LOWER WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held

Monday 25th November, 2024 at 7:30p.m.

at Lower Withington Parish Hall

Present Councillors P. Duffy (Chairman), A. Brocklehurst, P. Chrisp, C. Hamilton, H. Lewis.
Members of the public (0).
Cheshire East Ward Member: Cllr. L. Smetham.
Dr. E. M. Maddock – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

1. Apologies for absence:
Councillor J. Blackburn – Personal reason.
Councillor J. Bradley – Personal reason.

255/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and approve the apologies for absence. (All in favour)

2. Declarations of interest:
Items 6(d) & (g) – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

256/24 RESOLVED (a) To note the declaration of interest. (All in favour)

3. Minutes

(a) The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 28th October, 2024 had been previously circulated to all Members.

257/24 RESOLVED (a) That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 28th October, 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (All in favour)

4. Public forum for questions – It was reported that representations had been received from a resident regarding traffic along Trap Street. It had been requested that the Parish Council give consideration to a number of traffic calming measures for this location.

258/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the representations.
(b) That the submitted suggestions be included within the next meeting agenda for consideration. (All in favour)

5. Cheshire East Ward Member Cllr. L. Smetham – Borough Councillor L. Smetham reported that Cheshire East Council continues to experience financial challenges. All committees are reviewing opportunities to make possible savings. There are several flooding issues across the Borough. Changes to car parking charges are due to be implemented at the beginning of December 2024. There is currently a proposal being explored to recharge Parish Councils for costs associated with the administration of all-out Parish elections.

259/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the report from Borough Councillor L. Smetham. (All in favour)

6. Finance

(a) Financial Statement 2024/25 as at 25th November, 2024 – Members considered the financial statement 2024/25 which was unanimously accepted. (Appendix A)

(b) Receipts – The Chairman noted the receipts since the last meeting. (Appendix B)

(c) Payments – The Chairman outlined the payments listed at Appendix C.

260/24 RESOLVED (a) That the Statement of Account as at 25th November, 2024 be received and the Chairman's observations duly noted. (Appendix A)
(b) That the report on receipts at Appendix B be received and duly noted.

(c) That the schedule of payments listed at Appendix C be approved. (All in favour)

(d) Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25 – It was reported that the updated salary scales for 2024/25 had now been issued.

261/24 RESOLVED (a) That the new salary scales be received and adopted. (All in favour)

(e) Internal Auditor 2024/25 – The Clerk reported that it was necessary to appoint an Internal Auditor for the 2024/25 financial year. Members considered the service provided during the 2023/24 audit and considered that it was satisfactory.

262/24 RESOLVED (a) That JDH Business Services Ltd. be appointed as Internal Auditor for the 2024/25 financial year. (All in favour)

(f) Financial Risk Assessment – Members considered the Financial Risk Assessment 2024/25. (Appendix D)

263/24 RESOLVED (a) That the Financial Risk Assessment 2024/25 be approved as presented at Appendix D. (All in favour)

(g) Budget 2025/26

i. Revised budget 2024/25 – Members considered the revised budget 2024/25.

ii. Draft budget 2025/26 – Members considered the draft budget 2025/26.

iii. Precept requirements for 2025/26 – Members considered the precept requirements for 2025/26.

264/24 RESOLVED (a) That the revised budget 2024/25 be approved as presented. (Appendix E)
(b) That the draft budget 2025/26 be approved as presented. (Appendix E)
(c) That approval be given for the Clerk's salary to be increased by one salary increment with effect from 1st April, 2025.
(d) That a precept demand in the sum of £11,499 be submitted to Cheshire East Council. (All in favour)

7. Planning Applications

(a) Recent planning decisions – Members noted that no planning decisions had been issued by Cheshire East Council in respect of development within the Parish since the last meeting. (Appendix F)

(b) Planning applications

i. None.

265/24 RESOLVED (a) To note that no planning applications had been received. (All in favour)

ii. Further applications received following issue of agenda: None.

266/24 RESOLVED (a) To note the update. (All in favour)

8. 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. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Consultation on enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings.

267/24 RESOLVED (a) That no response be submitted to the consultation.

(All in favour)

ii. Cheshire East Council: Update regarding new planning portal system.

268/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the information. (All in favour)

iii. Manchester Airport: Community Flyer (newsletter).

269/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the information. (All in favour)

iv. Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service: Annual Report 2023-2024.

270/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the information. (All in favour)

v. Cheshire East Council: Information relating to the new 16-19 bus saver card.

271/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the information. (All in favour)

vi. Cheshire East Council: Update regarding implementation of new car parking charges.

272/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the information. (All in favour)

vii. Cheshire East Council: Changes to bin collections over the festive period.

273/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the information. (All in favour)

9. Highway maintenance and enhancements

(a) Updates on highway matters – Members noted the updates listed at Appendix G.

274/24 RESOLVED (a) That the Clerk continue to pursue updates in respect of outstanding highway matters. (All in favour)

(b) Highway matters for attention – It was reported that several signs at the junction of Longshoot Road and A535 had been knocked over. It was also reported that out of date advertising signs were still displayed on the railings opposite the junction of Longshoot Road and A535. It was noted that the junction warning sign on A535 to the north of Catchpenny Lane had been knocked over. A chevron at the junction of A535 with Bomish Lane had also been knocked over. It was suggested that a grit bin should be requested for Longshoot Road given difficulties experienced by drivers during recent icy weather.

275/24 RESOLVED (a) That the Clerk report the above defects to Cheshire East Council for attention. (All in favour)

(c) Upgrade to Lower Withington Footpath 5 – It was reported that a response from the landowner had now been received. Members considered the points raised by the landowner.

276/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update.
(b) That the Clerk contact Cheshire East Council to provide an update on the current position regarding the proposed upgrades. (All in favour)

10. Meetings of External Organisations

(a) Jodrell Bank Observatory World Heritage Site Steering Group – There was nothing to report.

(b) Manchester Airport Town and Parish Council Forum (30/10/24) – It was reported that the meeting had provided an overview of recent activities at the airport. It was also reported that delays to progress with the airspace review at Manchester Airport had arisen following the grouping of airports into clusters which must all complete a particular stage before being able to move on.

(c) Cheshire East Council Town and Parish Council Network meeting (19/11/24) – It was reported that further information had been provided regarding the financial challenges at Cheshire East Council. Notification had been provided that costs

relating to future 'all out' elections would be recharged to Town and Parish Councils (no information relating to the charges was available). Work is ongoing to review health and wellbeing outcomes across the borough and to identify opportunities to address issues.

277/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the reports. (All in favour)

11. Parish Matters

(a) Gawsworth Ward Policing Team – It was reported that the latest crime report had not yet been received.

278/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

(b) Community Newsletter – It was reported that the latest newsletter had now been delivered to residents. The next newsletter would be issued in the spring.

279/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the report. (All in favour)

(c) Christmas Lights 2024

i. Christmas Tree: Members noted that the Christmas tree had been planted and decorated with the battery powered lights.

ii. Christmas lighting on the Lower Withington Parish Hall building: It was reported that it was necessary to secure alternative arrangements for the installation of the lighting.

iii. External electricity supply: Members considered an estimate, provided by Lower Withington Parish Hall, for the installation of external electricity points. It was considered that these would have benefits for other events during the year.

280/24 RESOLVED (a) To note the update relating to the Christmas tree and to thank the volunteers who planted and decorated the tree.
(b) That Councillor P. Duffy make enquiries regarding available options for installing the lights to the Lower Withington Parish Hall building.
(c) That approval be given, in principle, to making a financial contribution towards the cost of installing external electricity points at Lower Withington Parish Council. (All in favour)

12. Parish Councillor Vacancy – No expressions of interest had been received.

281/24 RESOLVED (a) To receive and note the update. (All in favour)

13. Matters for inclusion on next/future meeting agenda

(a) Updates relating to proposal to install village gateways.

(b) Concerns regarding running and cycling events on local highways.

(c) Concerns regarding motorbike and car racing along A535.

(d) Planting of fruit trees at Dicklow Cob Village Green.

(e) Updates relating to empty properties at Jodrell Bank.

(f) Boundary treatment at Dicklow Cob Village Green.

(g) Consideration of speed review criteria in respect of A535, Salters Lane and Trap Street.

14. Date of next meeting: Monday 27th January, 2025 at 7:30p.m.

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.

282/24 RESOLVED **(a) That a resolution to exclude the public and press from the following item of business on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information is not required as there are no items to discuss. (All in favour)**

15. Matters for consideration including those transferred from above items – None.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 8:22p.m.

Signed:..... Date: 27th January, 2025

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APPENDIX A

Financial Statement – 2024/25 as at 25th November, 2024					
Actual 2023/24 £	**Details**	**2024/25 Budget £**	**Actual to Oct. 24 £**	**Agenda Nov. 24 £**	**Budget Balance £**
	Receipts				
10,892.00	Precept	11,142.00	11,142.00		0.00
0.00	Balances	3,000.00	0.00		0.00
228.09	Investment interest		562.91	67.95	0.00
0.00	Sale of assets		0.00		0.00
500.00	Grants, donations & refunds		0.00		0.00
519.96	VAT refund		0.00		114.67
12,140.05	**Total receipts**	**14,142.00**	**11,704.91**	**67.95**	**114.67**
	Payments				
4,334.22	Salary (Clerk)	4,722.00	2,602.60	481.00	1,638.40
0.00	National Insurance (Employer)	0.00	0.00		0.00
300.00	Allowances (Clerk)	350.00	0.00		350.00
136.41	Administration	300.00	0.00		300.00
0.00	Chairman/Member allowances	0.00	0.00		0.00
185.00	Audit fees (internal & external)	200.00	220.00		-20.00
300.00	Insurance	350.00	300.00		50.00
2,114.96	Grants/Donations (inc. s.137)	2,600.00	0.00		2,600.00
345.00	Website	345.00	230.00		115.00
201.50	Subscriptions/affiliation fees	290.00	174.04		115.96
190.00	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
35.98	Assets – purchase	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
9.99	Assets – maintenance	1,600.00	348.33		1,251.67
771.49	Newsletter	600.00	293.88	146.94	159.18
0.00	Contingency	500.00	500.00	60.18	-60.18
95.75	VAT		114.67		
9,020.30	**Total payments**	**14,142.00**	**4,783.52**	**688.12**	**8,785.03**

Cash/Bank reconciliation	**01/04/24**	**28/10/24**	**25/11/24**	**31/03/25**
Balance B/Fwd	34,515.57	34,515.57	41,436.96	40,816.79
Add total receipts	14,142.00	11,704.91	67.95	114.67
Less total payments	14,142.00	4,783.52	688.12	8,785.03
Balance C/Fwd	34,515.57	41,436.96	40,816.79	32,146.43
Cumulative balances	**Balance**	**Balance**	**Balance**	**Balance**
	01/04/24	**28/10/24**	**25/11/24**	**31/03/25**
General funds	8,091.91	15,013.30	17,393.13	8,722.77
Earmarked reserves	26,423.66	26,423.66	23,423.66	23,423.66
	34,515.57	41,436.96	40,816.79	32,146.43

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Cash/Bank Reconciliation as at 25th November, 2024

Cash				
Balance brought forward 01/04/24				
Current Account		2,500.00		
Business Reserve Account		6,492.38		
Liquidity Manager Account		25,523.19		
		34,515.57		
Plus receipts		11,772.86		
Less payments		5,471.64		
Balance carried forward 25/11/24:		40,816.79		
Bank (NatWest)				
Current Account		10,639.63		04/10/24
Add receipts/transfer since above statement				
	0.00			
		0.00		
Less unpresented cheques				
Approved	-1,685.40			
For approval	-688.12			
		-2,373.52		
			8,266.11	25/11/24
Business Reserve Account		6,540.50		04/10/24
Add receipts/transfer since above statement				
	0.00			
		0.00		
Less unpresented cheques				
	0.00			
		0.00		
			6,540.50	25/11/24
Liquidity Manager Account		26,010.18		05/11/24
Add receipts/transfer since above statement				
	0.00			
		0.00		
Less unpresented cheques				
	0.00			
		0.00		
			26,010.18	25/11/24
Total bank balances 25/11/24			40,816.79	

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APPENDIX B

Receipts

NatWest Bank plc	£67.95	Gross interest – October 2024 (LM)

APPENDIX C

Payments for approval

Cheque No 000601	E. M. Maddock	£384.80	Salary: November 2024 and backpay (Apr – Oct 2024)
Cheque No 000602	HM Revenue & Customs	£96.20	PAYE payment
Cheque No 000603	M. Blackburn	£60.18	Purchase of plants
Cheque No 000604	P. Chrisp	£146.94	Newsletter printing (Nov. 2024)

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APPENDIX D

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FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT - 2024/25

Subject	Risk(s) Identified	H/M/L	Management/Control of Risk	Review/Assess/Revise
Business continuity	Risk of Council not being able to continue its business due to an unexpected or tragic circumstance.	L	In the event of the Clerk being indisposed the Chairman (or other nominated Member) may perform the necessary duties.	Existing procedure adequate. Review when necessary.
	Loss of paper/electronic records.	M	Files and records kept at the Clerk's home. Regular backup of electronic files is made. Paper documents stored in metal filing cabinets. Approved Minutes scanned. Electronic minutes published on website.	Existing procedure adequate.
Precept	Adequacy of precept for Council to carry out its Statutory duties.	M	Budgetary Control statement presented to Council at each meeting.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Requirements not submitted to CEC.	L	Full Minute - RFO to follow up.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Amount not received from CEC.	L	RFO to confirm receipt and Minute at next Meeting of Council.	Existing procedure adequate.
Financial records	Inadequate records.	L	Financial Regulations specify requirements of Council.	Existing procedure adequate. Review Financial Regulations 2025.
	Financial irregularities.	L	Internal Audit of accounts by competent, independent person. Periodic financial reports are presented to Council. Cheque signatories are separate from person raising the cheque.	Existing procedure adequate. Review bank signatories when change of Councillors/circumstances.
Bank and banking	Inadequate checks.	L	Bank reconciliation produced at each meeting.	Existing procedure adequate. Review Financial Regulations 2025.
	Bank mistakes.	L	RFO check all bank statements against Council records and query errors immediately.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Loss.	L	RFO check all bank statements against Council records and query inconsistencies immediately.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Charges.	L	RFO check adequate funds prior to issuing cheques. RFO challenge charges where errors made by bank.	Existing procedure adequate.
Cash	Loss through theft or dishonesty.	L	Cash handling is not encouraged but where cash received - banked within 7 days.	Existing procedure adequate.
Reserves - General	Adequacy.	L	Consider at Budget setting.	Existing procedure adequate.
Reserves - Earmarked	Adequacy.	L	Consider at Budget and review of final accounts.	Existing procedure adequate.

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Subject	Risk(s) Identified	H/M/L	Management/Control of Risk	Review/Assess/Revise
Reporting and auditing	Information communication.	L	A monitoring statement is produced regularly before each Council meeting and approved at the meeting. This statement includes bank reconciliation and budget update.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Compliance.	L	An independent internal auditor has been appointed. Annual reports detailing compliance with audit regulations are presented to Council.	Existing procedure adequate.
Direct costs & overhead expenses	Goods not supplied but billed.	L	Procurement undertaken in accordance with best practice guidance. RFO to follow up on all orders.	Existing procedure adequate. Review Financial Regulations 2025.
	Invoice incorrectly calculated or recorded.	L	RFO to check arithmetic on all invoices and perform regular bank reconciliations.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Cheque payable incorrect (excessive or to wrong party).	L	Signatories initial Stub and Voucher to confirm accuracy.	Existing procedure adequate.
Salaries and associated costs.	Salary paid incorrectly.	M	Check salary to Minute, check hours and rate to contract. Salary analysis is detailed on the payment vouchers issued.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Wrong deduction of NI and Tax.	M	NI and Tax deductions are calculated using the HMRC PAYE RTI System which is regularly updated. Check PAYE calculations.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Unpaid Tax and NI contributions to Inland Revenue.	L	Payments are made to HMRC by cheque and detailed in the financial statements presented to Council.	Existing procedure adequate.
Employees.	Loss of clerk.	L	Hours, health, stress, training, long term sick, early departure - risk monitored and managed as appropriate.	Existing procedure adequate. Review annually.
	Fraud by employee.	L	Fidelity Guarantee value reviewed annually and insurance cover arranged.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Actions taken by staff.	L	Relevant training, resources and access to professional advice made available to Clerk.	Existing procedure adequate.
VAT	VAT analysis.	L	All items analysed in cash book. Analysis presented to Council at each meeting.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Claimed within time limits.	L	VAT reclaim submitted annually at year end.	Existing procedure adequate.
Legal powers	Illegal activity or payments.	M	All activity and payments within the powers of the Parish Council to be resolved and minuted at Parish Council Meetings. Relevant procedures set out in Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.	Existing procedure adequate. Review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations 2025.

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Subject	Risk(s) Identified	H/M/L	Management/Control of Risk	Review/Assess/Revise
Supplier (procurement) fraud	Loss through supplier fraud	L	Training for staff to alert them to potential risks of providing sensitive company information, by telephone or other means, especially contract and account information. All supplier detail changes to be verified using contact details held by Parish Council. Periodic review of supplier accounts to remove any dormant accounts. Periodic review of supplier address and financial health details with Companies House. Review insurance provision.	Review training needs 2025. Existing procedure adequate. Existing procedure adequate. Existing procedure adequate. Review 2025.

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APPENDIX E

Revised budget 2024/25 and draft budget 2025/26

		Projected 24/25 & **Budget 2025/26**	Variances 21/25	Balance as at 25/11/24
Clerk's Salary				
2024/25	Salary based upon 5 hrs. per week	1,487	0	
	NJC Salary Award	55	96	
		1,542	96	1,638
2025/26	Salary based upon 5 hrs. per week	4,462		
	Annual Review - Contract Clause 9.2 (w.e.f. 01/04/25)	122		
	Contingency for NJC Salary Award.	260		
		4,844		
National Insurance (Employer)				
2024/25	4 months (Dec 24 - Mar 25) (on basic salary)	0	0	
		0	0	0
2025/26	Based on basic salary	0		
		0		
Allowances (Clerk)				
2024/25	Accommodation Allowance	325	0	
	Contingency for review	25	0	
		350	0	350
2025/26	Accommodation Allowance	325		
	Contingency for review	25		
		350		
Chairman/Member Allowances				
2024/25	Member Allowances - Dec 24 - Mar 25	0	0	
		0	0	0
2025/26	Member Allowances	0		
		0		
Administration				
2024/25	Stationery & General Office Supplies	85	0	
	Postages	55	0	
	Computer Consumables	70	0	
	Mileage	90	0	
		300	**0**	300
2025/26	Stationery & General Office Supplies	85		
	Postages	55		
	Computer Consumables	70		
	Mileage	90		
		300		
Audit Fees				
2024/25	External Audit Fees 2023/24	0	0	
	Internal Audit Fees 2023/24	0	-20	
		0	-20	-20
2025/26	External Audit Fees 2024/25	210		
	Internal Audit Fees 2024/25	230		
		440		

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		Projected 24/25 & **Budget 2025/26**	Variances 21/25	Balance as at 25/11/24
Insurance				
2024/25	Renewal (June 2024)	0	50	
		0	50	50
2025/26	Premium (June 2025)	350		
		350		
Section 137 Donations				
2024/25	Provision	200	0	
		200	0	200
2025/26	Provision	200		
		200		
Website				
2024/25	Web domain (due March 2025)	15	0	
	Email forwarding (due April 2024)	0	0	
	Hosting Fee (2025/26)	0	0	
	Contingency	0	100	
		15	100	115
2025/26	Web domain (due March 2026)	15		
	Email forwarding (due April 2025)	5		
	Hosting Fee (2026/27)	225		
	Contingency	100		
		345		
Subscriptions/Affiliation/Registration Fees				
2024/25	ChALC	0	11	
	Data Protection Registration	55	0	
	Provision (e.g. CCA, CPRE)	0	50	
		55	61	116
2025/26	ChALC	180		
	Data Protection Registration	55		
	Provision (e.g. CCA, CPRE, Open Spaces Society)	50		
		285		
Room Hire				
2024/25	Ordinary Parish Council Meetings (10) [2024]	250	0	
	Contingency	75	0	
		325	0	325
2025/26	Ordinary Parish Council Meetings (10) [2025]	250		
	Contingency	75		
		325		
Training				
2024/25	Training Provision - Members & Clerk	210	0	
		210	0	210
2025/26	Training Provision - Members & Clerk	210		
		210		

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		Projected 24/25 & **Budget 2025/26**	Variances 21/25	Balance as at 25/11/24
Professional Services				
2024/25	Provision	750	0	
		750	0	750
2025/26	Provision	750		
		750		
Asset/Village - Maintenance				
2024/25	Maintenance of Parish Council Assets	870	0	
	Maintenance of carved owl	230	0	
	Maintenance / Services - SIDs	300	0	
	Maintenance / Ongoing costs – Defibrillators	60	-208	
		1,460	-208	1,252
2025/26	Maintenance of Parish Council Assets	870		
	Maintenance of carved owl	230		
	Maintenance / Services - SIDs	500		
	Maintenance / Ongoing costs – Defibrillators	500		
		2,100		
Asset - Purchase				
2024/25	Provision	1,000	0	
		1,000	0	1,000
2025/26	Provision	1,000		
		1,000		
Grants				
2024/25	Local organisations	3,000	-1,000	
	Lower Withington Pensioner's Lunch	400	0	
		3,400	-1,000	2,400
2025/26	Local organisations	2,000		
	Lower Withington Pensioner's Lunch	400		
		2,400		
Newsletter				
2024/25	Printing	147	12	
		147	12	159
2025/26	Printing	600		
		600		
Other				
2024/25	Contingency provision	0	-60	
		0	-60	-60
2025/26	Contingency provision	500		
		500		
	2024/25 Expenditure Projection and Variance Totals	9,754	-969	8,785
	2025/26 Draft Budget Expenditure Total	**14,999**		
	Less savings 2024/25	**0**		
	Less funds from general reserves	**-3,500**		
	Gross Precept Requirement 2025/26	**11,499**		

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Analysis of funds

01/04/24	Balance brought forward	34,515.57	
	Less payments (actual)	-5,471.64	
	Plus receipts (actual)	11,772.86	
	Less payments (projected)	-9,754.00	
	Plus receipts (projected) (VAT)	114.67	
			31,177.46
	Less Earmarked Reserves:		
	Democratic Services Fund	-5,000.00	
	Transparency Code Grant	-118.00	
	Dicklow Cob Pathway Project Grant	-2,205.66	
	Footbridge upgrade fund	-600.00	
	Highway Safety Schemes Fund	-5,000.00	
	Village gateway fund	-7,500.00	
	Local Organisation Investment Fund	-5,000.00	
			-25,423.66
31/03/25	General funds carried forward		5,753.80

Tax Base 2025/26 (Band D) and Precept impact on Property Bands

	2024/25				2025/26		
Band	**Ratio**	**Tax Base**	**£**	**Band**	**Ratio**	**Tax Base**	**£**
A	6/9		23.01	A	6/9		23.27
B	7/9		26.85	B	7/9		27.15
C	8/9		30.68	C	8/9		31.03
D	9/9	322.78	34.52	D	9/9	329.45	34.90
E	11/9		42.19	E	11/9		42.66
F	13/9		49.86	F	13/9		50.42
G	15/9		57.53	G	15/9		58.17
H	18/9		69.04	H	18/9		69.81
	Precept	£11,142			Precept	£11,499	

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APPENDIX F

(a) Recent planning decisions - None

(b) Outstanding planning applications

24/1216M Oaklyn, Lapwing Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9AD
Side/rear and first-floor extensions which have already been approved or deemed lawful with a pitched roof to the single storey extension and closing of two gaps between approved extensions.
DECISION STATUS – Undecided

24/1905M Oaklyn, Lapwing Lane, Lower Withington. SK11 9AD
Demolition and relocation of annexe outbuilding.
DECISION STATUS – Undecided

24/2965M Holly Tree Farm, Holmes Chapel Road, Lower Withington. SK11 9DT
Erection of a free range egg laying unit.
DECISION STATUS – Undecided

24/3076M The Cottage, Macclesfield Road, Jodrell Bank. CW4 8BU
Extension in the footprint of the existing cottage at the sides and also at the rear and refurbishment of the existing cottage.
DECISION STATUS – Undecided

24/3271M Land at Pitt Lane, Lower Withington.
Proposed demolition of a two storey former agricultural building (now in hotel use (C1)) and replace it with a new farmhouse and garage.
DECISION STATUS – Undecided

APPENDIX G

Updates on reported highway matters

a. Dislodged coping stone and fallen tree on bridge at Catchpenny Lane.
Update: “Unfortunately funds have been really tight this year [2023/24], however this will be prioritised in the new year, for replacement.”

b. Holes in road at junction of Whisterfield Lane and Chapel Lane.
Update: “Unfortunately no available resource at the moment, we will only repair actionable defects collected by our routine safety inspectors.”

c. Broken sign along A535 (near to The Old Cheshire Hunt).
Update: A job has been raised for the sign to be repaired. (No timescale provided)

d. Proposal for double white lines on A535 near to junction with Catchpenny Lane.
Update: Linked to review of A535.

e. Broken post on Parish boundary sign at Salters Lane.
Update: Order placed for replacement post and remounting of sign.

f. Blocked drains/gullies at Trap Street.
Update: “This is still in the system to be checked by our Drainage Team, we are currently working to get through a large back log of drainage and flooding enquiries due to recent weather events. You should receive the system notification when it has been actioned.”

g. Overgrown hedge at Congleton Lane.
Update: Hedge cutting complete.