

- **Present:** Councillors (Chair), D Fenton (DMF), D Flanagan (DF), B. Eastwood (BE) J Eagle (JE), D. Pennington (DP), K Sherlock (KS)
 - **Guest Attendance:** None
 - **Also Present:** Ms. S Booth (Parish Clerk)
 - **Members of Public:** 2
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Agenda Part A (Public)

1. Welcome and Confirmation of Quorum

The Chair opened the meeting at 19.05pm and welcomed Members and two members of Public

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 the following apologies 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.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Bi-Monthly Meeting – 7th July 2026

The minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting held on 7th July 2026 were considered – (P80 to P85)

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

4.1.1 **RESOLVED:** There were no matter arising from this set of minutes.

4.2 Extraordinary Meeting – Cheshire Fencing – 3rd August 2026

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 3rd August 2026 were considered – (P86)

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

4.2.1 **RESOLVED:** There were no matter arising from this set of minutes.

5. Guest Speakers and Updates

It was noted that all invited guests had been sent an invitation to attend the meeting, together with a remote meeting link.

5.2 Cheshire East Ward Councillor Update

5.2.1 Members noted that no updates had been received from Ward Cllr H Moss on the following outstanding matters:

- Grit bin.
- Damaged wall, overgrown hedges, damaged signage and overhanging branches near CAFT.
- Feedback to Cheshire East Council regarding Members' concerns over the refusal of the 20-mph speed limit request.

- The outstanding Ivy House planning query, for which the Clerk had previously forwarded the relevant correspondence.

ACTION: As no update had been received, the Clerk to write to Ms Buckley @ CEC advising that the Council considers the continued lack of communication to be unacceptable and requesting an update.

5.2.2 Cllrs feedback

- Members noted correspondence received from Ward Cllr Hague which indicated that the new development did not fall within Ward Cllr Moss's ward. Members considered that as the matter concerned a location within Rostherne and it did fall within WC Moss's ward.
ACTION: The Council agreed that their thoughts be relayed to WC Hague and that WC Moss still be kept in the correspondence.
- Members discussed ongoing concerns regarding Swantherne Drive/Mereside Road, particularly the safety of vehicles entering and leaving the development.
Members also referred to evidence held by Cllr Sherlock and requested that the highway layout and pedestrian crossing arrangements be examined.
Residents had expressed concerns that the current situation represented a potential accident risk.
ACTION: The Clerk to write to Ward Cllrs and Cheshire East Council setting out the Parish Council's concerns and requesting that the highway and pedestrian safety issues at Swantherne Drive/Mereside Road be investigated.
- Members also considered responses received through the Councils Have Your Say consultation. A recurring concern related to vehicle speeds on Rostherne Lane and within residential areas.
ACTION: The Have Your Say responses relating to highways and speeding to be forwarded to Cllr Hannah Moss by Cllr JE.
- Members discussed whether a 40-mph speed restriction, gateways or other traffic-calming measures could be considered, particularly in residential areas where there is limited street lighting.
Discussed: The purchase price of Millington SIDS was discussed (25/01/23 - £3,284.68)
- Concerns regarding cyclists using Cicely Mill Lane were also raised.
ACTION: The Clerk to write to Cheshire East Council regarding vehicle speeds on Rostherne Lane and the possibility of appropriate speed-reduction or traffic-calming measures.

5.3 Tatton Board

Members discussed matters relating to Tatton and the local area.

Ongoing - An update was requested regarding the damaged wall, overgrown vegetation, signage and branches previously raised.

5.4 Knutsford Police

No representative was present to provide an update.

Members discussed continuing concerns regarding anti-social behaviour, including youths on e-bikes, vehicles being intimidated or obstructed and incidents around the local area.

Concerns were also raised regarding activity including reports of individuals attempting to set fire to reed beds and fireworks being discharged.

ACTION: The Clerk to write to the Police setting out the Parish Council's concerns regarding e-bikes, anti-social behaviour, vehicle intimidation and the reported incidents and request a meeting to discuss the evidence and concerns.

5.5 Tatton Estates Asset Management Group

Members discussed the importance of receiving regular updates from the Tatton Estates Asset Management Group. It was agreed that representatives should be invited to future Parish Council meetings, with remote attendance available where appropriate.

ACTION: The Clerk to request a report from the Tatton Estates Asset Management Group and invite a representative to attend future meetings via Microsoft Teams, with the item to remain on future agendas.

5.6 Peaks & Plains

Cllr Flanagan provided an update. There remained no substantive response regarding the outstanding matters, including concerns relating to parking.

ACTION: The outstanding matters to continue to be pursued and an update reported to Members when further information is received.

6. Open Forum

6.1 The two members of the public present, attended to express their concerns regarding the Swantherne Road exit, as discussed earlier in the meeting. They reiterated the highway safety concerns raised by the Council. Members confirmed that these issues had been reported to the relevant authorities and that the Council would continue to pursue the matter.

Resolved: That as there were no more concerns, the Open Forum was closed at **7.55 pm**.

7. Correspondence – Highways, Planning and Other Matters

7.1 Birkenheath Lane – Cycling Incident

Members considered correspondence received regarding the cycling incident on Birkenheath Lane on 28 August 2025. It was noted that the matter had previously been raised with Cheshire East Council and that the circumstances surrounding the incident remained of concern.

ACTION: *The Clerk to respond to the correspondent confirming the information held by the Parish Council and the previous reporting of the matter.*

7.2 Swantherne Drive/Mereside Road – Highway Safety

The matter was considered under item 5.2.2 above.

7.3 Ward Councillor Correspondence – Swantherne Drive

The correspondence received from the High Legh Ward Councillor was noted. *.(Refer to item 5.2.2)*

7.4 Proposed Data Centre Development

Members discussed correspondence regarding the proposed new data centre development. Members noted the potential implications of the proposal and agreed that developments should continue to be monitored.

8. Action List – Ongoing & Completed (Arising from the Previous Minutes)

To note completed or ongoing actions detailed below.

- Obtain a further quotation for the Cheshire railings repairs. (Refer to item 9)
- Forward Christine Buckley's correspondence regarding Ivy House to Hannah Moss. (Sent 07/07/26)
- Print and post the 'Have Your Say' leaflets to Julia Eagle. (Posted to JE)
- Arrange a community litter pick approximately two weeks after the Parish Magazine has been published and notify Dom and Julie. (Sent to the Parish Magazine and date arranged for 30th August 2026 at 10.30)
- Write to Cheshire East Council's Environmental Protection Team regarding the ongoing light pollution issue at Hillmount. (Completed)
- Write to Cheshire East Council regarding the availability and transfer of any remaining CIL funding associated with Mere Parish Council. (Completed)
- Hannah Moss to raise the damaged wall, overgrown hedges, damaged signage and overhanging branches near CAFT at the next Tatton Board meeting.
- Hannah Moss to provide feedback to Cheshire East Council regarding Members' concerns over the refusal of the 20-mph speed limit request.
- Cllr Flanagan to request that the overhanging branches near CAFT are cut back.
- KS requested a list of Online Reports to CEC that he can take to Ester McVey MP (Completed and sent to KS)

9. Fencing Works Quotations and Strimmer Purchase

9.1 Members considered the quotations received for the proposed Cheshire railing works following the Extraordinary Meeting held on 3 August 2026.

The quotations and scope of the proposed works were discussed in detail. Members considered whether Westmorland Family could be approached to determine whether they might be willing to assist with improvements to the area as part of their local community involvement.

Following consideration of the quotations, Members agreed unanimously to proceed with the proposed railing works at a cost of £7,792.

RESOLVED: That the quotation of £7,792 for the Cheshire railing works be accepted and the works progressed.

ACTION: *The Clerk to contact Westmorland Family to enquire whether they would be willing to assist with improvements to the area and contribute towards the project.*

9.2 To consider and approve the purchase of a strimmer for Parish Council maintenance purposes.

RESOLVED: By full council that a strimmer is to be purchased.

10. Planning Applications

10.1 Rostherne & Tatton Ward –Planning applications for consideration - Rostherne /Tatton.

[Cheshire East | pa.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://pa.cheshireeast.gov.uk) | [Search Planning Applications](#)

- **26/3009/VOC – Tatton Motorway Service Area, Land Between Junctions 7 and 8 of the M56, WA14 3SD**
Variation of conditions 2, 14, 23, 24 and 30 on approval 25/3586/VOC: Variation of Condition 2 - approved plans, variation to wording of Conditions 26 - highway improvements and 43 - updated energy strategy for the buildings to amend trigger for discharge, and variation of Conditions 10 – badger survey, 12 – ecological management plan, 13 – Habitat creation and management, 14 – biodiversity enhancement, 20 – tree protection, 34 – bird hazard management, 40 - CEMP and 48 – archaeology to amend to compliance conditions on application 22/0872M - APP/R0660/V/24/3345318. This Section 73 application seeks changes to the Fuel Barn, the design and layout of which has been revised/rationalised to better meet the needs of future customers of the site.

Received: 04/09/26 Cllrs N/O 04/09/26

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

10.2 Planning applications for consideration – Millington

- No Planning applications for Millington have been received at the publication of this agenda.

11. Finance

11.1 Banking – Unity Trust Bank Accounts

11.1.1 Noted: That the new Unity Trust savings account (20447083) had been set up.

11.2 Banking – Unity Trust Bank Accounts

11.2.1 To note the current financial position in the Unity Trust bank accounts at the **31/08/2026**

- Unity Current Account T1 (20482255): Statements 41, 42 & 43 **£35,248.63**
- Instant Access Account (20442268): Statements 36, 37 & 38 **£6,109.26**
- Instant Access Account (20447083): Statements 2, 3 & 4 **£0.00**

11.2.2 To acknowledge and approve the receipts

- Instant Access Account (20482268): Interest **£29.56**

11.2.3 To acknowledge and approve the following payments

- MRT/RA/89– Unity Trust – £7.00 DD
- MRT/RA/90– Unity Trust – £7.00 DD
- MRT/RA/91– Unity Trust – £7.00 DD
- MRT/RA/92 – Fenton Farm Foods – £130.00 Cheque 300119
- MRT/RA/93 - Clerks Salary Mth 5 & 6 – £AR Cheque 300120
- MRT/RA/94 - HMRC Mth 5 & 6 – £113.34 Cheque 300121

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

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	CIL	13210	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	Beewoodrise - 8 x Oak Posts	MRT/PA/08	96.00	5615.43	300009	
02/10/2023	15 x Lampost Poppies	MRT/PA/09	75.00	5540.43	300008	
11/09/2025	New Defibrillator	MRT/PA/60	665.00	4875.43	300046	
30/10/2025	10 x Large Lamp post Poppies	MRT/PA/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			

12. Resolution to Exclude the Public

12.1 **Resolved:** It was noted that the members of the public had already left the meeting; therefore, the resolution to exclude the public was not required.

Signed: _____ (Chair of the Meeting)

Date: _____

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