



MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING OF LITTLE BOLLINGTON with AGDEN

held at 7:00pm on **Thursday 16th October 2025**

In the Dunham Meeting Room at The Swan with Two Nicks, Park Lane, WA14 4TJ

Present Cllr R Palmer, Cllr A Blackburn, Cllr, P Cassidy, Cllr R Taylor

Also in attendance: Lucy Merry – Clerk

Public 3 members of the public were in attendance.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr W Blackburn, Cllr T Britton, Cllr R Khajeh, and K Hague sent their apologies.

2. To approve and authorise the signing of the minutes from meetings held previously.

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the June 2025 meeting and they were signed.

3. Declaration of Interests - None

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Update on speed reduction A56

The Clerk has requested an update on reducing the speed limit on the A56 however no response has been received.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to Cheshire East Highways, copying in Cllr K Hague, to request a reduction in the speed limit to 40mph from before the dip to Agden.

It was discussed that any individual can report incidents to Cheshire Constabulary [here](https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/rti/rti-beta-2.1/report-a-road-traffic-incident/).

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The more reports received the more pressure Highways will be under to act.

4.2 Update on compound

Cllr P Cassidy had a meeting with Rt Hon Esther McVey which he found informative. Multiple letters and emails have been sent to Tatton Estates by Ester McVey with no response received. No answer has been received to Little Bollington with Agden Parish Councils emails either.

Cllr K Hague has been chasing Cheshire East for an update but has also been unsuccessful in a response.

The Council are RESOLVED to continue to chase CE enforcement and Tatton Estates.

It was noted that any individual can report issues with the highways directly [here](https://report.nationalhighways.co.uk/).

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5. Public forum

One resident wanted to discuss the backlog that Cheshire East Enforcement have and how this seems to have resulted in an increase in individuals acting without planning permission, the resident and the Council are both worried over the implications of this.

A resident approached Cllr P Cassidy prior to the meeting to discuss the state of the roadway of Reddy Lane as a cyclist. It was discussed that any individual can report damage to roadways/pavements/cycleways directly to CE Highways [here](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways_and_roads/road-maintenance/report-a-road-issue.aspx).

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The more reports that are received the more pressure Highways will be under to repair.

One resident wanted to discuss the lack of maintenance to green spaces around the village, particularly the orchard and grass verges. The lack of organised events was discussed, and it was



suggested that residents be invited to volunteer to organise/help out to manage green spaces/ hold village events. This could be funded in conjunction with Agenda item 7.3.

If any resident would like to volunteer a small amount of time to manage a green space or organise/ help at an event, please email the Clerk at clerk@littlebollington.org

6. Report from CE Ward Cllr K Hague

No report has been received from Cllr K Hague. A newsletter from Cheshire Association of Local Councils has been received regarding an update on Devolution. This can be found [here](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCHESHIREWESTANDCHESTER/bulletins/3f1c3a9).
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7. Finance

7.1 To note current financial position. (Please see Appendix)

The transactions from April 1st 2025 to 12th October 2025 (Appendix Table 1) were **NOTED**.

7.2 To authorise clerk to set up monthly wage payments in between meetings

Payee	Description	Cost
Clerk salary	Net pay, (i.e September pay, October pay)	Up to £200.00
Buxton Accounting	Monthly Payroll	£10.00
HMRC	Monthly Income Tax	Up to £50

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk is authorised to set up monthly payments in between meetings.

7.3 To note the CIL balance and spend dates, to consider projects to fund with CIL balance

Date received	Amount	Project	Notes
Jun 22	£6004.66	None – to be used by May 27	Received by Little Bollington Parish Meeting
Jan 23	£6004.66	None – to be used by Dec 27	Received by Little Bollington Parish Meeting
Jan 23	£2191.98	None – to be used by Dec 27	Received by Agden Parish Meeting

The Council discussed the possible projects that Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money could fund in Little Bollington and Agden. CIL funding must go towards Community Infrastructure. This can be areas such as;

- Roads, walkways, cycleways, signage, bus stops, flood defenses, energy and water supply, and waste management.
- Green space maintenance and environmental improvements, public open spaces, community gardens, parks, woodlands, tree and flower planting, and grass and hedgerow maintenance.
- Sports facilities, playgrounds, schools, village halls, libraries, art projects, noticeboards, medical facilities and supplies.

Ideas put forward by Council included;

- railing painting at the school,
- flowers around the village,
- poppies/remembrance day items,
- signage for Agden.

The Clerk will get quotes for items and bring back to the December meeting.

The Council would like to invite residents to submit suggestions on what the money could be spent on, this could be in conjunction with projects/events that any volunteers would like to organise/be a part of. Please email the Clerk at clerk@littlebollington.org to submit ideas and/or volunteer your time to organise/ help with events/ maintenance of greenspaces etc.

Email clerk@littlebollington.org



7.4 To resolve to delegate the following budgets for 2025/26:

Description	Proposed Amount
Cllr Training	£100.00

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate £100 to the Cllr training budget for the year 25/26. The Clerk will keep Cllr's updated with training opportunities.

7.5. To note the external audit report for 2024/25, and external auditor fee £252

The external audit report and fee was noted. It was also noted that an external audit will also be performed next year as the Council is in it's first 3 years.

8 Planning matters

8.1 To consider/note planning applications received and other planning matters

[25/2702/HOUS](#) - Spode Cottage Coe Lane, Little Bollington, WA14 3SH - Erection of detached double garage. Pending Consideration by CE

[25/2960/HOUS](#) - 2 Park View, Little Bollington, WA14 4TL - Single storey front/side/rear extension to replace an existing store which joins the store of an existing property. The application proposes a replacement side extension of the same width and slightly greater in length to provide a sitting/dining room and shower room and utility. The extension will be stepped forward at the front by 1.8m and 2.9m at the rear. Pending Consideration by CE

[25/1213/PIP](#) - Land Off Agden Park Lane, Broomedge, WA13 0TS - Permission in Principle for residential development for between 1 and 6 dwellings. Pending Consideration by CE

[25/2924/LBC](#) - The Adventure Farm Trust, Booth Bank Farm Reddy Lane, Millington, WA14 3RE - Repointing to the Grade II listed Boothbank Farmhouse along with crack stitching, brick repairs and removal of paint to window reveals. Pending Consideration by CE

9 Reports from the Clerk and the Councillors

9.1 Update on Canal

Ahead of his absence Cllr T Britton sent a brief update that the Strategic Recovery Group has been stood down which has implications given that nothing has yet been 'recovered'.

Ahead of his absence Cllr W Blackburn sent an update that the UK Health Agency deemed there to be no risk to the public from the materials released by the breach. This confirmation triggered the affected footpaths to be reopened (with the exception of the towpath). The Manchester Ship Canal Company had stated that they would make some ideas on reconstruction public at the end of August. This did not happen and the latest update where they were up to was that they are still in the process of appointing consultants to manage the designing and planning of the reconstruction. The initial aspiration of Christmas 2026 for the reopening of the canal hasn't been withdrawn but cannot be a realistic expectation now. Finally United Utilities contractors are expecting to start the process of replacing the damaged section of sewer next month, November 2025.

9.2 To consider updating the Parish Council logo and website

A resident has enquired whether the Council will be updating their logo as it currently says Little Bollington Parish Meeting. The Council have **RESOLVED** to update the logo to read Little Bollington with Agden Parish Council, and to update the website address and Clerk's email address. The Clerk has been instructed to enquire on the process of getting these updated and any quotes for fees will be brought back to the December meeting.



10 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 7:00pm in the Sports hall at Little Bollington C of E Primary School.

The date was confirmed as Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

Appendix

Table 1 Current Account Income and Expenditure April 1st 2025 to 12th October 2025.

Receipt #	Date	Income in	Expenditure	Description	Balance
Opening Balance					£ 17,905.60
IONOS	03.04.25		£ 18.00	Website monthly fees	-£ 18.00
Cheshire East	04.04.25	£ 2,000.00		Precept	£ 2,000.00
Cookson First Aid	25.04.25		£ 299.00	First aid course	-£ 299.00
IONOS	07.05.25		£ 18.00	Website monthly fees	-£ 18.00
IONOS	04.06.25		£ 18.00	Website monthly fees	-£ 18.00
CCA Cheshire Comm Action	01.07.25		£ 20.00	Annual membership fee	-£ 20.00
IONOS	04.07.25		£ 18.00	Website monthly fees	-£ 18.00
ChALC	14.07.25		£ 125.97	Annual membership fee	-£ 125.97
CCA Cheshire Comm Action	14.07.25		£ 20.00	Paid in error	-£ 20.00
CCA Cheshire Comm Action	15.07.25	£ 20.00		Refund of error payment	£ 20.00
ICO	28.07.25		£ 47.00	Annual fee	-£ 47.00
Clerk pay	04.08.25		£ 536.00	June, July and June overtime	-£ 536.00
HMRC income tax	04.08.25		£ 107.20	Income tax for clerk pay	-£ 107.20
Clerk pay	04.08.25	£ 107.20		Return of error payment	£ 107.20
IONOS	05.08.25		£ 18.00	Website monthly fees	-£ 18.00
Clerk pay	02.09.25		£ 160.00	August Pay	-£ 160.00
HMRC income tax	02.09.25		£ 40.00	Income tax for August pay	-£ 40.00
Buxton Accounting	02.09.25		£ 24.00	Payroll Accounting July & Aug	-£ 24.00
IONOS	03.09.25		£ 18.00	Website monthly fees	-£ 18.00
Cheshire East	05.09.25	£ 2,000.00		Precept	£ 2,000.00
HMRC	26.09.25	£ 353.06		VAT refund for the last 3 yrs	£ 353.06
Clerk Pay	29.09.25		£ 160.00	September Pay	-£ 160.00
HMRC income tax	29.09.25		£ 40.00	Income tax for sept pay	-£ 40.00
PKF Littlejohn	29.09.26		£ 252.00	External Audit fee	-£ 252.00
Buxton Accounting	30.09.25		£ 12.00	Payroll Accounting Sept	-£ 12.00
IONOS	06.10.25		£ 18.00	Website monthly fees	-£ 18.00

Total income	£ 4,480.26
Total expenditure	£ 1,900.17
Forwarding balance	£ 20,416.69

Opening balance 01.04.24 - £17,905.60. Forwarding balance 12.10.25 - £20,416.69