Moston Parish Council

11th November 2026

Commenced: **7.30 pm** **Terminated:** **8.40 pm**

Present: **Councillor Nixon (Chair)**
Councillors Bower-Lowe, Brook, Luckett, Tumilty, Whittaker and Wood-Hill

There were 7 Members of the Public in attendance

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wray, Borough Councillor (official duties).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members of the Parish Council.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th September 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair of the Parish Council.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

A resident expressed concerns over the condition of Oakwood Lane, which was virtually impassable due to flooding. He enquired whether the Parish Council could take on the responsibility of clearing the lane in the Spring, as this was unlikely by the Borough Council.

The Parish Council agreed to consider this request at the next meeting.

The Chair reported on accidents and traffic on Hall Lane and advised that Cheshire East Highways had replied to his concerns stating that this location was on the list for potential safety measures in the next financial year, subject to funding being made available.

5. FINANCE AND BUDGET 2026-2027

The Parish Council considered a report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on the following matters:-

(i) Transactions

RESOLVED
That the following transactions, be approved:-

PAYEE/PAYER	DETAILS	RECEIPT	PAYMENT	BALANCE
Cheshire East Council	Precept 2	£4,027.50		£10,500.20
HugoFox	Emails INV-32095		£20.99	£10,479.21
M Clough	September Salary		£312.38	£10,166.83
HMRC	September PAYE		£78.20	£10,088.63
NatWest	Interest			£10,088.63
HugoFox	Emails INV-33344		£20.99	£10,067.64
M Clough	Reimbursement of Microsoft365		£84.99	£9,982.65
M Clough	October Salary		£266.28	£9,716.37
HMRC	October PAYE		£66.40	£9,649.97

(ii) Approval of Payments
RESOLVED
That the following payments, be approved:-

Clerk	November Salary	Approx £266.28
PAYE Clerk	November PAYE	Approx £66.40
HugoFox	November Emails	£20.99
Clerk	December Salary	Approx. £266.28
PAYE Clerk	December PAYE	Approx. £66.40
HugoFox	December Emails	£20.99

(iii) 2026-2027 Budget Expenditure to 2nd November 2026
RESOLVED
That the following Budget Head expenditure at 2nd November 2026, be approved:-

Budget Head	Total	Budget Allocated	£ Balance
Salary	£2,328.76	£4,250.00	£1,921.24
General Admin	£84.99	£275.00	£190.01
Information Commissioner	£47.00	£50.00	£3.00
Website/ICT Costs	£290.79	£450.00	£159.21
Insurance	£304.00	£430.00	£126.00
Payroll Costs	£97.20	£300.00	£202.80
Audit Fees (Internal)	£139.00	£150.00	£11.00
Subscriptions	£112.00	£250.00	£138.00
Meeting Room Hire	£76.99	£150.00	£73.01
Training	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00
Parish Improvements/Events	£0.00	£1,600.00	£1,600.00
Chair's Fund	£0.00	£30.00	£30.00
	£3,480.73	**£8,055.00**	**£4,574.27**

(iv) Explanation of Variances
There were no variances to report to the meeting.

(v) Bank Reconciliation as at 2nd November 2026
RESOLVED
That the following Bank Reconciliation as at 2nd November 2026, be approved:-

Bank Reconciliation 2nd November 2026		
MOSTON PARISH COUNCIL		
Financial year ending 31 March 2027		
Prepared by: Muna Clough, Parish Clerk & RFO		
CASH BOOK		
Balance per bank accounts as at dates below		
Current Account 07572433 - 5th October 2026		£10,088.63
Reserve Account 96473193 - 5th June 2026		£5,242.67
Less Payments (not Cashed)		
Current Account 07572433		£438.66
Reserve Account 96473193		£0.00

Add Unbanked Cash		
Current Account 07572433		£0.00
Reserve Account 96473193		£15,024.94
Net bank balances as at 2nd November 2026		**£29,917.58**
The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows		
Current Account @ 01.04.2026		£20,075.70
Reserve Account @ 01.04.2026		£5,235.47
Add: Receipts in the year - Current Account		£8,055.00
Add: Receipts in the year - Reserve Account		£32.14
Less: Payments in the year - Current Account		£3,480.73
Less: Payments in the year - Reserve Account		£0.00
Closing balance per cash book [receipts and payments book] must equal net bank balances above		**£29,917.58**

(vi) Bank Statements

RESOLVED

That the following bank statements, as circulated with the report, be approved:-

- **Current Account – 4th September 2026**
- **Current Account – 5th October 2026**
- **Reserve Account – Official Transaction Record at 2nd November 2026**

6. FORWARD PLANNING – BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2027-2028

The Parish Council considered a report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on the Budget and Precept for 2027-2028.

The tax base had reduced for 2027-2028, and was likely to be 189.90 (approval to be made by Cheshire East Council, in December). In comparison, this year's taxbase was 191.32.

The proposed Budget for 2027-2028 totalled £8,375.00. If the Parish Council approved a Precept in the sum of £8,375.00, the cost per Band D property would be £44.10 for the year (this year's was £42.10). This represented an increase of 4.75% per Band D property or 4p per week.

RESOLVED

(i) That the Budget for 2027-2028, as appended to these Minutes, be approved;

(ii) That a Precept, in the sum of £8,375.00, be approved;

(iii) That the engagement of Davenport Accountants for the next Internal Audit, be approved;

(iv) That the engagement of Shires Accountants for the 2027-2028 payroll services, be approved;

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council considered an update from Councillor Nixon on the following applications:-

- **Comments submitted under the provisions of the Standing Orders**

(i) RE: 26/3248/FUL Full Planning

Site address: LAND SOUTH OF Dragons Lane, Moston, Sandbach, Cheshire East, CW11 3QB

Development Proposal: Change of use of land to use as residential caravan site for one gypsy family with two caravans, including construction of access road, laying of hardstanding and erection of amenity building.

RESOLVED
That the Parish Council's comments submitted on 26th October 2026 as circulated, be ratified.

- **New Planning Applications**

(ii) **Application Number:** 26/0982/FUL
Proposal: Erection of 70 no. dwellings, associated infrastructure, parking and landscaping.
Location: Land Off Warmingham Lane, Moston, Middlewich, Cheshire East, CW10 0RZ

RESOLVED
That the following comments, be approveddd an submitted to the Cheshire East Planning:-
Moston Parish Council supports the application and has a positive acceptance of the updated proposals, the reduction in the number of properties allowing more room for play areas and green space and the welcome internal footpath to Moston Footpath 4. The prospect of a future link through the site with the Middlewich Eastern Bypass should be the line of no further development to the South of Warmingham Lane, in the rural parish of Moston.

The Parish Council would suggest a road safety condition to any approval, that materials to and from the site on Warmingham Lane arrive and depart via A533 Booth Lane junction, not the narrow unsuitable Moston Lanes

- **Decisions**

(iii) **Application Reference Number:** 24/0275C
Location: Stud Green House, Dragons Lane, Moston, CW11 3QB
Proposal: Single Storey Side Extension.
For full details please refer to Minute 8(x) – 12th March 2025. The Parish Council supported this application. There were a number of concerns expressed from the Canal and River Trust which now seemed to be resolved.
The decision made on 20th October 2026 stated:- "Finally disposed of"

(iv) **Application Reference Number:** 24/3625N
Location: Land Off Warmingham Lane, Moston, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW11 3PS
Proposal: Erection of Agricultural Building For full details please refer to Minute 8(xi) – 12th March 2025. The Parish Council did not oppose this application subject to some caveats.
The decision made on 20th October 2026 stated:- "Finally disposed of"

- **On-going applications**

(v) **Application Reference Number:** 26/2707/HEDGE
Location: MOSS HOUSE Plant Lane, Moston, Sandbach, Cheshire East, CW11 3PG
Application Type: Hedgerow Removal
Proposal: Our property is found down a 150 metre track off Plant Lane in Moston. We need to gain access to the field via a double gate which will be located opposite our stables about 100 metres down the drive. We own both sides of the hedge and the changes will only be visible by someone who is at our property, certainly not from the roadside.
There were no formal updates regarding this application.

(vi) **Application Reference Number:** 24/4649/FUL
Location: 5 Mill Lane, Moston, Sandbach, Cheshire East, CW11 3PT 30
Proposal: Proposed 2 replacement dwellings On 6th May 2025, the Planning Authority was notified that Moston Parish Council supported the application and found the reduction in height more acceptable.

There were still no updates regarding this application.

(vii) Application Reference Number: 24/1697C
Location: Land Adjacent 3 East Tetton Cottages, Booth Lane, Moston
Proposal: Change of use of land, for the retention of 3 no. mobile homes on the site, in association with a gypsy and traveller site.
For full details please refer to Minute 8(iii) – 12th March 2025. There were no objections raised from the Parish Council subject to caveats. An application would now be required for one additional static caravan which has been installed next to the 3 mobile homes in the application.
An updated site plan with distances had been submitted. The Canal and River Trust raised objections as the proposal was too close to the canal.
The decision was still outstanding on this application

8. AMENDED ROUTE OF PEAK CLUSTER

The Chair reported on a presentation that he had attended regarding this Project, at which it was reported that the Peak Cluster had amended its route for the pipe.

The Chair added that Cheshire East Council voted to oppose the Peak Cluster Project at its meeting on 14th October, and on this basis, the Parish Council also agreed that its objections to this project in its entirety, should be submitted to support the decision of the Borough Council.

RESOLVED
(i) That the Parish Council objects to this project in its entirety.
(ii) That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, to prepare a response for Members to consider and agree.

9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Councillor Luckett reported on unsuccessful correspondences with Councillor Goldsmith, the Cabinet Deputy responsible for Highways at Cheshire East Council, and the involvement of Andrew Cooper MP. This matter had now also been reported to the new Interim Chief Executive at Cheshire East Council and a response was awaited.

In the meantime, Councillor Luckett encouraged residents to continue to report issues to the Borough Council.

RESOLVED
That the report be noted.

10. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that fly-tipping remained an ongoing concern. However, he added that, following the submission of evidence to the Borough Council identifying individuals responsible for waste tipping, enforcement action had been taken. One individual received a formal warning, while another was issued with a fixed penalty notice of £400.00.

RESOLVED
That the report be noted.

11. REPORT FROM CHESHIRE EAST COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED
That in the absence of Councillor Wray, this item be deferred.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council confirmed that the date of the next meeting of Moston Parish Council would be held on 13th January 2027 at 7.30 pm at St Peter's Church, Elworth

APPENDIX

MOSTON PARISH COUNCIL

BUDGET 2027-2028

Budget Head	Budget for 2027-2028
Salary	£4,500.00
General Admin	£275.00
Information Commissioner	£50.00
Website/ICT Costs	£600.00
Insurance	£450.00
Payroll Costs	£250.00
Audit Fees (Internal)	£175.00
Subscriptions	£150.00
Meeting Room Hire	£175.00
Training	£120.00
Parish Improvements/Events	£1,600.00
Chair's Fund	£30.00
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