MILLINGTON & ROSTHERNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Bi Monthly Meeting
Held on Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 7:00 PM
Venue: Egerton Hall, Rostherne Lane, Rostherne
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- **Present:** Councillors (Chair), D Fenton (DMF), D Flanagan (DF), B. Eastwood (BE) J Eagle (JE), D. Pennington (DP), K Sherlock (KS)
- **Guest Attendance:** Ward Cllr H Moss (WCHM), Sarah Dunning (Chair) and James Errington, Westmorland Family.
- **Also Present:** Ms. S Booth (Parish Clerk)
- **Members of Public:** None

Agenda Part A (Public)

1. Welcome and Confirmation of Quorum
The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Members and the invited representatives from Westmorland Family, Sarah Dunn (Chair) and James Errington, Building and Design Director, to the meeting.
1.1 **Quorum**
1.1.1 **Resolved**: That the meeting was declared quorate.
1.2 **Remote Invitations**
1.2.1 **Resolved**: That remote invitations were sent to WCHM PCJM, WCKH & RT

2. Apologies for Absence,
2.1 **Resolved:** That he following apologises were received and accepted.
- Cllr B Beverley (BB)
- Cllr H Brooks (HB)

3. Declaration of Interest
3.1 **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.
3.2 **Declarations of Acceptance to office**
Resolved: That Declarations of Acceptance have been completed for 2026-2027.

The Chair exercised their discretion to vary the order of business to facilitate the presentation by the representatives from Westmorland Family, and Item 5 was taken before Item 4.

5. Guest speakers:
5.1 To receive updates from invited guests.
5.2 **Westmorland / Tatton Services Development Update**
The Chair welcomed Sarah Dunning (Chair) and James Errington, Building and Design Director, representing the Westmorland Family, who attended the meeting to provide an update on the proposed Tatton Services development.

Members received a presentation outlining progress since planning permission was granted in February 2026. It was reported that enabling works commenced in February 2026 and have included site establishment, vegetation clearance, demolition of redundant farm buildings and preparatory earthworks.

Improvement works to the M56 junction roundabouts are scheduled to commence in October 2026 in partnership with National Highways.

The representatives advised that planning work remains ongoing, including the discharge of planning conditions and a forthcoming planning amendment to reflect detailed design changes, principally to the fuel barn and associated landscaping. Members were also informed that a temporary diversion of the public footpath and cycleway crossing the site would be required during construction, with an improved permanent route to be provided on completion of the development.

An update was provided on the project's sustainability commitments, including measures to reduce embodied and operational carbon, the installation of renewable energy systems, provision for electric vehicle charging, sustainable drainage, biodiversity net gain and a commitment to zero waste to landfill.

Representatives also highlighted their commitment to supporting the local economy through procurement opportunities for local businesses and producers, together with community engagement initiatives. This includes planned "Meet the Buyer" events for local suppliers, use of local contractors where possible. Members were updated that the Hotel will be built in Phase 2 of the development.

Members thanked Sarah Dunning and James Errington for their informative presentation and welcomed the commitment to maintaining regular communication with the Parish Council as the development progresses.

5.3 **Invitation sent to Girl Boss, Cherry Tree Lane**
It was noted that no representative from **Girl Boss, Cherry Tree Lane** was present at the meeting.

5.4 **Ward Cllr Hannah Moss (WCHM) - Highways, Public Rights of Way & Cheshire East Highways Updates**
WCHM provided an update on the outstanding highways matters.

- Members were advised that **Ashley Road** should now be open following the completion of the relevant works.
- **20's Plenty** campaign. Members were advised that Cheshire East Council does not currently consider the request to be a road safety priority. It was noted that the matter would be reviewed should circumstances change within the next three years.

Response: Members expressed their disappointment with this response and requested that WCHM feedback their view that the decision was unreasonable. Members also questioned why the speed limit on **Mere Road** remains at **30 mph**.

- **Ivy House Farm.** BE provided an update regarding the lack of responses from Cheshire East to residents and advised that the Clerk had forwarded all relevant correspondence to Cheshire East Council.

Action: *Clerk to forward the Ivy House Farm correspondence to WCHM.*

5.5 **Tatton Board report/updates – WCHM**
Members raised concerns regarding vegetation within the **Tatton Park** area, advising that hedges adjacent to the wall have once again become overgrown. Concerns were also raised about the overgrown hedges on **Mere Heath Lane** and the overgrown Tatton hedge on the opposite side of the road. Hannah confirmed that both the damaged wall and the overgrown hedges would be raised at the forthcoming Tatton Board meeting
Action: *WCHM to raise the condition of the damaged wall and overgrown hedges at the Tatton Board meeting and provide feedback to Cheshire East regarding Members' concerns over the 20-mph decision.*

Members also reported that signage within the **Tatton Estate** had been damaged. Hannah confirmed that this matter would also be raised at the forthcoming Tatton Board meeting, together with concerns regarding overhanging branches near **CAFT (Children's Adventure Farm Trust)**.
Action: *DF advised that she would also request that the branches be cut back.*

5.6 **Knutsford Police**
Resolved: That a report will be circulated to the Council once received.
5.7 **Tatton Estates Asset Management Group**
Resolved: That there was no update at this meeting.
5.8 **Peaks & Plains**
Resolved: That there was no update at this meeting.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings
4.1 **Annual Meeting – 5th May 2026**
Resolved: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 5th May 2026 (Pages 73 to 78) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
  4.1.1 **Matters Arising**
  Members considered that there were no matters arising from the minutes.
4.2 **Extraordinary Financial Meeting – 29th May 2026**
Resolved: That the minutes of the Extraordinary Financial Meeting held on 29th May 2026 (Page 79) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
  4.2.1 **Matters Arising**
  Members considered that there were no matters arising from the minutes.

6. Open Forum
6.1 **Resolved:** That, as no members of the public were in attendance, the Open Forum was closed at **8.45 pm**.

7. **Have Your Say – Feedback Forms**
7.1 Members considered the feedback received through the Have Your Say forms and discussed the themes, issues and suggestions raised.
Resolved: That a further' Have Your Say', survey be printed, with a closing date of September 2026, to encourage additional community feedback.
Action: *Clerk to forward the updated Have Your Say forms to JE for publication.*

8. Action List (Arising from Previous Minutes)
8.1 Members received an update on the actions arising from previous meetings.

1. Welcome Pack Draft
   Resolved: That the draft Welcome Pack be approved.
2. Ivy House
   Members noted that no response had been received from Cheshire East Planning Officer, Christine Buckley, regarding the mobile home at Ivy House. The matter was referred to the Ward Councillor Highways Meeting (WCHM) for further follow-up.
3. Railing Repairs
   Resolved: That further quotations be obtained for the proposed railing repairs. An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be convened, if required, to consider the quotations and approve the preferred contractor.
4. Chapel Lane – Uneven Footpath
   Members noted that the Clerk had reported the uneven footpath on Chapel Lane to Cheshire East

Council (Reference: SR510035353).
Resolved: That the update be noted.

5. Chapel Lane – Overgrown Hedges
Members noted that the Clerk had reported the overgrown hedges adjacent to 20 Chapel Lane and the associated footpath safety concerns to Cheshire East Council (Reference: SR510035355).
Resolved: That the update be noted.
6. Cheshire East Council – Litter Bin Request
Members noted that the Clerk had sought clarification from Cheshire East Council regarding litter bin provision, maintenance and emptying responsibilities (Reference: SR510035357).
Resolved: That the matter be followed up through the Ward Councillor Highways Meeting (WCHM).

9. Planning Applications

9.1 **Rostherne & Tatton Ward – Planning**

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

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

a) Application 26/1666/NMA

Location: Tatton Motorway Service Area, Land between Junctions 7 and 8 of the M56, Rostherne, WA14 3SD

Proposal: Non-Material Amendment to approval 25/3586/VOC to change the surface water drainage proposals and to relocate pedestrian crossing point southwards.

Date Received and Councillors Notified: 28th May 2026

b) Application 26/2037/FULTCA

Location: Yew Tree Cottage, Rostherne Lane, Rostherne, WA16 6SB

Proposal: T2- Yew (Taxus baccata) x1 & Juniper (Juniperus spp) 1 x Remove both trees to ground level.

Date Received 29/05/2026 **Councillors Notified:** 8th June 2026

c) Application 26/2038/FULTCA

Location: Hawthorn Bank, Rostherne Lane, Rostherne, WA16 6RZ

Proposal: Tree work to Yew Tree (T1) to prune lower-mid crown and crown raises to provide 2.5m clearance from the adjacent buildings

Date Received 29/05/2026 **Councillors Notified:** 8th June 2026

Resolved: That the Council had **no observations or objections** to the planning applications submitted for consideration.

9.2.1 **Planning applications for consideration – Millington**

Resolved: That no planning applications relating to Millington had been received for consideration at the time of the meeting.

10. Finance

10.1 **Banking – Unity Trust Bank Accounts**

10.1.1 To Confirm the new savings bank account has been set up

10.2 **Banking – Unity Trust Bank Accounts**

10.2.1 To note the current financial position in the Unity Trust bank accounts at the **31/03/2026**

- Unity Current Account T1 (20482255): Statements 39 & 40 **£36,189.49**
- Instant Access Account (20442268): Statements 34 & 35 **£6,079.70**
- Instant Access Account (20447083): Statements 1 **£0.00**

10.2.2 **To acknowledge and approve the receipts**

- Current Account T1 (20482255): Cheshire East (Precept) **£4,177.00**
- Current Account T1 (20482255): CIL – Section 106 **£13,210.01**

10.2.3 To acknowledge and approve the following payments

- MRT/RA/84– Unity Trust – £7.00 DD
- MRT/RA/85– Unity Trust – £7.00 DD
- MRT/RA/86 – Internal Auditor – £250.00 Cheque 300115
- MRT/RA/87 - Clerks Salary Mth 1 & 2 – £AR Cheque 300116
- MRT/RA/88 - HMRC Mth 1 & 2 – £113.33 Cheque 300117

10.2.4 **Risk Register 2026-27**
Members reviewed the Parish Council's Risk Register for 2026/2027.
Resolved: That the amended Risk Register for 2026/2027 be approved and adopted.

10.3 **Separation of Parish Funds – Previously Dissolved Parishes**
10.3.1 **Resolved** that the arrangements for the separation of parish funds held in respect of previously dissolved

		CIL FUND RECEIVED 2025-26				
MILLINGTON & ROSTHERNE PARISH COUNCIL						
Opening Balance 22/10/2025 £13,210.2		**REMITTANCE A**	**IN**	**OUT**		**CHEQUE**
22/10/2025	Deposited		13210			
		CIL			**13210.21**	
		BALANCE			**13210.21**	
		TRANSFERRED FUNDS TO MRT PC				
ROSTHERNE PARISH COUNCIL FUND						
Opening Balance 26/09/23 £5,711.43		**REMITTANCE A**	**IN**	**OUT**		**CHEQUE**
26/09/2023	Deposited		5711			
15/03/2023	Beewoodwise - 8 x Oak Posts	MRT/RA/08		96.00	**5615.43**	300009
02/10/2023	15 x Lampost Poppies	MRT/RA/09		75.00	**5540.43**	300008
11/09/2025	New Defibrilator	MRT/RA/60		665.00	**4875.43**	300046
30/10/2025	10 x Large Lamp post Poppies	MRT/RA/66		50.00	**4825.43**	300050
		BALANCE			**4825.43**	
MILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FUND						
Opening Balance 11/07/24 £416.51						
11/07/2024	Deposited		417			
		BALANCE			**416.51**	

11. Resolution to Exclude the Public

11.1 **Resolved:** It was noted that no members of the public were present; therefore, the resolution to exclude the public was not required.

Signed: ________________________ (Chair of the Meeting)

Date: ________________________

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