

## **HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026, 8.00 pm at St Thomas Church Hall.

### **Part 1 Public and Press present**

#### **Present**

Councillor Mike Wood (MW)  
Councillor David Nuttall (DN)  
Councillor Jane Beeken (JBE)  
Councillor Melanie Bayley (MB)  
Cllr Lesley Smetham (LS) (Cheshire East)  
Sue Loxham Clerk (SL)

No members of the public were present.

#### **Public Forum**

##### **26/36 Apologies for absence & Welcome**

Councillor Simon Browne (SB) absence was due to a vacation  
Cllr MW welcomed Cllr MB to her first council meeting, especially as she was carrying on a long family tradition

##### **26/37 Declarations of Interest**

None

##### **26/38 Minutes of last meeting**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

##### **26/39 PCSO/Beat Managers Report**

PCSO provided the monthly crime reports for April. These were circulated prior to the meeting and showed nothing of interest.

##### **26/40 Cheshire East (CE)**

Cllr LS provided an update on CE

- CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline - great concerns by various people, IE residents, farmers and landowners. Opposition groups are springing up on social media. Gawsworth Parish has a very active and informed group
- At full council meeting Nick Mannion as leader and Michael Gorman as Deputy Leader were elected Majority vote to increase members allowances by 2.5% backdated to 2024.
- Work is continuing for the new council of Cheshire and Warrington, ready for May 2027
- The first shadow meeting for Cheshire East Council members will be held soon at Sandbach Town Hall.

##### **26/41 Status Update on Major Development.**

Nothing to report

## **26/42 Highways & Road Safety (copied from Annual village Meeting)**

A537 road closures. Cllr MW has sent various emails to Highways complaining about; the total disregard for applications for permits, the lack of clarity as to when and for how long the road would be closed, and the lack of any diversion planning which applies to both cars and HGVs. Cllr Judy Snowball (CE) and Head of Highways have been onsite, observing the situation. Cllr DN praised the remedial work that was done to improve some of the issues with the road surface. However, the wooden fencing hasn't been replaced with a proper crash barrier near the culvert and the subsidence in the same area has not been addressed.

A537 roundabout. Cllr MW has been assured that all damaged kerb stones will be replaced before the roundabout has been signed off. Concerns were expressed that more kerb stones would be damaged once the roundabout was in use, especially as HGVs negotiated tight turns. Cllr MB mentioned the very noticeable camber

## **26/43 Footpaths**

It was agreed to accept the quotes from LCS landscapes for strimming the field footpath verge and application of weed killer. It was also agreed that the gullies be cleared of debris and then later weed killer be applied. Siding out from the substation to the bus station was not approved on the grounds of expense

26/46 was discussed here before Cllr LS left at 8.35pm

## **26/44 CIL money usage**

Discussion of potential projects was started. Initial ideas were proposed and some were discarded upon discussion. Ideas retained: Refurbishment of bus shelters, Repair of sunken footpath on Anderson Ln up to Hightree Drive, level and reinstate pavements where tree roots have raised the pavement.

## **26/45 Millennium Green Trust**

No Report. It was agreed that the proposed increase in Parish Council grant should stand

## **26/46 Village Housekeeping**

Whilst Cllr LS was present, Cllr JBE reported issues with bin collections, she has not had her bins emptied for 4 weeks, despite contacting CE. Cllr LS asked Cllr JBE for her to send the details.

It was decided to seek quotes for the removal of the fly tipped asbestos on the Lower Church car park land

## **26/47 Accounts**

Cllr MW signed the AGAR document as a true reflection of the accounts. The report which includes the internal audit will be published at Henbury.org by 26/05/2026 as recorded in AVM 26-06.

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

**End of year Balance of CIL account = £19185.31**  
**End of year Balance of Main account = £55965.53 (31/3/26)**  
**End of year Payments until 31/3/26**

19/03/2026	HMRC March	£65.40
19/03/2026	SL Salary March	£287.80
20/03/2026	Fairways Hedging	£771.60
26/03/2026	DT village Greens	£125.00
30/03/2026	SL Mileage	£14.40
31/03/2026	Bank charges	£1.40

Total Bank charges from 1/4/25 to 27/3/26 = £28.50

### **New Financial Year**

**Balance of CIL account = £19185.31**  
**Balance of Main account = £71930.03 (bank at 11.23 11/5/26)**  
**Monies received** Precept 1st payment = £15,500  
 Vat refund 25/26 = £1812.44

31/03/2026	WAW Hedge Cutting	£90.00
31/03/2026	LCS Winter gritting	£180.00
13/04/2026	STE Waste Bin Quarterly	£89.70
13/04/2026	ChALC fees	£210.40
15/04/2026	TCS Management fees	£64.80
20/04/2026	HMRC tax April	£97.76
20/04/2026	SL Payslip April	£392.48
27/04/2026	DT village greens	£220.00
30/04/2026	Bank charges	£2.80

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

### **26/48 Planning Applications**

None

### **26/49 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping.**

Clerk reported that the approved IT Policy document was now on website. Now the internal audit had been completed she will be contacting the external auditors.

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**The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026 @ 7.30pm.**

Meeting closed at 9:15pm