TABLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting
Held on Monday 12th January 2025 at 7:30 PM
Venue: Mere & Tabley Community Club
Contact: clerk@tableyparishcouncil.co.uk

- **Present:** Councillors (Chair), H. Gurney-Smith (HGS), S. Carson (SC), S Wharfe (SW), N Wythenshawe,
- D Bailey (DB), K Newport (KN) & Cllr T Jackson
- **Also Present:** Ms. S Booth (Parish Clerk) & 1 MOP

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1. Chair to open the meeting and accept apologies.

- **Resolved** that the Chair opened the meeting at 19:30

1.1 **Apologies**

- Cllr A. Greenway (AG) – Annual Leave
- Cllr B Hartley (Mayoral commitments)

1.1.1 **Resolved** that the following apologies were received and accepted.

2. Declaration of Interest

- **Resolved:** No declarations of interest were made.

3. Action List

3.1 The Parish Clerk provided an update on actions arising from the previous meeting (September 2025):

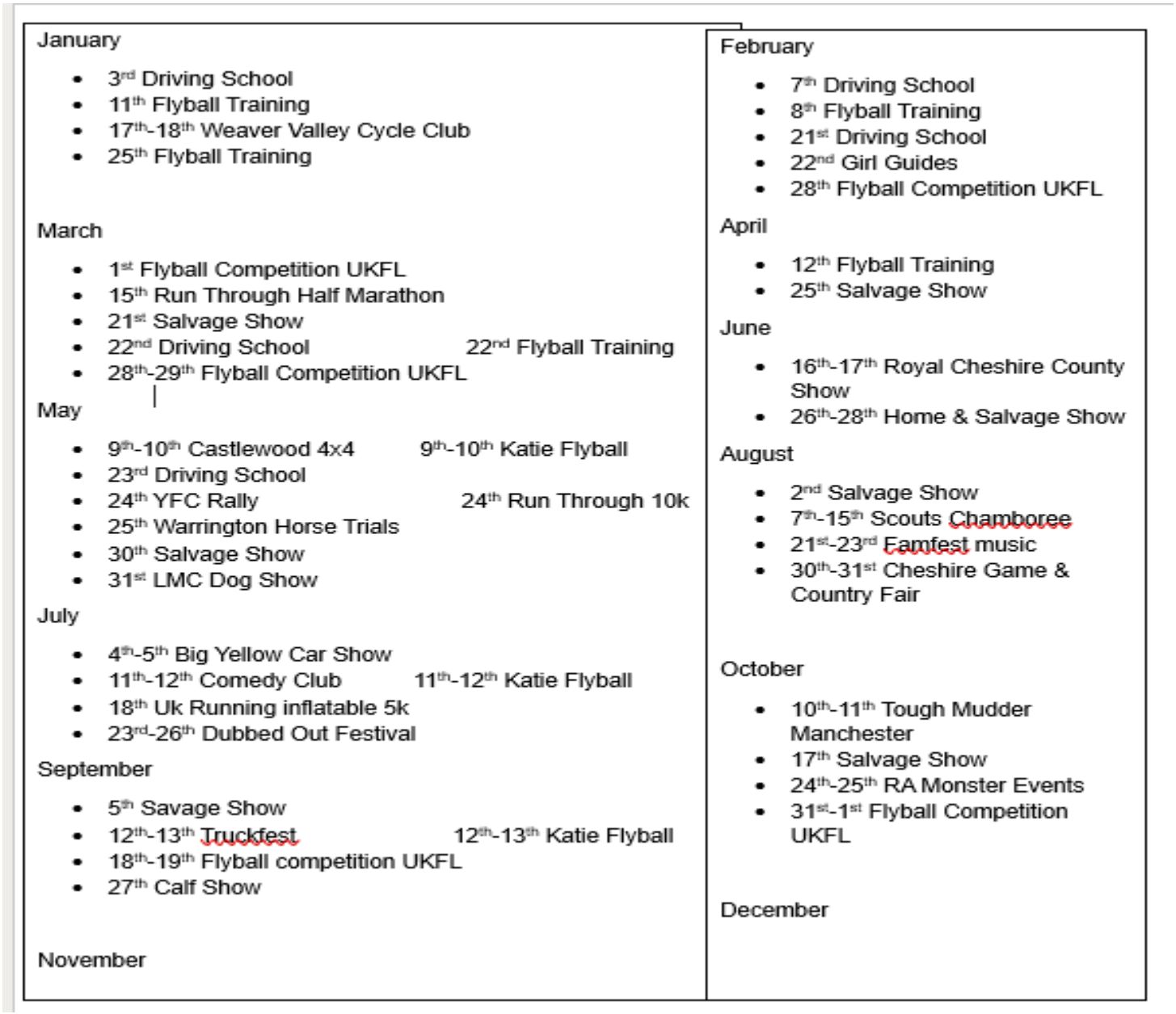
- The Clerk confirmed an invitation had been issued to Chris Thyer from Cheshire Showground to attend a future meeting.
- The Clerk contacted Peaks & Plains and Cheshire Police regarding concerns raised from Holly Grove. **Resolved**: The response was circulated to the Council

4. Guest Speakers and Reports: Invited guests will provide their reports. A remote meeting invitation sent to WCKH.

POR: It was agreed that item 4.3 would be brought forward for discussion.

4.3 **Cheshire Showground** Mr Chris Thyer (CT)

- CT informed the Council that he has now taken over the role from Rob Davenport, who has stepped down. He confirmed that the Council will be issued with a list of upcoming events, which are also published on the Cheshire Showground website. (List detailed below)
  DB *queried the scale of the ongoing bridge issue affecting the Showground and whether WCKH had been approached regarding the matter.*
- CT confirmed that the impact is increasing, particularly along School Lane and Frog Lane, and that Flittogate continues to experience problems caused by heavy goods vehicles. He noted that correspondence from Cheshire East has been limited and has raised concerns regarding litter in the surrounding area.
  KN *asked whether joint working could be explored when major events are scheduled.*
  DB *acknowledged that Pickmere PC would likely hold relevant data and stated that they would also not be satisfied with the current updates concerning the bridge.*



4.1 **Cheshire East Ward Councillor Report**

- Updates regarding the Waterless Bridge meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors discussed the contents and expressed concerns regarding the current infrastructure and associated safety risks. Further updates will be provided when available.
- A report regarding Villa Farm was delivered to the Council

4.1.1 **Actions to report to Ward Cllr**

- It was reported that the A556 streetlights remain non-operational and have been logged via the 'Trace' system (Ref: SR510010944). Cllrs also raised concerns regarding the worsening condition of potholes, an increase in fly-tipping, and the absence of inadequacy of hazard signage. It was noted that there is currently no junction warning signage at Pickmere Lane and Budworth Road, and no signage indicating the ongoing works associated with the Waterless Bridge. Cllr SC also reported that Flittogate is becoming a car park.

4.2 **Knutsford Police**

4.2.1 **Resolved** that the report was read out to the Council.

5. Public Participation

5.1 **Resolved:** That one member of the public (MOP) attended the meeting.

5.1.1 The MOP raised concerns regarding the volume of heavy goods vehicles using Frog Lane and queried whether such vehicles are permitted on these routes. She highlighted safety issues caused by vehicles reversing, increased traffic, and deterioration of the road surface.

KN *confirmed that access is required for local businesses and noted that the Parish Council has already raised concerns and is awaiting a meeting to discuss these matters, including gritting arrangements.*

Action**:** Clerk to write to Pickmere Parish Council to inform them that Tabley residents have raised concerns regarding HGV usage and road deterioration on Frog Lane and School Lane, and to ensure they are aware of the issues being reported.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

6.1 Minutes of the Bi-monthly Parish council meeting held on 8th September 2025 [P116 to P117]

- Proposed SW and Second NW
- **Resolved** that there were no matters arising from the above set of minutes.

7. Correspondence, Actions, and Reports

7.1 **Resolved** that the following correspondence was discussed.

- Emailed Mr Thyer from Cheshire Showground to introduce the Parish Council and invite him to this meeting.

8.Knutsford Town Council

8.1 **Resolved** that reports and updates sent to Cllrs from Cllr Hartley over the past weeks

9.Planning

9.1 There were no new or active planning applications at the time the agenda was published.

- **Application No: 25/3798/HOUS**
  Location: Patridge Rise, Moss Lane, Over Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire East, WA16 0PH
  Proposal: Non-Material Amendment to approval 25/1174/HOUS: Erection of single storey side and rear extension to rear dormer and installation of an open reach.
  Date Received: 06/10/25 **Cllrs Notified:** 06/10/25
- **Application No: 25/4107/PIP**
  Location: Land off Moss Lane, Over Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire East, WA16 0PL
  Proposal: Permission in principle for construction of one dwelling.
  Date Received: 03/11/25 **Cllrs Notified:** 03/11/25
  Action: **Resolved** that objections are to be submitted.

10. Exclusion of the Public

10.1 **Resolved** that MOPs may now be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

11. Finance

11.1 **Bank Account Balances**

Unity Trust Bank balances as of 31st October 2025:

11.1.1 **Current Account T1 (20448354):** 31/10/25 £3,239.01 (Statements 61)

- Receipts Paid in: CEC - £1,953.50

11.1.2 **Instant Access Account (20448367):** 30/09/25 £1,175.78 (Statements 49)

- Receipts Paid in: Interest - £6.63

11.2 Payments for Approval
Resolved that the following payments were approved.
TPC/RA/136 – Unity Trust Bank Fees – £6.00 (Direct Debit)
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TPC/RA/138 – Clerk's Salary (Months 7 & 8) – £[Amount Redacted] (Cheque No. 300079)
TPC/RA/139 – HMRC Payment (Months 7 & 8) – £66.67 (Cheque No. 300080)
TPC/RA/140 – RD Wreath – £40.00 (Cheque No. 300081)
TPC/RA/141 – Signage Refurbishment – £181.00 (Cil Fund) Cheque No. 300082)

12. Parish Precept and Taxbase arrangements for 2025/26
12.1 Council to agree the 2026/27 taxbase arrangements as detailed by Cheshire East Council
12.1.1 **Resolved** that the Council agrees to the 2026/27 precept.

13. Assertion 10 – Compliance and Policy Review
13.1 Resolved that the Council has been informed about the Assertion 10 – Compliance and Policy Review and will work towards arrangements for safeguarding records, systems, and assets**,** including IT Policy and security and risk management.
13.2 **IT Policy**
13.2.1 **Resolved** that this will remain on the forthcoming agendas until adopted.
13.3 **Website & .gov emails**
13.3.1 **Resolved** that the Clerk will contact for a quotation.

14. Councillors Reports and Items for Future Agendas
14.1 Cllrs are invited to report any minor matters not covered elsewhere on the agenda and to suggest items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

- DB asked if BH could pushback to CEC for a meeting.
- KN will email about the signage, and the Clerk will update WCKH

14.2 **Action list**

- Trace - Street Lighting Fault Report – A556 (Reference SR510010944)
- Email Pickmere PC updating them on concerns that have been raised by Tabley Parish Residents
- Planning Objection
- CIL fund spreadsheet update
- Website & .gov emails
- Complete Precept

15. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be the Bi-Monthly Parish Council Meeting, scheduled for:
  Monday, 12th January 2026 at 7:30pm

Signed:

Cllr H Gurney-Smith

Ms S Booth, **Parish Clerk** – Tabley Parish Council
Dated: 10th November 2025