

TABLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Meeting

Held on Monday 7th September 2026 at 7.30PM

Venue: Mere & Tabley Community Club

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- **Present:** Councillors (Chair), H. Gurney-Smith (HGS), A Greenway (AG), N Wythenshawe, & B Hartley, S Wharfe (SW), D Bailey (DB), T Jackson (TJ).
 - **Remotely:** K Newport (KN), S Carson (SC),
 - **Also Present:** Ms. S Booth (Parish Clerk) & 6 MOPs
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Part A (Public)

Welcome and housekeeping procedures were completed.

1. Chair to commence the meeting.

1.1 Declaration of meeting open

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

1.2 Apologies of Absence and Confirmation of Quorum

- **Resolved** that the meeting was quorate, and no apologies had been received for this meeting.

2. Declaration of Interest

- Cllr D. Bailey in relation to matters concerning the proposed solar farm.
- Cllr B. Hartley in relation to matters concerning Knutsford Council and the cemetery.

Resolved: No further 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

- It was noted that no report had been received from the Ward Councillor. The response received from the Cheshire East Monitoring Officer, regarding concerns previously raised by the Council about Ward Councillor engagement and attendance, was read to Members and noted.

3.2 Knutsford Police

- It was noted that a report had been received from Knutsford Police and was read out to the Council.

3.3 Cheshire Showground

It was noted that Mr Thyer was unable to attend the meeting and that a written report had been received and noted by the Council.

Local residents raised regarding the impact of events at the Cheshire Showground, particularly in the Flittogate area. Concerns included noise and light pollution, increased pedestrian and vehicle movements, post-event litter, security arrangements and a lack of communication with affected residents during events. Members also discussed traffic management arrangements, including the use of entrance and exit gates, taxi access and pedestrian movements.

ACTION: Clerk to invite Mr Thyer to attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the concerns raised by residents and Members.

4. Public Participation

The Chair invited members of the public to make representations on any agenda item. No representations were received.

- The public participation session closed at **7.33pm**

5. Actions and Updates from Previous Meetings

5.1 Peaks & Plains

Correspondence received from S. Marcello was read to Members.

- Members discussed the action taken by the Parish Council and noted the update.

5.2 Holly Grove / Highways

An update from PC John Millman was reported to Members regarding the highway and parking concerns previously raised in the Holly Grove area.

- The update was noted.

5.3 Ward Councillor Engagement

Members received an update regarding the concerns previously raised about Ward Councillor engagement and the subsequent correspondence with the Cheshire East Monitoring Officer.

5.4 Community Noticeboards

An update was received from KN regarding the community noticeboards Perspex and quotation to be sourced.

5.5 Litter / Fly-tipping

Members discussed areas affected by litter and fly-tipping and the need for continuing monitoring and reporting.

5.6 Planning / Proposed Tabley Solar Farm

Members noted the ongoing position regarding the proposed Tabley Solar Farm and associated correspondence on planning matters

5.7 CHALC Training and Governance Advice

Members received an update regarding forthcoming CHALC training.

- Cllr H. Gurney-Smith confirmed that attendance be postponed to a later date.

The response received from Jackie Weaver/CHALC regarding governance matters was also noted.

6. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

6.1 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 July 2026 (Pages 137–143).

Resolved: That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

6.1.1 **Resolved:** That there were no matters arising from the above set of minutes.

6.2 Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Planning meeting held on 17th August 2026 (Pages 144–147)

Resolved: That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

6.2.1 **Resolved:** That there were no matters arising from the above set of minutes.

7. Correspondence, Reports

7.1 Mixed-Use Development / Tabley

Correspondence regarding potential mixed-use development was considered.

Members discussed the information currently available and agreed that developments should continue to be monitored.

7.2 High Legh Parish Council

Correspondence from High Legh Parish Council regarding engagement and matters of mutual interest was noted.

It was agreed that arrangements should be progressed for a meeting with representatives of High Legh Parish Council & Cllr B Hartley (*Action Clerk to engage*)

7.3 Cheshire Showground

Noted details mentioned in item 3.3

AGREED: That a representative of the Cheshire Showground be invited to attend the November Parish Council meeting to discuss the concerns raised by Members and residents.

7.4 Dog Noise Nuisance

Correspondence regarding a reported dog barking/noise nuisance was noted.

8. Matters Raised by Cllr B. Hartley

8.1 WS Transport / Former Service Station and Motel Site

Members discussed concerns regarding the former service station and motel site and the potential future use and development of the land.

It was noted that there was currently no known planning application determining the future development of the site.

Members agreed that clarification should be sought regarding the landowner's intentions and any future proposals for the site.

ACTION: Clerk to contact WS Transport/Robinsons, as appropriate, seeking information regarding their intentions for the site.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Cheshire East Planning regarding the planning history/status of the site and continue to monitor for any future application.

8.2 Cheshire East Planning – Parish Consultation

Members discussed concerns regarding the identification and notification of planning applications affecting Tabley.

The continuing need to ensure that the Parish Council receives appropriate notification of applications affecting the parish was reiterated.

ACTION: Clerk to continue correspondence with Cheshire East Council regarding the accuracy of parish identification and planning consultation arrangements.

8.3 Call for Sites / Crown Estate

Members discussed the Call for Sites process, potential development of Crown Estate land and engagement taking place with neighbouring councils.

Concern was expressed about the potential scale of future development and the need for Tabley Parish Council and local residents to be appropriately informed and consulted.

Members also discussed the potential cumulative impact of development across Tabley and neighbouring areas.

AGREED: That the Crown Estate be invited to attend a future Parish Council meeting to provide information regarding any potential proposals affecting Tabley.

9. Knutsford Town Council Update

Cllr Hartley provided an update on matters relating to Knutsford Town Council.

Updates included matters relating to the Medical Centre and 60 King Street, both of which remained ongoing. Members also noted a police report relating to 478 speeding offences and reported thefts from shops.

10. Planning

10.1 To note the active planning applications received for this period and new updates from objections made at the time the agenda was published.

- **Application No:** 26/3105/PRIOR-6

Location: Holly Bush Farm, Pickmere Lane, Tabley

Proposal: Approval for an agricultural machinery storage shed.

Received: 28/08/26 **Cllr N/O:** 28/08/26

10.2 Applications 26/2764/PRIOR-6 and 26/2765/PRIOR-6

RESOLVED: That the Council approve the representation in respect of Application **26/3105/PRIOR-6** and that it be submitted to Cheshire East Council.

11. Finance

Resolved that the Council received, considered and approve the financial transactions for the current period.

11.1 Bank Account Balances

Unity Trust Bank balances as of **31st July 2026**:

- **Instant Access Account (20448367):** 31/07/26 £1,194.14 (Statements 58 to 59)
Interest received: 30/06/26: £5.78
- **Current Account T1 (20448354):** 31/07/26 £1,947.35 (Statements 70 to 71)

11.2 Payments for Approval

To note that the following payments were approved:

TPC/RA/163 – Unity Trust Bank Fees – £7.00 (DD) - Statement P70

TPC/RA/164 – Unity Trust Bank Fees – £7.00 (DD) - Statement P671

TPC/RA/165 – 6 x Litter Signs - £21.17 (Cheque No. 300096)

TPC/RA/166 – Clerk's Salary (Months 5 & 6) – £[Amount Redacted] (Cheque No. 300097)

TPC/RA/167 – HMRC Payment (Months 5 & 6) – £66.67 (Cheque No. 300098)

TPC/RA/168 – CHALC Training - HGS £25.00 (Cheque No. 300099)

12. Exclusion of the Public and Press

12.1 As all members of the public and press had left the meeting, a resolution under the **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960** was not required. The confidential session commenced at **20:50**

Signed: _____ (Chair of the Meeting)

Date: _____

PART B – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

13. Confidential / Staffing Matters (if applicable)

13.1 To note there were no matters requiring discussion.

14. Other Business (for information only)

- Members noted the need to continue monitoring the former Robinsons site and any future development proposals.
- A Member raised a query regarding the allocation and use of Ward Councillor funding across parishes. Members discussed their understanding of the arrangements for the allocation and use of such funding.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the **Parish Council Meeting** scheduled for **Monday 2nd November 2026 at 7:30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.11 pm.

Signed: _____ (Chair of the Meeting)

Date: _____

Signed: *Ms S Booth,*

Parish Clerk – Tabley Parish Council