

HENBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st October 2025, 7.30 pm at St Thomas Church Hall.

Part 1 Public and Press present

Present

Councillor Mike Wood MW (Chair)
Councillor David Nuttall DN (Vice Chair)
Councillor Janet Bailey JB
Cllr Lesley Smetham LS (Cheshire East)
Sue Loxham-Clerk SL

No members of the public were present.

Public Forum

25/75 Apologies for absence

Cllr Simon Browne and Cllr Jane Beeken were both unable to attend due to work commitments

25/76 Declarations of Interest

None

25/77 Minutes of last meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Parish council meeting held on 16th July 2025 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record. (Proposed Cllr DN & seconded by Cllr JB)

25/78 PCSO/Beat Managers Report

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

25/79 Cheshire East (CE)

Cllr LS reported on the following

- Proposed Adlington New town was news to CE
- Financial situation of CE still dire, transport to school budget now risen to 5% of total budget
- Top level staff have changed again
- CE narrowly voted for devolution
- CE are sending a letter to the government objecting to the newly imposed planning requirements

Frustration was expressed that Henbury residents have seen very little of their contributions to CE spent in the village.

25/80 Status Update on Major Development.

There were no updates on the larger developments.

Flora development

Cllr DN reported on meeting with Andrew Hall (AH) which carries into next item

- The arsonist received a prison sentence of 7yrs.
- Awaiting insurers verdict on the House
- Security has been tightened on the site following £4K worth of equipment stolen

25/81 Highways & Road Safety

Cllr DN meeting with AH continued

AH expressed safety concerns regarding the speed of cars passing the site. Cllr LS had sent a request to highways but had no response so would chase one. The council agreed that the safest option would be if 30 speed restrictions were moved to the Henbury Village sign. Cllr DN to arrange a meeting with Cllr MW and AH

25/82 Flood Risk

No new information on any of the issues. Cllr DN said that there was no flooding at substation during the last rain but the resident at no2 had been keeping the drain clear.

25/83 Utility suppliers

Cllr MW updated on the situation

- Electricity supply – majority of village suffered an unacceptable 19h power cut due to tree hitting the overhead lines. Cllr MW has arranged with the company to compensate each household by £150 if further power cuts last longer than 4h up to 24th January 2026. The village still isn't linked to Broken Cross despite the supply coming as far as the end of Church Lane
- Water Supply – Cllr MW still awaiting update, but further work is required on the system

25/84 Footpaths

Right of Way have done some work on the footpaths. Cllrs MW & DN to review the conditions of paths with a view to using some CIL to partly fund any improvements if required. Path in frequent use especially by children going to and from school.

25/85 CIL money usage

Cllr DN awaiting answers to questions posed to AS on 3/9/25. It was agreed that David Malcolm would be informed of all CIL money use 1 month prior to commencement any work.

25/86 Lower Church Hall car park

Cllr DN did not feel further grass work warranted any more expenditure.

25/87 Review of Trees

Cllr DN reiterated that TPO trees are maturing, and so damage is to be expected due to poor weather.

25/88 Millennium Green Trust

Cllr SB reported (via email) that the Bonfire will be on Saturday 1st November. Firewood cutting to go ahead this weekend.

Volunteers from AZ had a day on The Green on Monday and achieved a huge amount of work, including siding out the paths, cleaning the surface, willow weaving, and vegetation clearance.

25/89 Village Housekeeping

- Environmental projects: Cllr SB reported (via email) that Mersey Forest project will support this winter's hedge planting again, and he hopes to secure some more AZ volunteer time to let us plant around 300m in total. The gap caused by the accident near the church car park will be planted too.
- Christmas tree It was agreed to proceed

- Parking issues: Pepper St. It was agreed that although parking at the bottom was not ideal there was nothing that could be done

25/90 Accounts

Balance of CIL account = £20,485.31

Payments received = £15,500 (2nd precept payment)

Balance of Main account = £64 618.82 (bank @ 11.12 19/09/25)

07/07/2025	DL Electric socket replacement for Xmas tree	£48.59
11/07/2025	TCS Management	£64.80
11/07/2025	ICO renewal DD	£47.00
14/07/2025	STE Waste bin quarterly	£81.90
18/07/2025	HMRC July	£63.40
18/07/2025	SL Salary July	£279.80
23/07/2025	DT Village Greens	£220.00
31/07/2025	Bank Charges	£2.10
08/08/2025	DN Re engineering Lower Church CP sign	£52.77
12/08/2025	PKF External Audit	£252.00
15/08/2025	LCS clearance & verge cutting + gutter weedkilling	£720.00
18/08/2025	DT Village Greens	£220.00
18/08/2025	HMRC August	£73.60
18/08/2025	SL Salary August	£319.60
24/08/2025	DN storage boxes	£38.63
29/08/2025	Bank Charges	£2.45
11/09/2025	Microsoft subscription	£138.24
17/09/2025	HMRC September	£71.40
17/09/2025	SL Salary September	£311.92

Total Bank charges from 1/4 to 30/9 = £12.95

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

25/91 Planning Applications

25/3563/FUL was discussed and no issues raised

25/92 Clerk's Report / Parish Council Housekeeping

Dave Cooper from MD Coxey was appointed Internal auditor post meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th November 2025 @7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.55pm