MILLINGTON & ROSTHERNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting
Held on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 7:00 PM
Venue: Egerton Hall, Rostherne Lane, Rostherne
Contact: clerk@millingtonandrostherne-pc.gov.uk

- **Present:** Councillors (Chair), D Fenton (DMF), D Flanagan (DF), B. Eastwood (BE)
- **Remote Attendance:** Ward Cllr H Moss (WCHM)
- **Also Present:** Ms. S Booth (Parish Clerk)
- **Members of Public:** None

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1. Welcome, Apologies for Absence, and Confirmation of Quorum

1.1 **Resolved:** That he following apologises were received and accepted.

- Cllr K Sherlock (KS)
- Cllr B Beverley (BB)
- Cllr D. Pennington (DP)
- Cllr J Eagle (JE),
- Cllr H Brooks (HB)

1.2 **Quorum**

1.2.1**Resolved**: That the meeting was quorate.

2. Declaration of Interest

2.1 **Resolved:**

- No declarations of interest were made.

POR: The Clerk clarified for the record that a blanket Declaration of Interest (DOI) would be applied to any planning application linked to a serving member of the Council. This will also apply in their absence, if required.

3. Guest Speakers and External Reports

3.1 Millington, Rostherne and Tatton (MRT).

The Ward Councillor was unable to attend the meeting. No updates had been received since the previous meeting; therefore, the following matters were raised again for clarification and update:

- **Ward Councillor Surgery:** This will take place on Saturday 14th March at 11am. WCHM will go to Fenton's Farm and speak to any residents with concerns.
- **20's Plenty:** Officers have rejected the request for a face-to-face meeting frustratingly. I am sadly having to play the longer game and wait for us to be moved up the list to have the local speed limits reviewed. Speed indicators were discussed that would cover various areas of Rostherne
- **Signage:** I have chased for an update on this
- **Winter Gritting Programme:** Frustratingly the roads were removed from the gritting routes when this was reviewed 3 years ago. I have raised the concerns with the council, and I am waiting for a response
- **Grit Bins:** I am still chasing for these to be replenished
- **Mereheath Vegetation:** WCHM has have requested these issues to be dealt with and DMF will meet with Josh to discuss the gate at TP as its dangerous.

3.2 **Tatton Board** - WCHM all reported at the previous meeting

- **Tatton Wall:** Progress on vegetation clearance

A: I have requested this

POR: DMF will be attending the Tatton Board meeting on 11/03/26 at 5pm

- **Tatton Park Signage:** Repositioning of signs, cleaning, and clearance of surrounding vegetation.

A: I have requested this

3.2.1 **Actions to report to WCHM**

- DMF reported:
  - That there is a lot of pooling water outside Briddon Weir Farm

  A: WCHM will chase up
  - Members noted that four-way traffic lights were in operation solely to facilitate concrete mixing works.

- DF reported that the pedestrian lights near The Swan development are dangerous and that he junction needs to be moved as a matter of urgency.

3.3 **Knutsford Police Report**

- **Resolved:** The Council has not received an update from PC Milman for this meeting dur to annual leave..

3.4 **Tatton Park**

- **Resolved:** A report from Carole Hyde was circulated and read out to Council members

3.5 **St Marys Church**

- **Resolved:** that there was no representative at this meeting

3.6 **Peaks & Plains Housing Trust**

- **Resolved:** Members updated by DF regarding the concerns of the Whitehouse Garages to Planning Enforcement.
  • It was reported that United Utilities had attended Whitehouse Road to conduct drainage works, leaving the drain cover and area damaged.
  Action: *DF to report and follow up.*

3.7 **Tatton Services (TSL)**

- **Resolved:** that new applications have been submitted and the council members updated.

3.8 **Tatton Estate Asset Management LTD (TEAMS)**

- Updated that TEAMS is made up of trustees.

4. Open Forum

4.1 Members of the public can use this item to raise any concerns they may have for discussion. The Chair reminded attendees that once the Open Forum concluded, no further participation from the public would be permitted.

4.1.1 **Resolved:** That there were no MOPS in attendance therefore this item was closed at 20.07pm

5. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

5.1 Minutes of the Bi-monthly Parish council meeting held on 13th January 2026 [P64 to P67]

- Proposed DF and Second BE

5.2 **Matters Arising**

- **Resolved:** That Cllr HB updated on a number of matters regarding Planning applications, gritting, Cil Survey and Cil monies.

6. Ward Reports

6.1 To receive updates on new and ongoing ward matters, including historic issues, as detailed in the ongoing work spreadsheet and Councillor Flanagan's working list.

6.1.1 **Millington, Rostherne & Tatton Ward** - **Ongoing issues updates**

- **Chapel Lane:** Update from DF to collate photographs and write to highways and Ms McPake.
- **Railings:** Additional quotations will be required for repairs, installation, and shot blasting works. Further quotes to be sought and brought back to the meeting.
- **Hillmount:** Ongoing in the absence of KS.
- **One Way Proposal** – The Crescent report read out to the Council members
- **Public footpath** mapping and access. Members reported that a new kissing gate has been installed on the footpath and updates were provided.

POR: DF confirmed she has emailed Mr Atkinson at Cheshire East Council to provide an update regarding a recent incident on the footpath.

6. 2 **Action List (from previous meeting):**

Cllrs updated on actions completed from the last meeting regarding the below topics.

- **Ward Issues:** Compile a list of reports detailing complaints submitted to Cheshire East Council (CEC) from 17 March onwards, including correspondence sent to MP Esther McVey and her Secretary. *(Ongoing)*
- **Tatton Park kiosks:**
  Update Hannah Moss to confirm that there are sufficient kiosks at the Tatton Entrance and that the issue relates to them not being opened during busy periods. (*Completed)*
- **Hare coursing:**
  Contact PC Milman to confirm whether the Police are following up on reports of hare coursing in the area, as per the Clerk's previous email. (*Completed)*

- **Tatton Park liaison:**
  Write to Carole Hyde (Tatton Park) requesting, where possible, a brief input or report for Parish Council meetings, and add this item to a future agenda. *(Ongoing)*
- **Railings repairs:**
  Seek a quotation for repairs to the railings & DF to obtain a quotation for shot-blast cleaning and add quotations to the next agenda. *(Ongoing)*
- **One-way proposal – The Crescent:**
  Clerk to circulate the original response received from CEC to Councillors DF to contact CEC regarding the purchase of the land. *(Completed)*
- **White House Garage area**
  Update from DF who contacted the Environmental Protection in regard to work being conducted on the aforementioned area. *(Ongoing)*
- **Pioneer Engineering – parking concerns:**
  Write to Pioneer Engineering regarding ongoing issues of vehicles parking on grass verges and public footpaths and advise that the situation has not improved & request details of how the issue will be addressed. Invite engagement with Parish Councillors and request a face-to-face meeting to work collaboratively. *(Ongoing)*
  Action: *Clerk to send a follow up email*

POR*: Cllr HB abstained from this observation.*

- **Planning Actions**
  - **Ivy House Farm:**
    Circulate the relevant email trail to Councillors, as discussed in relation to planning application 25/4130/PRIOR-3Q (Ivy House Farm) . Parish to email their comments to this application comments. Email sent to Cllrs for direction on 10/02/26
  - 26/0159/PRIOR-16 – Land at Marsh Farm, Marsh Lane, Rostherne, WA16 6SD:
    Comments submitted to CEC 10/02/26 *(Attached)*
- **Finance Actions:**
  - **CIL Funds Incorrect allocation:**
    Write to Cheshire East Council to advise that, at the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13 January, it was unanimously agreed that monies paid in error be returned in full to the correct Parish Council. *(Completed)*
  - **Mere PC:** Response attached
  - **CIL bank account:**
    Apply for an additional bank account for CIL funds to be held separately. (Ongoing)
  - **CIL monitoring:**
    Include CIL funds as an ongoing standing item on future agendas.
  - **Questionnaire**
    Design a questionnaire seeking parishioners' views on how **CIL funds** should be used within the Parish. Flyers left with the Council members for circulation*(Completed)*

7. Cheshire East Council (CEC) – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding Allocation Error

7.1 To note and discuss correspondence received from Cheshire East Council regarding an error in the allocation of CIL funds, resulting in payment being made to Mere Parish Council. (L*etter circulated to Members on 3 January 2026).*

7.2 To consider potential projects, draft questionnaire for the appropriate allocation of any CIL funds.

8. Planning applications

8.1 **Rostherne & Tatton Ward – Planning**

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8.1.1 **Planning applications for consideration - Rostherne /Tatton.**

POR: New planning applications may be submitted to the Council following publication of the agenda.

a) Application 25/4756/FUL

Location: Tatton Park, Knutsford Drive, Knutsford, WA16 6QN

Proposal: Demolition of existing tractor shed (in poor condition) and installation of a new 6 bay steel shed with open front.

Date Received and Councillors Notified: 18th January 2026

b) Application 26/0159/PRIOR-16
Location: Land at Marsh Lane, Rostherne, Knutsford, WA16 6SD
Proposal: Prior approval for the installation of a new sharable 30m lattice mast. Development will include up to12no antennas, 6no operator cabinets, 1no meter cabinet, 1.8m high mesh fencing, landscaping works, and ancillary development thereto.
Date Received and Councillors Notified: 19th January 2026
c) Application 26/0831/TCA
Location: Rose Cottage, Rostherne, Knutsford, WA16 6RY
Proposal: Apple tree marked on sketch plan as T1 in blue: pollard of to 3 meters
Date Received and Councillors Notified: 10th March 2026

8.2 **Planning applications for consideration – Millington**
POR: New planning applications may be submitted to the Council following publication of the agenda.

- **Resolved:** that there are no new applications

9. Standing Agenda Items (to remain on the agenda as a recurring items).
9.1 **Northern Powerhouse Rail**

- **Resolved:** that there are no new updates

9.2 **The Swan Development**

- **Resolved:** that there are no new updates

9.3 **CIL Monitoring**

- **Resolved:** to be added to the next agenda as a recurring item.

10. Resolution to Exclude the Public
10.1 **Resolved:** It was noted that no members of the public were present; therefore, the resolution to exclude the public was not required.

11. Finance
To receive, consider, and approve the financial transactions for the current period.
11.1 **Bank Account Balances**
Unity Trust Bank Account Balances as of 28/02/2026

- **Current Account T1**: (20482255) £20,295.20 (Statements 36 & 37)

11.1.1 Payments received

- **Instant Access Account**: (20482268) £6,048.50 (Statements 31 & 32)

11.1.2 Payments received
11.2 **Payments for approval**
MRT/RA/73 – Unity Trust Bank Fees – £6.00 (Direct Debit)
MRT/RA/74 – Unity Trust Bank Fees – £7.00 (Direct Debit)
MRT/RA/75: Parish Online – £384.00 (300107)
MRT/RA/76: Clerk's Salary (Months 11 & 12) – £AR (Cheque 300108)
MRT/RA/77: HMRC (Months 11 & 12) – £113.33 (Cheque 300109)
MRT/RA/78: Fenton Farm Christmas supplies (Awaiting invoices)
MRT/RA/79: 2 x Hampers supplies - (Awaiting invoices)
MRT/RA/80: Christmas lights (KS) (Cheque 300110- Replaces void Chq 300106)

11.3 **Separation of Parish Funds – Previously Dissolved Parishes**
11.3.1 **Resolved** that the arrangements for the separation of parish funds held in respect of previously dissolved
11.4 **CIL Monitoring**

- **Resolved:** to be added to the next agenda as a recurring item.

11.5 **Assertion 10 – Compliance and Policy Review & IT Policy**

- **Resolved** that the Council has been informed about the Assertion 10 – Compliance and Policy Review and the IT Policy will work towards arrangements for safeguarding records, systems, and assets**,** including IT Policy and security and risk management.

12. Other Business
12.1 **DMF** updated the Council on the exciting 'Meatup Festival Event'.

13. Actions
13.1 Action List (Arising from the Minutes)

- Compile a list of reports detailing complaints submitted to Cheshire East Council (CEC) from 17 March onwards, including correspondence sent to MP Esther McVey and her Secretary.
- **Whitehouse Road:**
  DF to report broken drain cover and damage to UU.
- **Tatton Services**
  Clerk to invite to the next meeting.
- **Have Your Say:**
  Clerk to upload to the website
- **Railings repairs:**
  More quotes required for installation and shotblasting.
- **Pioneer Engineering – parking concerns:**
  Clerk to email again to chase up for an onsite meeting regarding parking issues.

14. Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting will be the Annual meeting and will be held on Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7:00 PM.

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Parish Clerk