

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHOLMONDELEY & CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**HELD ON : 18 November 2025**

**SCHOOL FARM, CHOLMONDELY**

**PRESENT:** Councillor I Cundy Chairman  
Councillor C Hopley Vice Chair  
Councillor S Aspinall  
Councillor A D Fennell  
Councillor G Nicholas

**APPOLOGIES:** Councillor P Probin  
Councillor James Pearson Ward Councillor

**ALSO PRESENT** Debbie Foulkes Clerk/RFO

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**50. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members were reminded of their responsibilities under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests relevant to items on the agenda.

**Resolved:** That no disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.

**51. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 September 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**52. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – There was no update.

**53. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public attendance at the meeting.

The Council noted the importance of encouraging engagement and agreed to further promote public participation opportunities via the Parish WhatsApp group.

**54. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- **Highways:** Ongoing highways matters were noted. Councillors confirmed that expenditure relating to the culvert works has now been completed.
- **Parish Notice Board:** Members confirmed that the purchase of a replacement Parish notice board will proceed.

**55. REGULAR REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**55.1 Police Report** - Recent issues reported included:

- Break-ins to garages in Faddiley;
- Theft of vehicle fuel tanks in Nantwich and Crewe.

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Councillors noted that one individual has since been apprehended following the use of tracking technology.

**55.2 Police Cohesion Meetings:** An overview was given of local police cohesion meetings, which focus on community safety, information sharing, and joint working. Attendance must be notified in advance. A Police Forum meeting is scheduled for later in the week, with a further cluster meeting arranged for 3 December 2025.

**55.3 Rural & Farm Engagement:** The Parish has represented the police cluster group for approximately 10 years, and this long-standing involvement is expected to be formally recognised. A rural farming review is anticipated in March 2026.

**55.4 Highways**

Ongoing highways issues within the Parish were noted. No new matters were raised.

## 56. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS AND FINANCE

### 56.1 Expenditure Approval

**Resolved:** That the following expenditure be approved:

- £166.80 – Defibrillator costs

### 56.2 Income Received (1 September – 30 October 2025)

Date	Payment Type	Details	Paid in
05/09/2025	cr 08202761	Precept	1650.00
30/09/2025	interest		8.64
31/10/2025	interest		8.02
			1666.66

### 56.3 Financial Reports

a) **Budget Report (Appendix A):** Discussed and approved.

b) **Clerk/RFO Financial Report (Appendix B):** Discussed and approved.

### 56.4 Precept 2026/27

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council precept for **2026/27** be set at **£3,500**, reflecting increased operating costs due to inflation.

## 57. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Council received an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Plan has been promoted via the Parish WhatsApp group, Facebook, and the Parish Newsletter. Members agreed to continue progressing with the Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk will contact relevant volunteers, including Chrissy and Sarah, and establish a dedicated working WhatsApp group to support further engagement.

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**58. PLANNING MATTERS**

No new planning applications had been received since the previous meeting. This was noted by Members.

**59. NEWSLETTER & COMMUNICATIONS**

The Council agreed that the Parish Newsletter will:

- Be printed for local distribution; and
- Be shared digitally via WhatsApp, Facebook, and the Parish website.

**60. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES**

Members reviewed current councillor vacancies. It was noted that one individual has expressed interest in joining the Council. Further discussions regarding co-option and promotion of vacancies will take place at a future meeting.

**61. SHARED ITEMS / ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

No items were raised for inclusion on a future agenda.

**62. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The following meeting dates were confirmed (as agreed at the 2025 AGM):

- **17 March 2026**
- **5 May 2026** – Annual General Meeting

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** Councillor I Cundy (Chair)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as a correct record at the meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_