

HANDLEY AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2026
AT THE BARBOUR INSTITUTE, TATTENHALL

PRESENT

Cllrs

Nigel Johnson (Chairman), Wendy Lawton, Cllrs David Mamwell, Jon Moseley, Margaret Powell, Stuart Rigby, Rosemary Thomas, Karen Worthington.

Ward Cllr Mike Jones attended the meeting.

The Clerk. No members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

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. In the absence of any members of the public there was no consideration of this item.

4. MINUTES

Resolved:- The Council agreed to approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 19th May 2026.

Proposed by Cllr Lawton and seconded by Cllr Moseley.

5. POLICE

There was nothing to report

6. MATTERS ARISING

- Milton Green:- The Council has contacted CWaC regarding concerns about a property where significant damage to fencing has left the garden exposed and was advised that the fence is the responsibility of the landowner. It was noted that the fencing has recently been removed.

7. FINANCE

7.1 To approve accounts and bank reconciliation:-

Receipts:- None received.

Reconciled balance at current bank account at 30th June 2026:- £16,832.29

Reconciled balance at business reserve bank account at 30th June 2026:- £5,748.03

7.2 To accept and approve the following payments:-

Chq	Payee	Stat Power	Amount
682	Backdated pay / Running Costs	s.111	£ 49.73
682	Reimburse J Moseley for flowers for planters	s.137	£ 15.57
683	Barbour Institute (room hire)	s.111	tbc

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

Proposed by Cllr Johnson and seconded by Cllr Mamwell.

8. HIGHWAYS

Update on highways issues:-

Speed limit Handley:-

CWaC advised there is no date yet and apologised for the delay as they are awaiting signs. Ward Cllr Jones is to follow this up too with CWaC.

Boundary stone @ junction with Chester Road:-

A further request has been made to CWaC for installation quote required for insurance; CWaC advised it is on their list and a quote discussion with is Colas required, which they will action asap.

Street light general maintenance and repair:-

CWaC have reinstated the light; it was noted that it did not appear to be working; this is to be checked and reported if that is the case.

Pavements:-

The Clerk followed with CWaC as previously advised there may be some funding available in the current financial year to scrape the vegetation from the pavements; the Council also understands that there is now some new machinery to carry out the work. This is in relation to works specifically to the pavements in Handley village and on the A41 from Dragon Hall to the Bolesworth Estate main entrance. CWaC advised that there is no funding for siding out this year, but included on their list for consideration if funding becomes available.

Aldersey Lane:-

The Clerk has reported the Council's concerns regarding the speed of vehicles on this road (it is currently the national speed limit) and to enquire if anything can be done to implement traffic calming / reduction in speed limit. CWaC have responded to refer to SLA 273 which recommends a reduction to 50 mph. CWaC suspect that the concerns raised will not be rectified by a reduction to 50 mph. Physical traffic calming cannot be implemented in speed limits greater than 30 mph. No action proposed. However, If councillors are aware of accidents, CWaC are happy to investigate if this road would meet criteria for a local road safety scheme.

- Cars speeding during events:-

As previously agreed a letter has been sent to both the police and Highways, CWaC.

The Police have responded to confirm that the A41 is one of many roads in Cheshire subject to speeding complaints. Whilst enforcement is carried out when resources allow, other affected areas also require attention.

The Force is aware of ongoing issues with motorbikes, particularly along the A41 and A49 corridors, with problems increasing during summer evenings and weekends. The motorbike unit is currently running a summer operation using both marked and unmarked motorcycles to tackle the issue, including enforcement action during the recent Shed Fest event.

Any traffic calming measures would fall under the responsibility of CWaC Highways; however, options may be limited due to the A41 being a major traffic route.

The Clerk is to follow up CWaC Highways for a response.

9. ASSERTION 10

Then Media have started work on the new gov.uk website; the draft is due August / September.

10. FORMER CCP DEPOT

Ward Cllr Jones is to speak with the preferred bidder for the site to ensure that the requests including the provision of a footbridge, street lighting on Chapel Lane and other measures aimed at ensuring the development is sustainable are considered as part of any future planning application submitted to CWaC. These include

11. PLANNING

11.1 Planning Applications Received:-

The Planning Register was circulated.

11.2 Planning Updates:-

There were no updates.

11.3 Meeting with Bolesworth Estate:-

The minutes of the meeting were previously circulated which included the issues regarding the recent event that was held there.

12. DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk has visited Milton Green Garage to discuss the request for permission to install the defibrillator and cabinet at the site. A formal letter to request permission has been sent.

13. PARISH APPEARANCE

Cllrs discussed the poor condition of the pavements at the top end of the village in Handley; it was noted that CWaC have carried out some works. Ward Cllr Jones advised that CWaC is due to carry out work twice a year.

The hedges need to be cut back, if this has not happened in September then the Council are to report it to the relevant department.

14. ANNUAL REPORT 2025 – 26

The Annual Report was previously circulated.

Resolved:- The Council agreed to approve the Annual Report which is to be posted on the website.

Proposed by Cllr Mamwell and seconded by Cllr Worthington.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Date of next meeting:- Tuesday 15th September 2026