



MEETING – 05 OCTOBER 2026

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

IN VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: Cllr Debbie Hewitt.

26.049 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Hewitt and McFarlane.

RESOLVED – that the apologies for absence be approved.

26.050 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

26.051 CO-OPTION

RESOLVED – that Luthien Costello-Sayer be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council.

26.052 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 07 SEPTEMBER 2026

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

26.053 POLICE MATTERS

Councillors reviewed the police report, submitted by the Wybunbury Ward PCSO. It was noted that the Cluster meeting would be held on Wednesday 14 October.

26.054 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Resurfacing works on Newcastle Road, adjacent to the Wychwood Park roundabout, were scheduled to commence on 06 November 2026.

26.055 ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

The Green

Councillors noted the condition of the remaining hedge following the removal of the privately owned section. Planting in the flowerbeds would be considered at the next meeting. T.W. Heler would remove the flowers from The Green.

Flowerbed outside Village Hall

This would be tidied by T.W. Heler.

Street Furniture

Northwich Town Council would be asked to clean the street furniture and noticeboards.

26.056 PLANNING MATTERS

RESOLVED – that the Council makes the following response:

App	Description / Response
26/3299/OUT	Outline planning application for residential development of up to 80 dwellings with site access from Newcastle Road on land north of Newcastle Road, Shavington <i>Objection</i>

26.057 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan drop-in sessions were progressing well, with encouraging attendance and constructive engagement from local residents. The Clerk advised that, once all current invoices had been paid, expenditure to date would total £9,542, leaving £458 from the initial funding. Councillors agreed in principle to make additional financial provision.

26.058 FINANCE

1) Report

Councillors reviewed the Finance Report, including the bank reconciliation and budget analysis. They noted current financial reserves of £34,684 and a forecast year-end balance of £19,694.

2) Payments

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reasons	Total	VAT	Net
Cheshire Wildlife Trust	Neighbourhood Plan	£3,276.00	£546.00	£2,730.00
Northwich Town Council	Grass Cutting and Landscaping	£1,766.40	£294.40	£1,472.00
TW Heler & Son	Works	£216.00	£36.00	£180.00
Mark Robinson	National Pay Award (monthly)	£507.36		£507.36
Mark Robinson	Backpay	£158.46		£158.46
HMRC	PAYE Q2	£1,160.70		£1,160.70

3) External Audit

The External Auditors had concluded the audit and provided an unqualified report.

“On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:
None”

4) Bank Signatory

RESOLVED – that Cllr Costello-Sayer be added to the list of bank signatories.

26.059 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The service would be held on Sunday, 08 November 2026, outside the Village Hall and would be led by Cllr Bennion. It was noted that the final arrangements would be discussed at the next meeting. The lamppost poppies would be erected by T.W. Heler.

26.060 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

Fly-Tipping

An incident of fly-tipping had occurred near to the railway bridge on Chorlton Lane.

26.061 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 02 November 2026, commencing at 7.30pm