

HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 21st May 2025, 7.30 pm at St Thomas Church Hall.

Part 1 Public and Press present

Present

Councillor David Nuttall DN
Councillor Mike Wood MW
Councillor Simon Browne (SB)
Councillor Janet Bailey JB
Councillor Jane Beeken JBE
Sue Loxham-Clerk SL

No members of the public were present.

Public Forum

25/39 Apologies for absence

Cllr Lesley Smetham LS (Cheshire East) Holiday

25/40 Declarations of Interest

Cllr SB is a member of the Millennium Green Committee

25/41 Minutes of last meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2025 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

As Cllr SB had to leave due to family commitments items **25/51 & 25/52** were discussed at this point but are recorded later in the minutes. Cllr SB left at 7.38pm

25/42 PCSO/Beat Managers Report

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

25/43 Cheshire East (CE)

As all questions and concerns with CE must be directed through Cllr LS, it was agreed that a structured logging system to monitor the dialogue was needed. This would help ensure that issues were not lost in the email system. Cllr MW suggested that a spreadsheet system could be utilised.

Cllr MW raised the Martin Smith campaign regarding Macclesfield breaking away from CE. Although there was support in the wider community for the campaign, he felt that it would not succeed.

25/44 Status Update on Major Development.

The letter received from Marton regarding their frustrations over the lack of planning enforcement was discussed. It was felt that the letter echoed HPC experience regarding developers not being held to account for violations. Clerk was actioned to write a letter to Marton outlining HPC recent experiences.

25/45 Highways & Road Safety

Cllr JB expressed safety concerns about the Pepper St/A537 junction. The erection of a hoarding around the new development on the Flora site has made it extremely difficult to safely egress from Pepper Street as visibility is severely compromised. The rest of the council agreed. Cllr MW said that accessing Pepper Street from A537 was also difficult when there were cars trying egress from Pepper Street. As it is a road safety matter it was agreed that the Clerk send an email to the Beat Manager highlighting the concerns.

25/46 Flood Risk

Cllr DN reported that Pepper St/A537 drain had been emptied.

Cllr DN also reported that during a conversation with the contractors repairing the coping stones and brickwork at the electricity substation, the contractors were going to report back that the surrounding vegetation was compromising safety.

25/47 Footpaths

A resident had raised concern regarding overgrown nettles on the footpath between Henbury and Whirley. Cllr DN proposed that whilst there were many options available I.E. strimming and the use of weed killer, it might be better to look of a more permanent solution. He suggested widening the path by removing the roots be considered. It was agreed to obtain a quote for the work from the original contractor.

25/48 CIL money usage

Still awaiting costings. Andy Simpson is awaiting other parties before submitting costings

25/49 Lower Church Hall car park

Cllr DN sought agreement for the grass to be cut down. See 25/52 hedge planting repair

25/50 Review of Trees

Nothing to report

25/51 Millennium Green Trust

Cllr SB reported that 3 of the Millennium Green trustees were stepping down and the replacement process is underway with 2 new trustees stepping into the roles - and more are being sought. Some of the playground equipment might need replacing. Bonfire planning would be starting soon

25/52 Environmental Projects

Cllr SB was planning to install more hedging this winter and so was seeking to obtain the grant funding from Mersey Forest again this year. Cllr DN asked whether Cllr SB would be able source hedging to repair the hedging damaged following the bad accident on A537. Cllr SB agreed, confirming that the work would be carried out in the winter.

25/53 Village Housekeeping

Cllr DN reported that the incidence of dog fouling around Henbury has been increasing. Not only was it unsightly and unpleasant, but it was also adding to the work of HPC contractors who had to remove it before starting a job.

Cllr MW reported United Utilities replacement of a valve on Pepper Street was proving problematic as it was causing leaks in the other parts of the system. The road work permits were going to have to be extended

25/54 Accounts

Cllr DN 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 27/05/2025 as recorded in AVM 25-06.

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

End of year Balance of CIL account = £19,983.75

End of year Balance of Main account = £39,665.71 (31/3/25)

Monies received £915.00 Mersey Forest Grant

End of year Payments until 31/3/25

03/03/2025	LCS footpath resurfacing	£900.00
05/03/2025	Fairway Hedging plants	£1,147.20
05/03/2025	Williams Hedge cutting	£84.00
17/03/2025	SL clerks salary	£350.00
17/03/2025	HMRC	£80.80
18/03/2025	SL Mileage	£10.80
21/03/2025	DT Village Greens	£320.00
21/03/2025	SL Land Register Fee	£14.00
24/03/2025	SL postage stamps	£6.60

New Financial Year

Balance of CIL account = £20,485.31

Balance of Main account = £54,510.42 (bank at 16.23 18/5/25)

Monies received Precept 1st payment = £15,500

Vat refund 24/25 = £1560.27

CIL monies = £501.56

03/04/2025	KR Tree maintenance Church car park	£350.00
08/04/2025	ChALC affiliation Fee	£205.14
15/04/2025	TCS Management	£61.92
15/04/2025	STE Waste bin quarterly	£81.90
22/04/2025	SL Salary April	£279.80
22/04/2025	HMRC PAYE	£63.40
25/04/2025	DT Village Greens	£220.00
30/04/2025	Bank Charge	£4.20
01/05/2025	Thenmedia website	£288.00
06/05/2025	Account-ant	£318.00
15/05/2025	HMRC PAYEE	£63.40
15/05/25	SL salary May	£279.80

The Clerk highlighted that Nat West are now charging for using the account. The cost is determined by the amount of activity in a month.

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

25/55 Planning Applications

25/1355/HOUS and 25/1366/HOUS were reviewed. No objections were raised.

25/56 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th July 2025 @ 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.28PM