morning to say the chain had been cut and several allotment sheds have been broken into. It has been reported to the police. We have had no reports of theft.
- b. **RESOLVED:** To approve the move of a shed from plot 29 to 57.

- c. **RESOLVED:** To approve the request for a shed on plot 94.

To consider at the next meeting a resolution for giving dispensation to the Clerk or Delegated Councillor for the Management of the allotments, to make decisions on applications for Sheds and other structures, without the need to bring to the Parish Council, unless there is an issue.

13. Remembrance

All matters are in hand. Letters to be delivered to residents on Colleys Lane affected by the road closure.

14. Christmas Lights

RESOLVED: To purchase 175m of multicolored Christmas lights and accessories, from Festive Lights Ltd for £640.77 Inc VAT, for the Mike Heywood Green, as a replacement for the existing lights.

15. Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: The approval of the Bank Reconciliation for Q2 (1st July – 30th September 2025)

16. Budget Review Q2

Items were discussed and clarified. The Clerk is to send a letter to prospective sponsors for Willaston in Bloom.

RESOLVED: To accept and approve the budget.

17. Budget 2026-27.

The Chairman presented a draft budget for 26/27 and discussions took place on individual items to build the budget. An updated draft budget will be resolved at the November meeting.

18. Next Meeting

Tuesday the 25th November 2025

The meeting closed at 9.01pm

Signed as a true record by authority of the Council

Chair:

Date: **25th November 2025**

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Schedule of Payments

28th October 2025

	Date of Debit	Recipient	Purpose	£	£	Power of expenditure	Scribe	Rembursal
1		Microsoft	Microsoft Office 365 Annual Subsription	104.99		LGA 1972 S111		?
2		Mike Webster And Son Ltd	Grass Cutting - All Sites June	370.00		Open Spaces Act 1906 S10		
3		Unity Trust Bank	Service charge due 31.10.25 (for Sept)	6.00		LGA 1972 S111		
4		Giffgaff	CCTV Data Bill - Oct 2025	15.00	28.79	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 S17		Claire Coventry
5		FTO Solutions (Ebay)	Black Printer Ink Cartridges	6.79		LGA 1972 S111		Claire Coventry
6		Gov.UK	Copy of Title Plan for allotment land	7.00		LGA 1972 S111		Claire Coventry
7		HMRC	Employer Tax and NICs	234.98		LGA 1972 S112		
8		Ustoreall	Rental Fee and Insurance 30.10.25 to 29.04.26	549.00		LGA 1972 S111		
9		Alpha Omega Securities	Security Lock at Playingfield (Aug)	684.00		LGA 1972 S111		
10		Claire Coventry	Clerks Salary October	680.20		LGA 1972 S112		
11		B and Q	Replacement Padlock	24.00		Open Spaces Act 1906 S10		Wayne Salisbury
	Total			2681.96				

Payments made as authorised by the Approved Payments List, Meeting Resolution, and to avoid late payment							Rembursal	
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								N/A
12	30.9.2025	Unity Trust Bank	Unity Trust Service Charge (for Aug) 2025	6.00		LGA 1972 S111		
			Total	6.00				

 Cllr - Proposer - Sign & Date

 Cllr - Seconder - Sign & Date