

SHOCKLACH OVIATT AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on **THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2025 at SHOCKLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

Present: Cllr G Bowles (Chair), Cllr J White, Cllr I Carr, Cllr J Davies, Cllr L Stopforth (co-opted at this meeting), Cllr K Mackenzie (co-opted at this meeting).

In Attendance: C Taylor (Clerk), Borough Cllr A Waddelove.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None received.

2.CO-OPTION OF TWO COUNCILLORS: Lesley Stopforth and Kathryn Mackenzie were formally co-opted to the vacant positions for 2 councillors. Both vacancies had previously been advertised and were recently readvertised due to the period of time that had elapsed since the initial adverts which had not attracted any interest. Both signed The Local Elections Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and Notification of Members Interest Form.

Proposed: Cllr G Bowles

Seconded: Cllr J White

Agreed by all Councillors present.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial, or pecuniary interests they may have in any item on the agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the current Members' Code of Conduct and as defined by regulations made under section30(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

Nothing declared.

4.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Nothing raised.

5.POLICE UPDATE. Police not in attendance. Report not circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved: Clerk to contact PCSO to explore possibility of a police surgery in the village, attendance at a cluster meeting and to request presence outside school at pick up and/or drop off to address issues raised by residents relating to poor driving/parking behaviours.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr Waddelove reported:

i)£12k had been spent by CWaC on defects/patching repairs at Castletown/ St Ediths junction. A £94k resurfacing plan was in place for this financial year and the worst bit of Worthenbury Road would be addressed.

ii)Parr Green Lane Bridge: Following the bridge having been surveyed some remedial works had been undertaken but there had been no improvement as there were cracks underneath. Concern was also raised that there had been a water leak since the work had been undertaken. **Resolved:** Cllr Waddelove to make enquiries as to why the water leak had appeared and update regarding further works.

iii)Tilston mast: Waiting to progress the work but need the operator to sign the contract.

iv) CWaC Local Plan Consultation: Issues and Options: A public meeting had been held in Farndon with CWaC Head Planning Officer outlining what the recent changes made by national government to local housing targets meant for Farndon Ward and the prospect of significant development locally. CWAC was currently consulting on the options for where houses might be built as part of its new Local Plan. There were three options A, B, and C. Option A would see Farndon with 500-1500 new houses. As yet, no formal planning applications had been received but neighbouring Malpas and Tattenhall were in the process of seeing major planning applications for 100s of houses. Shocklach shouldn't be impacted directly but if numbers of houses were not allocated in Farndon it could impact other villages.

v)Devolution: Cheshire West had voted in favour with Cheshire East and Warrington still to vote.

Resolved: Noted.

7. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. The minutes of the Annual meeting of 20th May 2025 were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr J Davies Seconded: Cllr I Carr

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 20 May 2025.

i) Path at Little Green: Update on repair: **Noted** that the repair had been undertaken by CWaC.

ii)PROW by St Ediths Church: Reported as unpassable. **Resolved:** Cllr Mackenzie to report and liaise with CWaC PROW Officer. Cllr Bowles to look into reporting through Natural England.

9.ACCOUNTS.

Resolved: That the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted. Balance at 10 September 2025 was £3747.02.

The Chair signed the bank balance sheet detailing transactions 1 April 2025 to 10 September 2025 circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr J White Seconded: Cllr G Bowles.

10. PLANNING.

Noted that any planning applications are circulated to members between meetings.

Existing applications:

25/00448/FUL Manor Barns Parr Green Lane Church Shocklach Change of use from agricultural buildings into one residential dwelling, conversion of barn into outbuilding. Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of carport. Small barn to be converted into annexe accommodation.

25/00635/FUL the Methodist Chapel Chorlton Lane Chorlton Alterations to dwelling appearance and curtilage (amendment to approved planning application 23/01837/FUL).

New applications:

25/01890/FUL Old Petrol Filling Station Worthenbury Road Church Shocklach Single storey rear extension.

Decisions:

Refused: 24/03669/FUL 2 Wren Cottage Horton Green Horton Erection of a two-storey side extension.

Approved:25/00936/FUL Poppy Cottage Soughans Lane Church Shocklach Rear extension, and first floor extension.

Approved:25/01005/FUL Top House Cottage Chorlton Lane Chorlton Malpas (Adjoining Parish Council) Two storey side extension and oak porch.

Approved:25/01890/FUL Old Petrol Filling Station Worthenbury Road Church Shocklach Single storey rear extension.

11. CORRESPONDENCE.

i)A request had been received from a resident to exercise their right to inspect the 2024/2025 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). **Resolved:** Noted that the Clerk had facilitated a meeting.

ii) Complaints received about parking around the school. Dealt with at agenda item 5. Further **resolved** to request PCSO to deploy police speed gun and a renewed effort be made to recruit volunteers to help deploy the PC owned speed gun. Cllr White to place an advert in The Reporter and on the PC noticeboard outside the school. Clerk to arrange to post on the PC website. To discuss response at the next meeting.

12. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i)Condition/state of Road Signs: Concern was raised regarding signs in general being obscured and clarification requested as to how to report to CWaC. Cllr Waddelove advised that it was necessary to report signs individually as it was not possible to report in multiples.

13.DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING. Resolved: Clerk to look to arrange a date after 22nd November 2025.

