

HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 18th March 2026, 7.30 pm at St Thomas Church Hall.

Part 1 Public and Press present

Present

Councillor Mike Wood (MW)
Councillor David Nuttall (DN)
Councillor Simon Browne (SB)
Cllr Lesley Smetham LS (Cheshire East)
Sue Loxham-Clerk (SL)

1 member of public was present M Bayley (resident).
Cllr J Snowball (JS) (CE Cllr for Broken Cross and Upton ward) also present

Public Forum

26/19 Apologies for absence.

Councillor Jane Beeken (JBE) medical issue ^ (see footnote)

26/20 Declarations of Interest

Cllr SB is a member of the Millennium Green Committee

26/21 Minutes of last meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2026 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record by the chair.

26/22 PCSO/Beat Managers Report

PCSO report was circulated prior to the meeting and no issues were highlighted.

26/23 Cheshire East (CE)

Cllr LS report, submitted prior to the meeting, was reviewed.

26/34 Planning Applications (moved from further down the agenda)

Re; 25/1729/FULL STRATEGIC PLANNING BOARD meeting scheduled for 25th March was discussed here as Cllr LS had to leave and Cllr JS wanted to record HPC objections so that she could fully represent them at the meeting. The objections to the equestrian stabling remain the same: loss of green belt, noise and disturbances issues especially at unsociable hours, drainage and water issues, lack of car park provision and a lack of appreciation of biodiversity.

Cllr LS left at 8.20pm

26/24 Status Update on Major Development & 26/25 Highways & Road Safety

Cllr MW reported that the proposed full closure of the A537 on w/c 6th April would no longer be necessary. However, the road works would remain for an additional week than was originally planned.

The damage to signage and wall on Pepper St was not discussed as it was deemed to be a private matter.

26/26 Flood Risk

Cllr SB understood that many of the residents' gardens on Bellway new development were waterlogged which had led to complaints.

Cllr JS left at 8.40pm

26/27 Peak Cluster

Nothing further to report but the situation would be monitored

26/28 Footpaths

Following a prompt from Cllr DN it was decided that the state of the footpaths would be monitored and action would be taken when necessary to keep the vegetation in check.

It was agreed that signage regarding dog waste would be put on the kissing gates

26/29 CIL money usage

A definitive email had been received from the CE CIL team on how CIL money could be spent which means the council can move forward to suggesting and reviewing projects at the next meeting.

26/30 Millennium Green Trust

Cllr SB reported that a summer event was being planned for a Saturday afternoon in June and the Bonfire event will be on Saturday 7th November

26/31 Environmental Projects

Cllr SB reported that with the help of AZ volunteers and a local volunteering event a total of 480m of hedging has been planted this year. This means that a total of 4800m has been planted since the project first started.

The damaged hedging in the lower Church car park has also been replanted

26/32 Village Housekeeping

- Cllr MW reported that there are 2 spaces left in the graveyard and once they are filled the council will be responsible for maintaining it.
- The vicar is considering installing a footpath from the lower church car park to the graveyard and would be looking for funding
- Cllr DN suggested that the verge on Church Lane from Chelford Rd to the substation would benefit from siding out. Cllr MW & DN to decide on action plan.

24/33 Accounts

Cash book and bank reconciliation have been circulated prior to the meeting.

Balance of CIL account £19185.31

Balance of Main account = £59327.21 (bank @15:56 5/1/2026)

Money in = £1300.00 from CIL A/C for *payment of footpath improvements less VAT

20/11/2025	HMRC November	£65.40
20/11/2025	SL Salary November	£287.80
28/11/2025	Bank Charges	£2.80
01/12/2025	*LCS footpath improvements	£1,560.00

01/12/2025	DN Battery Pack for Xmas lights	£45.59
16/12/2025	HMRC December	£80.60
16/12/2025	SL Salary December	£347.90
31/12/2025	Bank Charges	£1.05
2/1/2026	Website ThenMedia	£288.00
2/1/2026	STE Bin emptying	£81.90
5/1/2026	KR Xmas tree Install /removal	£220.00

Resolved the above payments be approved and signed for as a true and accurate record

26/34 Planning Applications

Discussed earlier

26/35 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping

She has expressed a real desire to remain in post

The next meeting will be on 20th May 2026 @ 7.00pm Annual Village Meeting followed by Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

^ Under normal circumstances Cllr JBE would have forfeited her position as she had missed 3 consecutive meetings. Prior to this meeting careful consideration was given to the situation. In this instance Henbury Parish council have agreed that Cllr JBE be allowed to remain a councillor due to the value of her input and she has expressed a real desire to remain in post. It was noted that her mobility issues are currently unresolved, which affects her ability to attend meetings. Moving forward, it is proposed that the Council will provide appropriate support to allow her to attend.