MILLINGTON & ROSTHERNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Bimonthly Meeting
Held on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 7:00 PM
Venue: Egerton Hall, Rostherne Lane, Rostherne
Contact: clerk@millingtonandrostherne-pc.gov.uk

- **Present:** Councillors (Chair), D Fenton (DMF), Cllr H Brooks (HB), B. Eastwood (BE) D. Pennington (DP), K Sherlock (KS)
- **Guest Attendance:** None
- **Also Present:** Ms. S Booth (Parish Clerk)
- **Remote:** Ward Cllr H Moss
- **Members of Public:** 0

Agenda Part A (Public)

1. Welcome and Confirmation of Quorum
The Vice Chair opened the meeting at 7.05 pm and welcomed Members. The Chair subsequently arrived and assumed the chairmanship.

1.2 **Quorum**

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

1.3 **Apologies for Absence**

- **Resolved:** That apologies from Cllrs B Beverley (BB), D Flanagan (DF) and J Eagle (JE) be received and accepted.
- **Remote Invitations -** NOTED: Microsoft Teams invitations had been issued to WCHM, PCJM, WCKH and RT.

2. Declaration of Interest
2.1 **NOTED:** Cllr HB declared an interest in Item 4.3. No further declarations were made.
POR: The Clerk clarified that a Declaration of Interest would be recorded for any planning application connected to a serving Councillor, including where the Councillor was absent, where applicable.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings
3.1 The minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting held on 8th September 2026 were considered – (P87 to P92)
Resolved: That the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.
3.1.1 **Resolved:** There were no matter arising from this set of minutes.

4. Guest Speakers and Updates
4.1 **Cheshire East Ward Councillor** – Cllr Hannah Moss provided updates on the following matters:

- **Grit Bins:** Members were advised that grit bins were due to be delivered. Locations 2 x Millington and 5 x Rostherne were discussed.

Action: *Cllrs to update the Clerk or Cllr Moss once the grit bins have been filled.*

- **20's Plenty:** There is no update.
- **Ivy House Planning:** Members expressed continued concern regarding the lack of communication from Cheshire East Council. Cllr Moss confirmed that no substantive response had been received.
- **Planning Applications:** Members discussed the importance of Ward Councillors remaining informed of significant planning proposals affecting the parish.

Action: The Clerk to collate relevant correspondence and forward it to Cllr Moss.

- **Northern Powerhouse Rail and Airport Forum:** Members requested that these matters remain under consideration, with further updates to be provided when available.

Action: Northern Powerhouse and Bollin Trail to remain on the agenda.

4.2 **Tatton Park Board**
Members were advised that the scheduled meeting had been cancelled. No further update was available.

4.3 **Tatton Estate Asset Management Group**
HB read the report received from Tatton Estate to Members, who had also been provided with a copy of the report. Discussions included the Local Plan, community engagement, Tatton Services, Spode Green, and new members of the Tatton Estate Asset Management Group team.
Members emphasised the importance of continued communication with Tatton Estates regarding matters affecting the parish. The gate at Rostherne was also discussed, and it was noted that incidents of anti-social behaviour had reduced. DP also updated that there is fly tipping at New Hall.
POR: The Council expressed its thanks to Mr Brooks for his donation.
Action: The Clerk will submit the Councils comments regarding Spode Green Data Centre.
4.4 **Knutsford Police**
No formal police update was received.
Members discussed recent reports of anti-social behaviour, including the theft of a flag and stone ornaments at Montebello Castle and concerns regarding the passing of 13 sheep.
Members agreed that Harris fencing should be installed around all construction sites and securely closed each evening to ensure public safety & security
It was also noted that incidents of e-bike-related anti-social behaviour had reduced.
4.5 **Peaks & Plains**
Members discussed ongoing parking concerns associated with Peaks & Plains properties.
Concerns were raised regarding unsafe parking arrangements and the potential risks to children and other pedestrians.
POR: A letter has received from a resident on The Crescent
Action: The Clerk to write to Peaks & Plains requesting an update on parking arrangements and any proposed measures to address the concerns.
4.6 **Tatton Services**
Members received an update on the ongoing redevelopment of the farm buildings at the Tatton Services area.
It was reported that groundwork had been completed, and further construction works were expected to commence within approximately three weeks.
Members were advised that opportunities may arise for local suppliers and contractors to become involved in the project.

5. Open Forum
No members of the public were in attendance and no matters were raised.
5.1 **Resolved:** That as there were no more concerns, the Open Forum was closed at **7.55 pm**.

6. Action List – Ongoing and Completed
6.1 **Resolved:** That members reviewed the Action List arising from the meeting held on 8th September 2026 and the following updates were noted.

- Cheshire Railings: Members received an update on the proposed works and the revised quotation.
- Westmorland Family: Correspondence regarding a potential financial contribution towards the railings project was noted.
- Ivy House Planning: No substantive response had been received from Cheshire East Council.
- It was reported that here is a damaged tree blocking a footpath in Millington.

7. Fencing Works – Cheshire Railings
7.1 **Railings Project Update**
Members considered the latest quotation for the Cheshire railings works.

- It was reported that Jonathan Wright had provided a revised quotation of £7,360, with works expected to be undertaken during the winter.

Action: The Clerk to update James at TEAM to update him on the 2 x railings that need to be refurbished at Rostherne Corner on the English Nature side.

7.2 **Funding Contribution – Westmorland Family**
Members considered correspondence received from the Westmorland Family regarding a potential contribution towards the project.

- It was agreed that the Parish Council would proceed with the works and respond to the Westmorland Family accordingly.

Action: The Clerk to acknowledge the correspondence and confirm that the Council intended to proceed with the railings project.

8. CCTV: No further update was available.
Action: CCTV provision to remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

9. Highways, Transport, and Infrastructure
9.1 **Airport Forum** - Members discussed matters to be raised at the forthcoming Airport Forum, including local transport infrastructure and potential funding opportunities.
The availability of grants and community funding for local improvement projects was discussed with a deadline of 6th December.
Resolved: that the location of SIDS in Rostherne are to be explored.
Action: Cllrs to look into the Community Trust Funding.
9.2 **Greater Bollin Trail and Cyan Lines**
Members received an update on proposals to improve walking and cycling routes across the area.
Discussions included links between existing routes, Cheshire East Council's approach to cycling infrastructure and opportunities to improve connectivity between local communities.
Members noted that further work was being undertaken to identify potential routes and funding opportunities.
Action: Further information regarding the proposed routes and associated funding opportunities to be brought back to the Council.
9.3 **Northern Powerhouse Rail**
Members received an update on the anticipated Hybrid Bill and the potential implications for local transport and highways.
It was noted that parliamentary consideration of the proposals was expected to recommence.
Resolved: That the Parish Council's Northern Powerhouse Rail Subcommittee be reconvened to consider developments and maintain liaison with Cheshire East Council.
Action: Northern Powerhouse Rail to remain a standing agenda item.
9.4 **Millington – Parking and Traffic Management**
Members discussed ongoing parking concerns on The Crescent and the potential introduction of a one-way traffic system.
The need to consider pedestrian safety and the effect of parking on residents was highlighted.
Action: The matter to remain under review, with further information to be obtained regarding possible traffic management measures.
9.5 **Millington – Footpaths and Highway Maintenance**
Members discussed concerns regarding footpaths affected by ploughing and outstanding highway maintenance issues.
It was noted that further attention was required to ensure public rights of way remained accessible.

10. Environmental Matters
10.1 **Rostherne - Rostherne Mere**
Members discussed the management of Rostherne Mere, including environmental protection, recent fires, and the absence of a dedicated warden.
Concern was expressed regarding the impact of reduced supervision and the importance of maintaining appropriate environmental safeguards.
Members also discussed grazing arrangements and the management of vegetation around the Mere.
Action: The Clerk to write to Natural England requesting clarification of the current management arrangements and whether consideration would be given to reinstating a warden.
10.2 **Millington – Hill Mount Light Pollution**
Members noted that a substantive response remained outstanding from Cheshire East Council regarding the light pollution concerns at Hill Mount.
Action: The Clerk to pursue the matter with Cheshire East Council and request an update.

11. Planning and Local Developments
11.1 **Spode Green Data Centre**
Members received an update following the recent consultation event.
The proposed development was discussed, including its potential environmental impact, electricity requirements, construction activity, and implications for the surrounding area.

Concerns were raised regarding potential noise, effects on wildlife, the relationship with Manchester Airport and the wider environmental implications.
Members noted that further information would be required as the proposals progressed through the planning process.
Action: The Clerk to submit the Parish Council's comments to the relevant consultation contact.

12. Planning Applications

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

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Land at the Millington Estate on the West side of Chester Rd, Bucklow Hill, Knutsford
Alleged breach: The failure to comply with condition no. 1 attached to planning permission reference 20/4682M for 'Variation of conditions 1 and 2 on approved application 18/3219M - Proposed continued use of construction compound including associated access, car parking, construction vehicle storage, portacabins and other associated works.
Condition 1 states: The use hereby permitted is temporary. It shall discontinue and the land returned to agricultural use, with all existing hardstanding and structures removed from the site, on or before the 31st December 2022. The land shall be restored in accordance with the scheme of work submitted and approved by the local planning authority.
Received: 16/10/26 Cllrs N/O 16/10/26

13. Finance

13.1 **Banking – Unity Trust Bank Accounts**

To note the current financial position in the Unity Trust bank accounts at the 30**/09/2026**

- Unity Current Account T1 (20482255): Statements 44 **£11,822.53**
- Instant Access Account (20442268): Statements 39 **£6,139.29**
- Instant Access Account (20447083): Statements 5 **£26,424.65**

13.1.1 To acknowledge and approve the receipts

- Current Account T1 (20482255): Precept **£4,177.00**
- Current Account T1 (20482268): Interest **£30.08**

13.1.2 To acknowledge and approve the following payments

- MRT/RA/95– Ashley Mowers – £479.00 Online Payment
- MRT/RA/96– Unity Trust – £7.00 DD
- MRT/RA/97– PKF Littlejohn – £252.00
- MRT/RA/98 - Clerks Salary Mth 7 & 8 – £AR Cheque 300122
- MRT/RA/99 - HMRC Mth 7 & 8 – £113.34 Cheque 300123

Resolved: Unanimously, that all financial information presented to Members, including bank balances, receipts, and payments, be received, noted, and approved.

13.2 **Separation of Parish Funds – Previously Dissolved Parishes**

13.2.1 **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	

14. Other Business (for information only)

- Members discussed arrangements for a forthcoming Christmas gathering.
- Cllrs agreed that they do not want to use their .gov.uk emails

15. Resolution to Exclude the Public

15.1 **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.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at **10.00 pm**.

Signed: _____ (Chair of the Meeting)

Date: _____

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