TABLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting
Held on Monday 9th March 2026 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) A. Greenway, & (AG) B Hartley
- **Also Present:** Ms. S Booth (Parish Clerk)

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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 T Jackson – Annual Leave

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

2. Declaration of Interest

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

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

3.1 Cheshire East Ward Councillor Report.

Gritting / Budworth Road

Budworth Road has been included in the gritting schedule during the closure of Pickmere Lane. Once Pickmere Lane is fully operational following the bridge repairs, Budworth Road will be removed from the gritting route. I have challenged this with Cheshire East Highways; however, they have confirmed that Budworth Road does not meet their criteria for inclusion in the permanent gritting schedule. Any residents wishing to raise an objection to this decision are encouraged to do so via the Trace platform at https://trace.cheshireeast.gov.uk or by calling Highways Customer Services on 0300 123 5025.

Overgrown Footpaths

Cheshire East Highways have confirmed that the remaining sections of footway are unable to be addressed at this time due to limited budget and resources. I would encourage residents to report any overgrown footway concerns directly via the Trace platform to ensure they are formally recorded. Further updates have been requested when they become available.

Villa Farm

The Planning Enforcement team conducted a site investigation following my enquiry. The conclusion was that the land does not meet the threshold for untidy land in planning terms and therefore the CEC is not in a position to serve a Section 215 notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. No further applications have been submitted since reference 21/3556M, refused in March 2024. The PC's objections remain on record.

Drainage — Moss Lane

I have logged this matter via the Member Enquiry Service. In the meantime, I would encourage residents to report any drainage concerns directly via the Trace platform, as this ensures issues are formally recorded with Cheshire East Council.

Street Lighting — Windmill / Pickmere Lane

I have logged this matter via the Member Enquiry Service. I would encourage residents to also report this directly via the Trace platform to ensure it is formally recorded. Any decision regarding works will be subject to Cheshire East Highways' assessment criteria for street lighting provision.

3.1.1 **Council Responses/Actions arising from item 3.1**

- **Public Rights of Way / Overgrowth**
  Members noted works undertaken along Windmill Lane and Pickmere Lane, including clearance of an overgrown footpath from the Willow Tree Gate area. It is unclear which party carried out the works, and clarification will be sought.
- **Villa Farm**
  Members expressed dissatisfaction with the decision, noting that it reflects poorly on the Parish Council. It was acknowledged that, despite the Council's efforts to report and address the matter, concerns appear not to be receiving due consideration. Members agreed that parishioners should also be encouraged to submit reports, as a higher volume of reports may help to strengthen the case.

3.1.2 **Issues Raised for Cheshire East**

- **SC** reported incidents of fly-tipping on Pickmere Lane, including two sofas and several fridges. These have been reported to Cheshire East Council.

3.2 **Knutsford Police**

3.2.1 **Resolved**: That the PC Milman was on leave so there was no report submitted.
Action: Clerk to chase a report from PC Milman

4. Public Participation

4.1 **Resolved:** That there were no members of the public (MOP) in attendance, therefore this item was closed.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

5.1 Minutes of the Bi-monthly Parish council meeting held on 12th January 2026 [P122 to P126]

- **Proposed** KN and Second SC

5.2 **Resolved** that there were no matters arising from the above set of minutes.

6. Correspondence, Reports & New Actions

6.1 **Correspondence & Reports**

6.1.1 The Council received and noted all correspondence and reports.

6.2 **Action List**

6.2.1 A litter pick will take place on Monday 13th April, meeting at the petrol station at 6:00pm for approximately one hour. Cllr Newport will coordinate the arrangements and necessary equipment.
6.2.2 Clerk to report fly-tipped rubbish at Junction 19 to Highways.
6.2.3 Clerk to follow up with PC Milman regarding an outstanding report.
6.2.4 Clerk to pursue arrangements for a meeting on the proposed dates of 20th April or 27th April at 7:30pm.
6.2.5 Clerk to make enquiries regarding mounted police volunteers and Community Safety / Rural Watch initiatives.

7.Knutsford Town Council

7.1 **Resolved** that a full report was circulated in advance and presented to the meeting. Councillors were given the opportunity to raise questions with Cllr Hartley.

8.Planning

8.1 Below are the active planning applications received for this period and new updates from objections made at the time the agenda was published.

- **Application No:** 25/4771/FUL

Location: Moto, Knutsford Motorway Services Area Northbound Northwich Road, Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire East, WA16 0TL
Proposal: Creation of hard standing areas and erection of equipment cabinets to facilitate an extension of existing EV charging hub **Date Received:** 19/01/26 **Cllrs Notified: 19/01/26**

- **Application No:** 26/0007/FUL
  Location: Almond Tree Cottage, Chester Road, Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire East, WA16 0ET
  Proposal: Demolition of the existing workshop and erection of 1 self-build detached dwelling.
  Date Received: 10/02/26 **Cllrs Notified: 10/02/26**
- **Application No:** 26/0486/HOUS
  Location: Parkside Cottage, Sudlow Lane, Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire East, WA16 0TP
  Proposal: Alterations to and extension of a listed building and construction of a studio within the curtilage.
  Date Received: 16/02/26 **Cllrs Notified: 16/02/26**
- **Application No:** 26/0487/LBC
  Location: Parkside Cottage, Sudlow Lane, Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire East, WA16 0TP
  Proposal: Listed Building consent for alterations to and extension of a listed building and construction of a studio with curtilage.
  Date Received: 16/02/26 **Cllrs Notified: 16/02/26**
- **Application No:** 26/0505/HOUS
  Location: Willow Tree Barn, Pickmere Lane, Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire East, WA16 0HS
  Proposal: New lean to oak framed porch, addition of shed style dormer windows and pergola to rear garden.
  Date Received: 25/02/26 **Cllrs Notified: 25/02/26**

9. Exclusion of the Public

It was noted that exclusion of the public was not required at this meeting, as there were no matters of a confidential nature (MOPs) to be considered.

10. Finance

The Council received, considered, and approved the financial transactions for the current period.

10.1 **Bank Account Balances**

Unity Trust Bank balances as of 28th February 2026:

- **Current Account T1 (20448354):** 28/02/26 £2,327.33 (Statements 65 to 66)
- **Instant Access Account (20448367):** 28/02/26 £1,182.26 (Statements 53 to 54)

10.2 **Payments for Approval**

Resolved that the following payments were approved.

TPC/RA/147 – Unity Trust Bank Fees – £6.00 (DD) - Statement P65
TPC/RA/148 – Local Authority Technology CIC' – £300.00 (Cheque No. 300085)
TPC/RA/149 – Clerk's Salary (Months 11 & 12) – £[Amount Redacted] (Cheque No. 300086)
TPC/RA/150 – HMRC Payment (Months 11 & 12) – £66.66 (Cheque No. 300087)
TPC/RA/151 – Unity Trust Bank Fees – £7.00 (DD) - Statement P66
TPC/RA/152 – DA Warman – £159.32 (Cheque No. 300088)

11. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agendas

11.1 Councillors 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.

- **BH** provided an update on Moor Pool in Knutsford, advising that fish are to be relocated and new pathways will be created as part of the works.
- **Highways / Environmental Updates:**
  Members noted that Old Hall Lane will be closed from 16th March for a period of five days.

12. Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting, scheduled for: **Monday, 4th May 2026 at 7:30pm**

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- Clerk to follow up with PC Milman regarding an outstanding report.
- Clerk to pursue arrangements for highways meeting with other Parish Councils for a meeting on the proposed dates of 20th April or 27th April at 7:30pm.
- Clerk to make enquiries regarding mounted police volunteers and Community Safety / Rural Watch initiatives.

Signed:

Cllr H Gurney-Smith

Ms S Booth, **Parish Clerk** – Tabley Parish Council
Dated: 9th March 2026