

HANDLEY AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2025
AT THE BARBOUR INSTITUTE, TATTENHALL

PRESENT

Cllrs Nigel Johnson (Chairman), Wendy Lawton, David Mamwell, Jon Moseley, Maggie Powell, Rosemary Thomas, Karen Worthington (Vice Chairman).
The Clerk. No members of the public attended.

1. APOLOGIES

Ward Cllr Mike Jones..

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

3. OPEN FORUM

Members of the public have the opportunity to comment and raise questions on matters affecting the parish. Cllrs discussed the updates about Calveley Hall.

4. CASUAL VACANCY

There is currently one vacancy that the Council can co-opt to fill. Cllrs are to make enquiries with new residents in the parish.

5. MINUTES

Resolved:- The Council agreed to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2025.

Proposed by Cllr Lawton and seconded by Cllr Worthington.

6. POLICE

The report was previously circulated.

7. MATTERS ARISING

Noticeboards:- The Clerk has a meeting this week to obtain a quote to carry out repairs to the noticeboards in Milton Green and Handley.

8. FINANCE

8.1 To approve accounts and bank reconciliation:-

Receipts:- None received

Reconciled balance at current bank account at 30th September 2025:- £16,015.03

Reconciled balance at business reserve bank account at 30th September 2025:- £5,707.81

8.2 To accept and approve the following payments:-

Chq No	Payee	Stat Power	Amount
661	Running Costs / backdated pay	s.111	£ 42.72
662	HMRC Quarter 2		£ 110.60
663	Barbour Institute (room hire)	s.111	tbc
664	Reimburse cost of flowers for planters		£ 23.00

Resolved:- The Council agreed to approve the above payments.

Proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Mosely.

8.3 Bank Signatory:-

The Clerk is to follow up the request to add Cllr Worthington as a bank signatory.

9. PLANNING

9.1 Planning Applications Received:-

The Planning Register was circulated.

9.2 Planning Updates:-

There are no updates.

9.3 CCP Depot:-

CWaC has sent the following update from the Executive Director regarding The Depot:-

“Milton Green depot: I have checked in with the Assets team and the Strategic Housing team. As previously advised, the site has now been declared surplus for any future Council operational use and will shortly be marketed through local agents Legat Owen to seek Council best consideration for residential development. A copy of the marketing literature will be shared in due course.

The Housing team certainly is in support of its redevelopment for residential although not for direct delivery as we no longer have a vehicle to facilitate this. As such we have stressed with our property colleagues that a joint marketing strategy be undertaken with a goal to achieve circa 45-50% affordable housing across the site.

Property and Housing are both aware of your ambition that any future development connect to the café/shop and that this is via a proposed footbridge to connect the footpaths across the brook. They are also aware that it is your view that street lighting should be installed as part of the scheme along Chapel Lane from the A41 to the development entrance. These items were raised as part of previous consultation and in order to maintain support they should be considered as part of any future development.

We do, however, have to be careful not to be overly prescriptive in any future marketing material. I am sure you will appreciate that any discussions around S106 will take place once the site has been sold and we enter into pre-app planning discussions. But we will also be sharing the results of previous consultations with buyer, and will be working to ensure that the ‘best fit’ for this site is achieved.

I also sit on Strategic Assets Board and will ensure that the consultation views are considered in any discussions on the sale of this site going forward”

The Clerk is to contact Ward Cllr Jones to enquire whether the Council needs to make any further representations to CWaC regarding the planning gains previously discussed.

10. HIGHWAYS

The Clerk attended the quarterly meeting with Highways and will follow up outstanding all highways issues including the following:-

- Handley Village proposed reduction in speed limit:- CWaC has now advised that this is due to be done during the 2025 / 26 financial year; the Clerk is to follow this up with Ward Cllr Jones due to the length of time that it has taken to deliver the request.
- Boundary Stone:- CWaC are dealing with the matter.
- Footway between Chowley Gate Lodge and Old Coach Road:- CWaC has responded to the enquiry stating that it has been noted that the section of footway would benefit from a future siding out scheme to improve its usable width therefore as and when funding is allocated to the Highways maintenance budget officers will continue to consider whether this section can be included for works to side out.

Other Highways issues:-

- Pavement - The Clerk is to report there is a tree in the garden of the property which overhangs onto the pavement at the corner of Whitchurch Road and Aldersey Road and debris from the tree has not been cleared from the pavement. In addition, the same property has hedges which are growing outwards onto the pavement causing an obstruction. Both the above issues mean that pedestrians are having to walk on the road at the dangerous junction to avoid the debris from the tree and the overgrown hedges. Not only is this a potential slip hazard; but there are also safety concerns due to the speed of vehicles using the road going to and from the golf club.

11. COMMEMORATIVE BENCH

The bench has now been installed at the agreed location in Handley. Cllr Mosely is to make arrangements for the commemorative plaque.

12. STREET LIGHTS IN HANDLEY

CWaC has advised that there is no such thing as a conservation / preservation order that can be applied to lamp posts. It's a decision for whoever is responsible for the street lights as to how to maintain them

13. DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator and heated cabinet has been delivered and registered with Circuit. Cllr Johnson advised it has temporarily been sited on Chapel Lane; he is in the process of contacting the owners of the garage in Milton Green regarding installation.

14. 2026 DATES

The Council agreed to book the Barbour Institute on the following dates for the bi monthly meetings:-

Tuesday 20th January 2026

Tuesday 17th March 2026

Tuesday 19th May 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Tuesday 15th September 2026

Tuesday 17th November 2026

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence:- The list of correspondence received has been distributed to councillors.

Date of next meeting:- Tuesday 18th November 2025