



**Hulme Walfield
and Somerford Booths**
Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th September at 7.30pm
at Eaton Community Hall**

Part 1: Public and press present

Present:

- Councillor Mark Wakerly (Vice Chair)
- Councillor Adam Bamping
- Councillor John Spence
- Elizabeth Worrall – Clerk

Apologies:

- Councillor Mark Hill (Chair)
- Councillor Vic Brown

Absent:

- Councillor John Wray – Cheshire East Council Ward Councillor
- Councillor Margaret Gartside

Public Forum

There were two members of the public present and there were no questions asked during the meeting.

108/24 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies received in advance from Cllr. Hill and Cllr. Brown. Cllr. Gartside was not in attendance.

109/24 To receive any declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

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110/24 To receive and resolve to approve the [minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th July 2024](#)

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

111/24 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.

Councillor Wray was not present. Cllr. Spence wished for it to be noted that he wished to ask Cllr. Wray for an update on development north of the Link Road.

112/24 To discuss the footpath upgrades (FP2) and receive an update from the Cheshire East Ward Councillor on progress if present (VB)

As Councillor Wray was not in attendance there was no update. This item will be discussed at the October 2024 meeting.

113/24 To confirm the Council's transition to a new website and new e-mail and agree communication methods ahead (MW)

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would stop sending e-mails to the old e-mail addresses, once all Councillors have confirmed their new e-mail is working.

It was **RESOLVED** to move to the new website only with immediate effect. The Clerk will post a message on the old website, directing individuals to the new website. In the medium term, the Clerk will speak to the two website providers (old and new) and see if a divert can be put in place.

114/24 To discuss any initial posts on Facebook that the Parish Council wish to make and when the Clerk should commence posting (MW)

Cllr. Wakerly and the Clerk will draft a welcome post and will send to all Councillors for approval before the end of the month. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk can begin by posting the agenda for October and the minutes of September once these are finalised.

115/24 To discuss the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday (All)

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Spence will attend the Church service in Eaton and Cllr. Hill will attend the parade in Congleton. The Clerk will advise the Churchwarden in Eaton of Cllr. Spence's attendance.

116/24 To discuss the outstanding donation payment to the Fisheries (All)

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Spence would speak to the Fisheries and check that they have received the Clerk's e-mails offering a donation.

117/24 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:

None as of 9th September 2024. The Clerk noted that a new planning application had been published earlier in the day and Councillors confirmed that this would be reviewed.

118/24 If applicable, to ratify and approve any comments made on planning applications between meetings.

[24/2659C](#) - Blackford Grange, HALLGREEN LANE, SOMERFORD BOOTHS, CW12 2LY

The Parish Council have no objections to this application and note that the design appears to be in-keeping with other buildings in the Parish and is constructed out of suitable materials.

[24/2706C](#) - KITTYWARDS, 71, GIANTSWOOD LANE, HULME WALFIELD, CHESHIRE, CW12 2HH

The Parish Council has no objections to this proposal. However, they would ask that the trees and hedges are replaced, and any fencing is in keeping with the surrounding area and not obtrusive.

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the above comments.

119/24 To receive and note the contents of the Chair's Report

Cllr. Hill – [report](#)

Councillors discussed a potential replacement grit bin and the costings that Cllr. Hill had circulated. Councillors present felt that the larger grit bin of the two would be more suitable.

Councillor Wakerly had nothing additional to report.

120/24 To receive and note reports from the members:

Cllr. J. Spence – Cllr. Spence is in the process of arranging some speed watch training which is being organised by Brereton Parish Council (who have a more suitable site for the training). This needs to be overseen and signed off by our local PCSO. The date is still to be arranged and will likely be in October (date to be confirmed by Brereton Parish Council) with Cllrs. Hill, Spence and Brown planning to attend. Councillors noted that this did not reflect the presence of any specific speeding problem in the Parish, but will allow Councillors to operate a speed watch should the need arise.

Cllr. Spence is in conversation with an individual who owns land on the far side of the Link Road. There has been a request issued by Cheshire East Council requesting availability of sites for development. Cllr. Spence said that, as far as the individual is aware, there are no concrete plans in place as to where the development might be and there have been no formal applications made. Cllr. Spence plans to discuss with Cllr. Wray at the earliest opportunity.

Cllr. Spence had attended a Friends of Giantswood Lane meeting at which the possibility of a 7.5T weight limit on Giantswood Lane was discussed. Cllr. Spence wished to note this but said that he was believed such a weight limit would not be considered by Cheshire East as it could cause several properties which can require HGV access for justifiable reasons potentially losing this access in the future.

Cllr. A Bamping – nothing to report.

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121/24 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment:

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT = £32,611.36 (as of date of last bank reconciliation)

PAYMENTS MADE

£351.52 Clerk's Salary (July)
£26.00 Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (July)
£351.72 Clerk's Salary (August)
£26.00 Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (August)
£61.92 TCS Management (payroll)
£50.00 Cheshire Community Action (assuming under 5,000 residents)
£8.00 Bank Charges (July)
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£45.00 Clerk Attendance at SLCC Training (made after bank reconciliation completed)

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

£351.52 Clerk's Salary (September)
£26.00 Clerk's Homeworking Allowance (September)
£721.43 Glasdon (bench)
£300.00 Parishes Online (website service)
£220.00 Installation of bench
£250.00 Play Day 2025
£3.05 Clerk Postage Expenses
£10.98 Clerk Expenses – visitor logbook
£39.98 Poppy Wreaths (x 2) – via Clerk Expenses
£263.80 HMRC (Q2)

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

£601.19 Donation for bench

[Bank reconciliation \(end August\)](#) to be reviewed and signed by the Chair

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments. It was noted that the installation of the bench had been estimated at £100.00. As the work had been completed, Councillors **RESOLVED** to approve this and to ensure that accurate estimates are obtained ahead.

122/24 Any other correspondence

The Council received a complaint over the summer months and the Clerk confirmed that this was being dealt with by the complaints procedure.

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123/24 To note the date of the next parish council meeting to be held on 24th October 2024

The meeting was closed at 8.23pm.