

HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 23rd September 2026, 7.00 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)
Councillor Jane Beeken (JBE)
Councillor Melanie Bayley (MB)
Councillor Lesley Smetham (LS) (Cheshire East)
Sue Loxham Clerk (SL)

No members of the public were present.

Public Forum

26/64 Apologies for absence. None

26/65 Declarations of Interest

Cllr SB is a member of the Millennium Green Committee.

26/66 Minutes of last meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2026 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

26/67 PCSO/Beat Managers Report

No PCSO reports were received since the last meeting.

26/68 Cheshire East (CE)

Cllr LS updated the Council regarding the changes to the Peak Cluster Pipeline. (the route through Henbury is unchanged). CE will finally discuss the pipeline the exact October date has not been confirmed.

Cllr LS announced that she will be standing down at the next elections in May 2027 and the conservative candidate is Candy Simpson for our ward.

- Local plan. The scoping exercise is complete, but the number of houses falls short of the government requirements. Cllr SB understood that the plan will be open for consultation next July.
- CE council external assurance review. Cllr DN called the report damning and the amount of wasted money mind boggling

26/69 Status Update on Major Development.

The Jones/Redrow development was progressing as indicated by the amount of piling taking place.

26/70 Highways & Road Safety

- Repairs to resurfaced A537

Nothing has been done regarding rectifying the road surface issues. The highway signs at both ends of proposed work provide differing information. The road will be closed for 1 week between 9am and 4pm on 28th September 2026. It is unclear if the work is just for bridge

repairs and/or white lining. Cllr LS was asked if she could obtain any clarity.

- Leak at top of Pepper St

The leaking water is particularly bad. United Utilities is claiming the compacting of the road surface is damaging the pipe.

- Combatting speeding on A537

Following on from our last meeting Cllr MW asked Cllr LS how to proceed, especially as there appears to have been another serious accident on A537 where the Air Ambulance was in attendance. Her advise was to collect as much data as possible. Speed indication cameras were discussed as Marton has just had them installed. Clerk to contact the Chair of Marton to ask for more information.

- Road surface and Raised metalwork at top end of Pepper St ways forward

Cllr DN stated that the raised metal work was a road hazard.

26/71 Footpaths

No issues since the remedial work was done. It is a well-used path.

26/72 CIL money usage

It was proposed that some of the CIL money be used to create a more weather resilient on the footpath leading in front of the cottages from the kissing gate to the farm track. Clerk to obtain a quote. Cllr MW will contact the CIL team to clarify key points.

26/73 Millennium Green Trust

Cllr SB reported that AZ volunteers had done a good job of applying surface dressing to the paths.

Some necessary tree felling due to Ash Dieback disease and tree maintenance would be happening.

Bonfire on 7th November is in its final planning state.

Play area is fully open

26/74 Village Housekeeping

- Village trees. Nothing to report other than the dead trees in Lower Church Car Park which have been reported to the Church
- Fly tipping. No new reports. Clerk to contact the church about an ongoing issue
- Christmas tree & lights. It was agreed that the Christmas tree is a focal point and would go ahead and be in place and lit for 1st Sunday in advent, which is 29th November
- Repair of verges. It was agreed to repair the damaged grass verges
- Electrical Surges/power cuts. Cllr JB reported that she suspects that her alarm was damaged due to a surge. Cllr MW was also aware of power cuts
- BT phone customers. Cllr JB reported that BT customers had been affected on the service which took over 24h to repair.
- Bins Cllr JB reported that she was still having issues with bin collections. The assisted bin collection service was poor.
- Village signs. Cllr MB stated that she had some stone which might be suitable to make 6 new village signs, similar to those seen in Bollington. Cllr MW said he would investigate wrought iron signage.
- Pepper St Hedges. Cllr DN stated that the hedging along Pepper Street was so overgrown making vehicle and pedestrian usage difficult. It was agreed that Cllr SB would contact the contractor to obtain an earlier date than mid Spring to get the hedges cut.

- Camper on Pexhill Road Lay-by /Broomfield Farm. It was reported that a large water tank had been delivered to the site. Cllr MW stated that CE is aware of his presence. *Post meeting follow-up Cllr LS confirmed that Enforcement was aware of the issue. However, the location is problematic i.e. not strictly a layby. Cllr LS has raised the matter with Highways to gain greater clarity.

Cllr LS left

26/75 Accounts

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

Balance of CIL account = £19185.31

Balance of Main account = £81090.88 (Online Bank balance @ 10:20am 11/9/2026)

Monies received Precept 2nd payment = £15,500

09/07/2026	STE Waste Bin Quarterly	£89.70
09/07/2026	SL Stationery +stamp	£4.40
15/07/2026	ICO renewal DD	£47.00
17/07/2026	HMRC tax July	£97.76
17/07/2026	SL Payslip July	£392.48
17/07/2026	LCS Road gullies weed clearance	£900.00
22/07/2026	DT village greens	£220.00
23/07/2026	SL Laser printer cartridge	£42.90
31/07/2026	Bank charges	£2.10
04/08/2026	DT Stimming of Lower Church Car Park land	£250.00
18/08/2026	SL Payslip August	£392.48
18/08/2026	HMRC tax August	£97.76
18/08/2026	DT Hedge trimming Lower Church Car Park	£200.00
24/08/2026	SL Norton 2 yr package	£49.99
28/08/2026	Bank charges	£2.80

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

The Clerks salary rise, in line with National pay review, which awarded a pay rise of 3.3% back dated to April was approved.

26/76 Planning Applications

Cllr LS had reported earlier in the meeting that she had managed to secure a “calling in” for the Cock Inn proposal to be turn into a drive through Coffee Shop. The date is yet to be determined

26/77 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping.

External auditors have passed the AGAR

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th November 2026 @ 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9:33pm

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