



MEETING – 07 SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT: Cllr Graham Bennion (Chairman), Cllr Shauna Birtles, Cllr Anne Broome, Cllr Amanda Copnall, Cllr Janet Gratton and Cllr David Dunn.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Cllr Janet Clowes and one member of the public.

26.038 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Hewitt and McFarlane.

RESOLVED – that the apologies for absence be approved.

26.039 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

26.040 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 06 JULY 2026

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record.

26.041 POLICE MATTERS

Councillors reviewed the police report, submitted by the Wybunbury Ward PCSO.

26.042 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The resurfacing of the Wychwood Park roundabout had been delayed and was now expected to take place later in 2026. It was noted that the debris on the Pit Lane triangle had not yet been cleared.

26.043 ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

The Common

The padlock had been replaced, and the backboard of the basketball hoop had been vandalised.

Planting

Councillors discussed options for planting the flowerbeds on The Green in 2027.

26.044 PLANNING MATTERS

RESOLVED – that the Council makes the following response:

App	Description / Response
26/2923/HOUS	Single storey rear extension with flat roof and roof lantern at HOUGH HALL LODGE Newcastle Road, Hough <i>No objections</i>

26.045 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Borough Cllr Clowes confirmed that the draft Neighbourhood Plan would be submitted for printing shortly.

26.046 FINANCE

1) Report

Councillors reviewed the Finance Report, which provided a bank reconciliation and budget analysis, noting a current financial reserve of £22,055, with a forecast outturn of £19,694.

2) Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reasons	Total	VAT	Net
TW Heler & Son *	Works	£960.00	£160.00	£800.00
Anne Broome *	Poppies	£240.00		£240.00
Northwich Town Council *	Works	£2,088.00	£348.00	£1,740.00
Cloud Next	Domain Name	£60.00	£10.00	£50.00
Northwich Town Council	Works	£976.80	£162.80	£814.00
ICO	Data Protection Fee	£47.00		£47.00
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£252.00	£42.00	£210.00
Zurich Insurance	Insurance	£499.71		£499.71
Hough Village Hall	Room Hire	£75.00		£75.00

* ratification

26.047 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

Muir Housing

The Chairman advised that he had been contacted by a representative of Muir Housing.

26.048 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 05 October 2026, commencing at 7.30pm