

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHOLMONDELEY & CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON :16 March 2026

SCHOOL FARM, CHOLMONDELEY

PRESENT: Councillor A D Fennell
Councillor G Nicholas
Councillor P Probin
Councillor C Crossley

APPOLOGIES: Councillor I Cundy Chairman
Councillor C Hopley Vice Chair
Councillor James Pearson Ward Councillor

ALSO PRESENT Debbie Foulkes Clerk/RFO

No. 63 – Apologies for Absence

As both the Chair and Vice-Chair were not present, a vote was held to appoint a Chair for the meeting. Councillor C Crossley was duly elected to act as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

No. 64 – Declarations of Interests

Members were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

In line with statutory procedures, Councillor G Nicholas, who was the applicant for planning application 26/0622/HOUSE, took no part in the discussion or decision on this item.

No. 65 – Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 November 2025 were reviewed and approved as a correct record.

No. 66 – Update from Borough Councillor James Pearson – There was no update.

No. 67 – Public Participation

No members of the public addressed the Parish Council during this session.

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No. 68 – Regular Reports, Updates, and Matters Arising

Police Update:

Councillors T. Fennell and Phil Probin attended the Police Cluster meeting in Crewe. The Chief from Cheshire East Police presented on policing in Crewe and Nantwich.. Crime figures were reported to be relatively low compared to other areas. Sharon Jones the Police Community Support Officer was allocated a larger patch.

Highways and Roads:

Councillor Chris Crossley reported potholes via Fix My Street. Three significant potholes had been repaired, and Councillors discussed the implementation and placement of white lines to enhance road safety where required.

Road Safety:

Discussion took place regarding a recent accident involving a BMW that spun out, noting road safety remains a priority.

Litter Issues:

Councillor T. Fennell had been clearing litter around the Parish. Concerns were raised regarding rubbish being left near the bin by the Cholmondeley Arms. The Council agreed to chase up the collection schedule and consider installing a permanent bin.

Notice Board Update:

The Clerk confirmed that letters had been sent to the Estate and Lord Cholmondeley regarding the proposed noticeboard. No objections had been received, and the Post Office confirmed they were satisfied with the proposed update. Appendix 1 was noted.

No. 69 – Financial Matters

69.1 Authorisation of Payments

Payments made and requiring approval from 1 November 2025 to 10 March 2026 were reviewed and authorised.

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invoice date	Ref for payment	Reason for payment	Net	VAT	Total
09/09/2025	12	D Foulkes (Clerk)- stationery	9.00	0.00	9.00
10/11/2025	13	Seal Calibration Ltd	166.80	0.00	166.80
16/12/2025	14	D Foulkes (Clerk) qtr 3 pay	370.78	0.00	370.78
16/12/2025	15	HMRC Cumbernauld	89.40	0.00	89.40
16/12/2025	16	AVOW payroll provider	12.58	0.00	12.58
16/12/2025	17	Coderra Ltd. - website	15.00	0.00	15.00
			663.56	0.00	663.56

69.2 Income Update

The Council noted income received from 1 November 2025 to 10 March 2026:

Date	Payment Type	Details	Paid in
28/11/2025	CR	interest	6.78
31/12/2025	CR	interest	7.67
30/01/2026	CR	interest	6.77
27/02/2026	CR	interest	6.32
			27.54

69.3 Budget Approval/Income

The RFO/Clerk presented a financial report outlining budget performance and income forecasts (Appendix 2). Councillors noted that a charity fundraising event had been planned last year and agreed to be funded from reserves at the time; however, the event did not take place. Updates were also provided on revised procurement arrangements (Appendix 3) and the VAT reclaim for 2025/26 for £27.80.

70 – Governance

The Parish Council approved Adam Keppel Green as the internal auditor for 2025/26, continuing his previous role as auditor.

71 – Neighbourhood Plan

No update was provided from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The Clerk explained the importance of progressing with Regulation 14 and outlined the potential risks of delay.

72 – Planning Applications

In line with statutory procedures, Councillor G Nicholas, being the applicant for planning application 26/0622/HOUSE, took no part in the discussion or decision. Councillor G. Nicholas left the room for the item. Following review of the submitted plans and

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supporting documents, the Parish Council resolved to submit no objection to the proposal. Members felt that the revised design appeared proportionate to the property, in keeping with the character of the area, and did not raise any identifiable concerns regarding neighbouring amenity.

73 – Shared Items

Councillors shared updates on community matters:

- A group of young people with dogs were observed on the A49; dash cam footage and pictures were collected.
- Suspected illegal hare coursing incidents were reported.
- Discussion took place regarding the proposed paddleboarding initiative. The Parish Council agreed the principle was positive, emphasising that proper procedures should be followed, potentially referencing this in the Neighbourhood Plan.

74 – Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting was agreed to be the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 5 May 2025.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm.