

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHOLMONDELEY & CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON : 6 MAY 2025

THE BOWLING GREEN, CHOLOMONDELY

PRESENT: Councillor I Cundy Chairman
Councillor S Aspinall
Councillor C Hopley Vice Chair
Councillor G Nicholas
Councillor P Probin

APPOLOGIES: Councillor C Crossley
Councillor A D Fennell

8. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 March 2025 was approved.
Proposed by Cllr. Cundy and seconded by Cllr. Aspinall.

9. Public Participation

Reverend Veronica Green addressed the meeting and raised the following points, which were supported by Councillors:

- The potential for Tushingham Church to be used more actively as a community space, with a focus on identifying and meeting local needs.
- The idea of setting up a dedicated WhatsApp group to improve real-time communication and updates within the parish.
- The value of enhancing communication through a more regular and informative parish newsletter.

10. Borough Councillor's Report

Councillor. James Pearson reported on ongoing issues with traffic lights, local development concerns, and broadband/mobile connectivity.

He emphasised the importance of completing the Neighbourhood Plan and including community priorities in future development planning.

11. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- Highways: Updates via Ward Cllr. Pearson and FixMyStreet.
- Noticeboard: Cholmondeley has not ordered one yet; a new board was needed near the shop.
- Defibrillator Sign: Now purchased and in place.

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- Litter Signs: Clerk to follow up with Cheshire East.

12. Regular Reports and Updates

12.1 Police Report - Councillor P Probin noted low crime levels and the next Cluster meeting will be held in Crewe.

12.2 Highways, Road Safety and Litter - Councillor I Cundy confirmed materials have been received and distributed for litter picking. The Council supported forming a community litter-picking group and installation of relevant signage.

13. Financial Matters

13.1 Expenditure Approved:

Ref No	Date Hit Bank	Invoice Date	Payee	Reason	Net	Total
23	20/03/2025	19/03/2025	Amazon	Sign for defibrillator	£9.82	£11.79
–	31/03/2025	31/03/2025	Groundwork	Refund – NP Grant	£3,701.00	£3,701.00

13.2 Interest Account - Interest received: £12.63 (31/03/2025)

13.3 Other Financial Matters:

- Draft Accounting Statements 2024–2025 received and noted.
- Draft AGAR Sections 1 and 2 received and noted.
- Submission to Internal Auditor authorised.
- Reserves – approved.
- Formal approval to take place after internal audit.

14. Review of Governance Documents

The Council reviewed and approved the Risk Assessment, Asset Register, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, and Scheme of Delegation for 2025–2026.

15. Neighbourhood Plan Update

As noted in item 7. No further discussion.

16. Planning Matters

No applications received at the time of the meeting.

17. Newsletter

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Councillors discussed the noticeboard, Tushingham newsletter, WhatsApp template, and methods of improving Newsletter distribution.

18. Parish Council Vacancies

The Council noted that there remained vacancies on the Parish Council. Following due process and in accordance with the Council's Co-option Policy, **Ms. Gemma Nicholas was formally co-opted as a Parish Councillor** at this meeting.

The Council agreed to continue advertising and promoting the remaining vacancies. **Councillor Nicholas will support community outreach and engagement to encourage interest in the Council's work.**

19. Shared Items

Councillor Chirs Hopley requested if he could purchase a wreath for memorial on 5 July of which the Councillors Agreed and Approved.

20. Date of Next Meeting

26 June 2025

.....Chairman

Meeting closed at
9.20pm