



**Hulme Walfield
and Somerford Booths**
Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 21st May 2026 7.30pm, held at Eaton Community Hall

Part 1: Public and press present

Present:

- Councillor Mark Hill
- Councillor Vic Brown
- Councillor John Spence
- Elizabeth Worrall – Clerk

Absent:

- Councillor Adam Bamping
- Councillor Margaret Gartside
- Councillor Mark Wakerly
- Councillor John Wray – Cheshire East Council Ward Councillor.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

59/26 To elect the Chairman for 2026 / 2027

There was no majority vote reached for Chairman.

60/26 To elect the Vice Chairman for 2026 / 2027

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr. Wakerly as Vice Chair.

In the absence of the Vice Chair, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Hill, the retiring chair, would chair the meeting and sign off the relevant statutory documents.

61/26 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllr. Gartside and Bamping had sent their apologies for absence in advance of the meeting. Cllr. Wakerly was not present.

62/26 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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63/26 To receive and resolve to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 2026
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes.

64/26 To receive a report from Cheshire East Ward Councillor if present.
Cllr. Wray was not present.

65/26 To receive the internal audit report for 2025 / 26 and, if applicable, to discuss any recommendations and improvements to be made
The Parish Council received the internal auditor's report. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Parish Council's response to the audit, which had been drafted by the Clerk.

66/26 Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2025 / 26 of the AGAR
It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign Section 1 of the AGAR.

67/26 Section 2 Accounting Statements 2025 / 2026 of the AGAR
It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign Section 2 of the AGAR.

68/26 Certificate of Exemption 2025/26
It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would declare themselves exempt from an external audit and for the Certificate of Exemption to be signed.

69/26 To confirm the Public Inspection Period (Notice of Public Rights)
It was **RESOLVED** to commence the Public Inspection Period on 3rd June 2026.

70/26 To review and adopt the Standing Orders
It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Standing Orders, with no amendments

71/26 To review and adopt the Financial Regulations
It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Standing Orders, with no amendments

72/26 To adopt the General Power of Competence for 2026 / 27, providing the Council is still eligible
It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the General Power of Competence for 2026 / 27, as the Council is still eligible

73/26 To discuss Councillor roles and responsibilities for 2026 / 2027
This item was deferred to the next meeting in June 2026.

74/26 To consider the following planning applications and any others since the publication of the agenda:
26/0893/HOUS - SOMERFORD GRANGE Trap Road, Somerford Booths, Congleton, Cheshire East, CW12 2LT- Alterations to existing out building, increase roof pitch, add doors and windows and first floor balcony to West Elevation
It was **RESOLVED** to submit a comment of no objections.

26/1597/ADV - Carphone Warehouse, Unit J, CONGLETON RETAIL PARK Barn Road, Congleton, Cheshire East, CW12 1LJ - Advertisement consent for 1 new fascia sign
It was **RESOLVED** to submit a comment of no objections.

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75/26 To ratify and approve any comments made on planning applications between meetings

26/1191/PRIOR-6 - Prior Approval: Agricultural and Forestry Development - Harefields Farm Giantswood Lane, Somerford Booths, Congleton, Cheshire East, CW12 2JN - Agricultural determination for an extension to a steel framed agricultural machinery shed with workshop, farm office and storage

The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

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

76/26 To discuss reports of waste tipping on Giantswood Lane

This item was deferred to the next meeting in June 2026.

77/26 To consider donating to the Eaton and Hulme Walfield Garden Party, for the hire of the Silver Band

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would make a donation of £250.00.

78/26 To discuss the planting of mature silver birch trees within the Parish, following the offer of a donation from a resident

This item was deferred to the next meeting in June 2026.

79/26 To receive and resolve to approve the accounts for payment:

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT = £31,464.02 (as of 1st Apr 2026)

PAYMENTS MADE

HMRC	£718.62
Eaton Hall (room hire)	£160.00
Clerk Salary (March)	£330.34
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (March)	£26.00
Clerk Salary (April)	£330.34
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (April)	£26.00
ICO	£52.00

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

None as of end March, when year opening bank reconciliation completed

PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Clerk Salary (May)	£330.34
Clerk Homeworking Allowance (May)	£26.00
CHALC	£210.00
Mark Wakerly Expenses (Branded Hi Viz Jackets)	£249.36
John Henry (internal audit)	£307.20
TCS Management	£64.80
Eaton / Hulme Walfield Garden Party	£250.00
Clerk Expenses (APM)	£14.60

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the above payments and sign the Bank Reconciliation.

80/26 To receive and note the contents of the Chair's Report

This item was deferred to the next meeting in June 2026.

81/26 To receive and note reports from members

This item was deferred to the next meeting in June 2026.

82/26 Any other correspondence including what to include in the Parish Magazine

There was nothing to be included in the Parish Magazine. The Clerk submitted pictures of the boundary sign installation at the start of the month.

83/26 To note the date of the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 18th June 2026