CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Cuddington Parish Council
statutory meeting held on
Monday 19th January 2026
at 7.15pm at
Cuddington and Sandiway Village Hall, Norley Road.

Present	Cllr Brooks Chairperson, Cllr Busen, Cllr Chrimes, Cllr Crist, Cllr Cowen, Cllr Hill, Cllr Kerrigan, Cllr McDonald and Cllr Ruchat. Also present were Parish Clerk & RFO Julie Chrimes and Mrs N Brown – Editor of the Round Tower Newsletter.
110	**Apologies.** CWaC Cllr Rimmer.
111	**Declaration of Interest.** There was none.
112	**Minutes** Proposed by Cllr Hill seconded by Cllr Kerrigan and **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the Statutory meeting held on 15th December 2025, are accepted as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Crist seconded by Cllr Hill and **RESOLVED** that the finance committee meeting minutes held on the 14th January 2026 are accepted as a true and correct record.
113	**Public Airtime.** No persons present.
114	**Matter arising.** There was none.
115	**Planning Applications.** The Chairman thanked the planning committee for all their hard work on the 25/02017/FUL amendment application for Chester Road. Cllr Kerrigan confirmed that it still did not confirm with the local plan or the Neighbourhood Plan. To date there have been no planning applications for January.
116	**Cheshire West and Chester Council.** CWaC Cllr Stocks reported that the footpath adjacent to the golfclub was reported as residents felt that remedial work is necessary however, CWaC advised that nothing needs to be done. The manhole cover outside Blakemere has now been repaired. Devolution the shadow board has now been set up, and officers are about to be appointed, elections for devolution will be held the same time as local elections next May. New strategies are being updated and worked on. Garden Waste service has started again and has increased to £55. CWaC Cllr Edwards reported that, she has again called in the Chester Road planning applications. The Health Bus will be in the village on Monday 23rd February from 10am – 4pm. The NHS have responded to the proposed planning applications on Chester Road and has advised how much money they would need to accommodate the extra residents; the disappointing news was that the money does not have to be spent within the village. On 27th February the Ark is celebrating a 10-year anniversary and are holding an art exhibition. Noted: A bollard has been removed from the bottom of Kennel Lane and objections have come in relation to the removal. CWaC have confirmed that it was installed there

	illegally in the first place, when VRBC were in situ. To date no enquiries have come into the parish council. There will be a mindfulness session in the library this week. A panto will be held from next Thursday in the Church Hall with money raised for Clare House, and CWaC Cllr Edwards advised she will be part of the Panto as Queen.
117	**Accounts & Payments. a)** Proposed by Cllr Chrimes seconded by Cllr Hill and **RESOLVED** that, the expenditure and income statements are accepted as a true record. The following invoices are paid by either standing order, direct debit, bank transfer, cheque or under delegated authority for January at a total of £7,164.30. Bicycle racks have arrived for the village and will be installed in the coming weeks. **b)** Council noted the HMRC VAT reclaim of £5,548.29. **c)** Cllr Crist proposed and the Chairman seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that, "Peggy's bench" at the War Memorial will be renewed and the memorial plaque will be replaced on the new composite bench.
118	**Finance Meeting. a)** Members noted that to submit a Section 115E License for installation of street furniture on CWaC' s land, there is now a fee of £258 per license**,** and the Parish Council received no notice of this. It was **RESOLVED** to write to Director of Finance to query why a charge is being made. **RESOLVED** to conduct a ward walk of the village and send a list to Highways asking for actions to be taken. The ward walk may be conducted by any Councillor who is available, the Village maintenance group will take the lead in relation to the ward walks. The clerk reminded the meeting that the Council's report it app which is the best way to report problems with potholes, street lighting, fly tipping, dog fouling, full bins etc. The village maintenance group will take the lead. **b) Budget & Precept Requirements for 2026/2027.** Council discussed the budget for 2026/2027 which totalled £118,326.00, and it was proposed by Cllr Busen, seconded by Cllr Hill and **RESOLVED** that Cuddington Parish Council's precept requirements for 2026/2027 is £118,326.00. Full Council agreed that £2,326 shall be taken from free reserves. Requesting £116,000 is a 9.8% increase from last year and this shall equate to an increase of £3.83 per year to band D housing.
119	**Working Parties written reports.** The Chairman reported that the proposed surgery working group has not met, they decided to await the outcome of the planning applications on Chester Road. Cllr Ruchat's report for the Cemetery committee was received and noted, the three-parish councils ratified changes to the constitution.
120	**Clerks report.** The Clerk reported that Gala Day this year is set for June 6th. It is suggested that a working group is set up to discuss a theme. A branded Gazebo and table is on order.
121	**Ward Walks.** Dates for the ward walks will be set up and lead by the village maintenance team, this will enable Councillor's to take photographs and report faults within the village to the report it service.
122	**Meeting Dates & Venue.** The date of the next meeting is Monday 16th February 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35PM.

Signed:
Chairperson……

Date
16th February 2026