Lower Withington Parish Council

Notice of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 26th October, 2026

Time: 7:30p.m.

Venue: Lower Withington Parish Hall



Dr. E. M. Maddock PSLCC, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.
Dated: 20th October, 2026

In order to keep councillors and other members of the public safe, please do not attend the meeting if you are feeling unwell for any reason or if you have been in contact with anyone who has Covid, flu or Covid/flu symptoms.

All attendees will be expected to respect social distancing preferences of other attendees.

Agenda

To Members of Lower Withington Parish Council,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting, as shown above, to consider and determine the following business:

1. Apologies for absence
    a. To receive and consider apologies for absence received in respect of the meeting.
2. Declarations of interest
    a. To receive declarations of interest in any items on the agenda.
3. Minutes
    a. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 28th September, 2026 as a correct record and approve signing by the Chairman.
4. Public forum for questions
    a. To receive questions from members of the public.
5. Cheshire East Ward Member: Cllr. L. Smetham
    a. To receive a report on items of interest to the Parish Council.
6. Finance
    a. To receive and consider the financial statement 2026/27 as at 26th October, 2026. (Appendix A)
    b. To note receipts listed at Appendix B.
    c. To approve the payments listed at Appendix C.
    d. To consider making a donation to the Royal British Legion.
    e. To nominate a Member (other than the Chairman or a cheque signatory) to undertake the quarterly bank reconciliation verification.

7. Planning
   a. To receive and consider recent planning decisions issued by Cheshire East Council in respect of development within the Parish and any updates relating to outstanding applications. (Appendix D)
   b. To consider the following planning applications:
      i. None.
      ii. Any applications received following issue of Agenda may be included for discussion if required.
   c. To receive and consider updates relating to the Peak Cluster proposal.
8. Highway maintenance and enhancements
   a. To consider updates relating to reported highway matters listed at Appendix E.
   b. To receive new highway maintenance matters for attention from Members.
   c. To receive, if available, quotation from Cheshire East Council for maintenance of traditional direction sign.
   d. To note the following planned road closure:
      i. A535 Macclesfield Road from Gable Manor to junction of Long Shoot Road between 23rd - 25th November, 2026 to enable works by United Utilities.
   e. To receive and consider updates relating to options to address the findings of speed monitoring survey at Trap Street.
   f. To receive and consider update relating to proposed village gateways and white lining re-fresh at Salters Lane.
   g. To consider updates and any further concerns about matters affecting A535, including
      i. speeding issues
      ii. provision of vehicle activated bend signs.
   h. To receive updates following the Cheshire Half Marathon on 13th September, 2026.
   i. To receive data from the speed indicator devices at Salters Lane. (Appendix F)
9. Assets and Parish Council Projects
   a. To receive and consider updates relating to the community newsletter.
   b. To receive and consider updates relating to the defibrillators.
   c. Remembrance 2026:
      i. To receive and consider updates relating to the Tommy silhouettes.
      ii. To receive and consider updates relating to street poppy displays.
   d. To receive and consider updates relating to the Christmas light displays 2026.
10. Correspondence
   a. To consider specific correspondence received by the Parish Council since the date of the last ordinary meeting and determine such actions as Members consider appropriate thereto:
      i. Cheshire East Council: Postponement of introduction of food waste collections until early 2027.
      ii. Cheshire Association of Local Council: Invitation to Cheshire East Council ‘Peak Cluster Pipeline Conversations’ meeting. (Date options: 03/11/26 10am; 04/11/26 2pm; 12/11/26 1pm; 13/11/26 1pm – all online sessions)
      iii. Cheshire Police: Invitation to complete residents voice form survey.

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11. Parish matters
    a. To receive a report on matters of interest/concern within the Parish from the Gawsworth Ward Policing Team.
    b. To receive and consider any updates available relating to empty properties at Jodrell Bank.
    c. To receive and consider updates relating to the future of Jodrell Bank Observatory.
    d. To receive a report from the Act of Rededication at Lower Withington Methodist Church held 10th October, 2026.
    e. To receive and consider updates relating to future heating arrangements at Lower Withington Parish Hall.
12. Parish councillor vacancies
    a. To note that the recent formal advertising of a vacancy has been completed and no formal election is required.
    b. To consider co-opting individuals to fill current vacancies (2).
13. Matters for inclusion on next/future meeting agenda
14. Dates of next meeting: Monday 30th November, 2026
15. Exclusion of public and press
    a. To consider passing a resolution under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.
    b. Matters for consideration including those transferred from above items (as required)



Dr. E. M. Maddock, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer. Dated: 20th October, 2026

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Appendix A: Financial Statements

Financial Statement – 2026/27 as at 26th October, 2026					
Actual 2025/26 £	**Details**	**2026/27 Budget £**	**Actual to Sep. 26 £**	**Agenda Oct. 26 £**	**Budget Balance £**
	Receipts				
11,499.00	Precept	12,092.00	12,092.00		0.00
0.00	Balances	3,500.00	0.00		0.00
659.35	Investment interest		233.79	61.21	0.00
0.00	Sale of assets		0.00		0.00
0.00	Grants, donations & refunds		0.00		0.00
145.96	VAT refund		202.90		1,152.28
12,304.31	**Total receipts**	**15,592.00**	**12,528.69**	**61.21**	**1,152.28**
	Payments				
4,901.04	Salary (Clerk)	5,283.00	2,511.60	515.69	2,255.71
51.90	National Insurance (Employer)	42.00	1.44	14.80	25.76
312.00	Allowances (Clerk)	337.00	0.00		337.00
190.06	Administration	300.00	0.00		300.00
0.00	Chairman/Member allowances	0.00	0.00		0.00
232.00	Audit fees (internal & external)	450.00	244.00		206.00
300.00	Insurance	350.00	300.00		50.00
1,013.67	Grants/Donations (inc. s.137)	2,650.00	0.00		2,650.00
540.00	Website	405.00	0.00		405.00
225.62	Subscriptions/affiliation fees	290.00	183.20		106.80
200.00	Room hire	325.00	0.00		325.00
0.00	Training	210.00	0.00		210.00
0.00	Professional Services	750.00	0.00		750.00
61.68	Assets – purchase	1,000.00	5,263.32	240.15	-4,503.47
231.62	Assets – maintenance	2,100.00	500.00	13.94	1,586.06
615.75	Newsletter	600.00	107.98	104.11	387.91
3,013.71	Contingency	500.00	0.00		500.00
148.10	VAT	0.00	1,101.46	50.82	
12,037.15	**Total payments**	**15,592.00**	**10,213.00**	**939.51**	**5,591.77**

Cash/Bank reconciliation	**01/04/26**	**28/09/26**	**26/10/26**	**31/03/27**
Balance B/Fwd	35,505.20	35,505.20	37,820.89	36,942.59
Add total receipts	15,592.00	12,528.69	61.21	1,152.28
Less total payments	15,592.00	10,213.00	939.51	5,591.77
Balance C/Fwd	35,505.20	37,820.89	36,942.59	32,503.10
Cumulative balances	**Balance**	**Balance**	**Balance**	**Balance**
	01/04/26	**28/09/26**	**26/10/26**	**31/03/27**
General funds	10,081.54	17,077.21	16,198.91	11,759.42
Earmarked reserves	25,423.66	20,743.68	20,743.68	20,743.68
	35,505.20	37,820.89	36,942.59	32,503.10

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Cash/Bank Reconciliation as at 26th October, 2026

Cash

Balance brought forward 01/04/26				
Current Account		1,943.24		
Business Reserve Account		6,651.47		
Liquidity Manager Account		26,910.49		
		35,505.20		
Plus receipts		12,589.90		
Less payments		11,152.51		
Balance carried forward 26/10/26:		36,942.59		

Bank (NatWest)

Current Account		5,872.95		05/10/26
Add receipts/transfer since above statement				
	0.00			
		0.00		
Less unpresented cheques				
2026/27	-951.92			
For approval	-939.51			
Less payment already made	104.11			
		-1,787.32		
			4,085.63	26/10/26
Business Reserve Account		5,678.22		05/10/26
Add receipts/transfer since above statement				
	0.00			
		0.00		
Less unpresented cheques				
	0.00			
		0.00		
			5,678.22	26/10/26
Liquidity Manager Account		27,178.74		05/10/26
Add receipts/transfer since above statement				
	0.00			
		0.00		
Less unpresented cheques				
	0.00			
		0.00		
			27,178.74	26/10/26
Total bank balances 26/10/26			36,942.59	

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Appendix B: Receipts

NatWest Bank plc	£4.58	Gross interest: July 2026 (BR)
NatWest Bank plc	£3.70	Gross interest: Aug. 2026 (BR)
NatWest Bank plc	£4.36	Gross interest: Sep. 2026 (BR)
NatWest Bank plc	£48.57	Gross interest: Sep. 2026 (LM)

Appendix C: Payments for approval

Cheque No 000663	P. Chrisp	£104.11	Newsletter printing [A]
Cheque No 000664	E. M. Maddock	£717.40	Salary: Oct. 26, backpay and expenses [B]
Direct Debit	HM Revenue & Customs	£118.00	PAYE payment [C]
Cheque No 000665	Royal British Legion	£TBC	Donation [D]

[A] Localism Act 2011 s.1 [Local Government Act 1972 s.142]
[B] Localism Act 2011 s.1 [Local Government Act 1972 s.112, Local Government Act 1972 s.111]
[C] Localism Act 2011 s.1 [Local Government Act 1972 s.111 - The Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) Regulations 2003 s.67G]
[D] Localism Act 2011 s.1 [Local Government Act 1972 s137]

Appendix D: Planning applications

(a) Recent planning decisions

None.

(b) Outstanding applications

26/0983/DSC	Welltrough Hall Farm, Lower Withington. SK11 9EF Discharge of conditions on approval 25/2477/FUL - The proposed development is to apply for 7 extra hard standing pitches connected to existing touring caravan site and to use existing toilet/shower block. This application is to replace existing glamping pods on the site.
26/1259/HOUS	Farmgate Cottage, Farm Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9DU The creation of a front dormer (to match the other dormer at the front of the house) and create a new master bedroom suite and also introduce a rear facing cottage window to match the first floor window arrangements at the rear of the property.
26/1649/HOUS	Lapwing Cottage, Lapwing Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9AD Two storey rear extension.
26/2075/CLEUD	Willow Lawn Farm, Salters Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9LR Certificate of lawful development to establish the lawfulness of the use of Willow Cottage as a residential annexe ancillary to Willow Lawn Farm, on the basis that the use has been continuous for exceeding ten years and is therefore immune from enforcement action. The accommodation comprises sleeping accommodation together with kitchen facilities, shower, and toilet facilities, enabling occupation as a self-contained residential unit.

26/2199/FUL	Dingle Bank Farm, Holmes Chapel Road, Lower Withington. SK11 9DP Erection of a replacement stock shed.
26/2661/DSC	University of Manchester, Jodrell Bank Observatory, Bomish Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9DL Discharge of Conditions 4 (Biodiversity Gain Plan) and 5 (30 year Habitat Management Plan) on approval 25/4131/FUL.
26/2908/DSC	Land north of Congleton Lane and South of Mallerstang, Congleton Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9LD Discharge of conditions 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 16 on 23/2794M Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with detached garage, re-routing of driveway and associated hard and soft landscaping.

Appendix E: Updates on reported highway matters

Outstanding issues:

a. Cats eyes not replaced on A535 during resurfacing work (near junction with Long Shoot Road)
   Update: “Will be fulfilled by planned works.” [Re-reported]

b. Lighting at Thorntree Bungalows not working
   Update: Repair work scheduled for 5th November, 2026.

c. Broken stile and footbridge on Lower Withington FP3
   Update: Cheshire East Council arranging for repair work to be undertaken.

Defects for which a repair has been scheduled by Cheshire East Council:

- Pothole outside Beechtree Cottage, Long Shoot Road
- Pothole between Beechtree Cottage and Yew Tree Farm, Long Shoot Road
- Pothole opposite entrance to Ashley Waller Auctioneers, Long Shoot Road
- Pothole at Long Shoot Road, near to junction with Holmes Chapel Road
- Chevrons detached from posts at junction of Long Shoot Road with Holmes Chapel Road
- Pothole outside Bodkin Hall, Chapel Lane

Completed jobs:

- Speed limit sign leaning at junction of Catchpenny Lane with Holmes Chapel Road
- Pothole to the north of Tithe Barn Farm, Chapel Lane

Signage which has been reported for repair:

- Broken sign along A535 (near to The Old Cheshire Hunt).
- Broken sign along A535 (junction warning sign), north of junction with Catchpenny Lane.
- Uprooted street sign (Longshoot Road), at junction of Longshoot Road with A535.

Note: Cheshire East Council advise that non-emergency sign repairs are not currently being progressed due to lack of available budget.

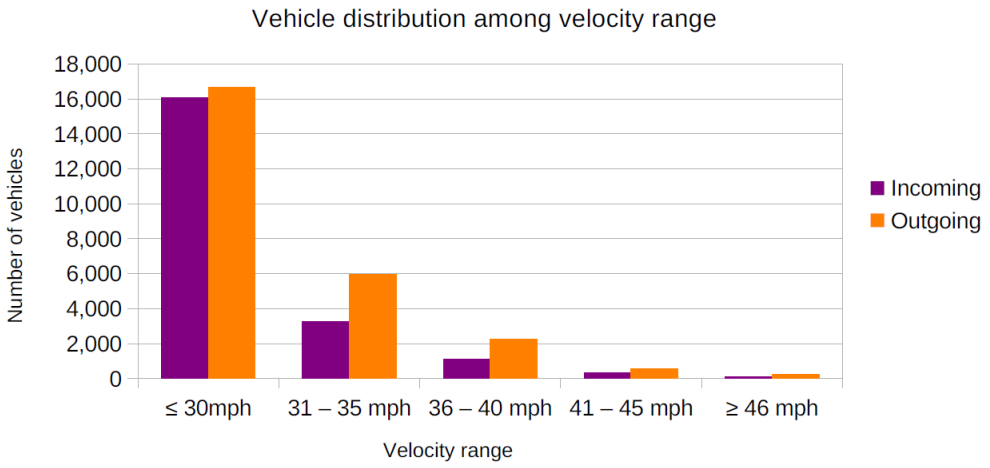
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Appendix F: Speed Indicator Device data

Speed Indicator Device Data: Lower Withington

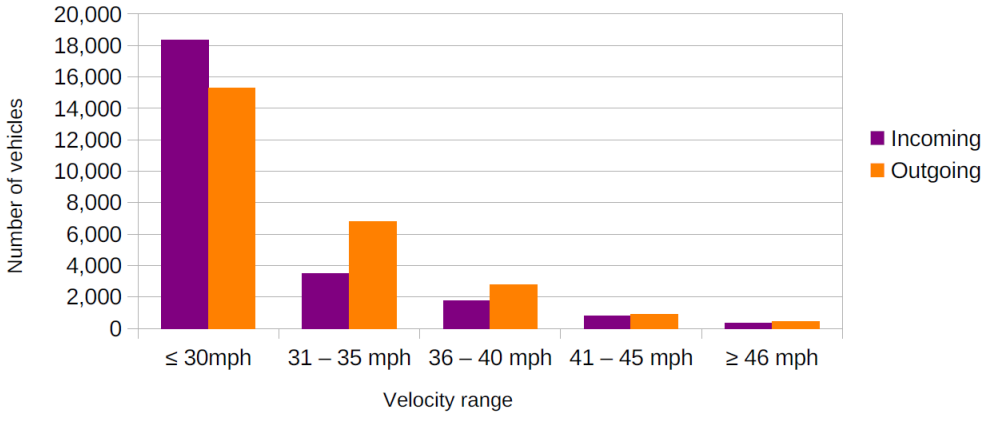
Period: 21st September, 2026 - 20th October, 2026

Location: Telephone exchange, Salters Lane



85th Percentile Speed (incoming)	Maximum speed (incoming)	Maximum speed (outgoing)	No. of vehicles (incoming)	No. of vehicles (outgoing)
32 mph	**57 mph**	**63 mph**	**20,923**	**25,704**

Location: Dicklow Cob



85th Percentile Speed (incoming)	Maximum speed (incoming)	Maximum speed (outgoing)	No. of vehicles (incoming)	No. of vehicles (outgoing)
33 mph	**70 mph**	**71 mph**	**24,657**	**26,194**