Minutes of
Tattenhall & District Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting
Held 7th October 2026 at the Barbour Institute.

PRESENT

Councillors

Chairman – J. Kershaw

J. Bailey	P. Black	R. Carden	C. Dzelzainis	C. Elliott
I. Keeping	P. Kerr	N. Matthews	L. Morris	A. Scarratt
K. Williams				

Clerk – Ann Wright

Public – 19

Apologies

B. Wilson – Family commitment– Family commitment

Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

Public Participation

Tattenhall Centre

Residents reported that a group using the Tattenhall Centre from the end of July had cause a large amount of noise and disturbance including at 2.30am. It was reported that there did not appear to be any supervision with young children stood on the road outside the Centre which raised questions about safeguarding. A complaint had been made to Edsential who had not provided a full response to date.

School Warning Signs

It was reported that the school flashing warning lights were still not operational having been reported to CW&C in June 2026. It was stated that this was a serious issue which required urgent action.

MUGA on Glebe Meadow

A question was raised regarding a MUGA being located on Glebe Meadow and that CW&C had offered funding for the project. It was confirmed the Council had considered this location for the MUGA but had agreed to not to proceed. It was confirmed CW&C had not offered any funding.

Minutes

RESOLVED 26/053 –That the Council approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th September 2026.

Park Complaint

It was reported that the Council had received a formal complaint regarding the park next to the primary school not being fenced. Councillors had all received a copy of the complaint and the Clerk had produced a summary of comments from the CW&C officer who had designed the play area which has never been fenced in as well as comments from the company who carry out the quarterly and annual inspections of the play area who stated:

There is no requirement within BS EN 1176 for play areas to be enclosed by fencing. Whether fencing is provided is a design decision based on the site-specific risk assessment and the particular circumstances of the location. The level of supervision required is ultimately the responsibility of the parent or supervising adult, who is best placed to assess the needs, abilities and behaviour of the children in their care. Playground designers cannot

*determine the level of supervision that individual children require, and playgrounds are designed on the basis that appropriate supervision will be provided where necessary***.**

RESOLVED 26/054 –That the Council after due consideration of the complaint resolve not to fence the play area.

Planning

1) Planning Register

Councillors confirmed the planning register as circulated, pages 224 to 230 noting a comment of no objection had been submitted for application 26/02996/TPO works to an Oak Tree on land at Burwardsley Road.

26/02749/OUT, Outline planning application for erection of 3 dwellings, with access and scale for approval (all other matters reserved), land at Red Lane, Huxley.

RESOLVED 26/055 –That the Council submit the following comment:

Objection, the application is contrary to the CW&C Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan as it will result in development of what is classed as the open countryside, outside the existing settlement boundary of Tattenhall. In addition, the proposed location opposite the busy recycling centre and industrial estates raises serious highways concerns.

2) Planning Applications

No further applications received.

Towpath Project

The meeting notes the notes of the meeting held on the 16th July 2026 from page 50 of the Minutes. It was reported that CW&C officers had recently held a progress meeting with the Canal River Trust (CRT) and reviewed design works. Following that discussion the CRT are going to update their designs and construction cost estimates, which CW&C hope to receive mid-October. The CRT are seeking to sub-divide the project into phases so that it is simpler to plan and construct.

Once the CW&C have received the updated estimate and designs a meeting will be arranged to discuss the project. It was confirmed CW&C has made provision within our Local Transport Development Plan to contribute to the scheme's planning and design, and potential construction.

Youth & Community Needs Project

The meeting noted the notes of the meeting held with Denise Malone from Cheshire YMCA on the 27th August, from page 52 of the Minutes Book. It was confirmed Denise wished to undertake a further outreach visit to Tattenhall and had produced an evaluation Report. It was agreed to revisit this project once the second visit had been undertaken.

Tattenhall Centre

The meeting noted the complaints raised in public participation, it was agreed to write to Edsential and licencing regarding the matter and seek clarification on rules which users are expected to follow.

Village Show

Councillors considered the request that the Parish Council take over the running and funding of the Village Show. It was agreed the Council would set up a working group of interested parties to take over the running of the Village Show.

School Bus Update

The response from CW&C had been circulated to councillors and is available on the

Council's website. It was agreed that parents should be able to access safe transport for their children to get to school and be provided with information on school transport when selecting a school.

It was agreed the Clerk would invite the MP and Cllr Gittins leader of CW&C to attend a meeting in Tattenhall to discuss this issue and also contact other Parishes which face similar issues including Farndon and Tarvin.

School Warning Signs
It was reported that the Clerk had contacted CW&C on a number of occasions regarding the school warning lights not functioning. CW&C had confirmed they are currently working with a range of potential suppliers to identify a suitable replacement light that can be deployed across the Borough. Noting any replacement system must be reliable, maintainable, and capable of providing a long-term solution rather than addressing issues on a site-by-site basis. They confirmed they are exploring opportunities to undertake trials at selected locations with Tattenhall as a potential trial site. The Council will continue to monitor this situation.

Neighbourhood Plan Review
It was reported the Plan is now with the examiner who will fact check the Plan and check that is meets 'basic conditions and will produce a report. Concern was voiced regarding when the referendum is likely to be called which needs to be called as soon as possible once the examination has concluded and all maters are resolved.

Combined Authority Working Group
The meeting noted the notes and actions of the meeting held on the 1st September, from page 54 of the Minutes.

Double Yellow Lines Request
The Parish Council had requested double yellow lines on Chester Road near the new Rectory, CW&C have confirmed they will only consider installing lines in that area as part of a larger scheme.

It was agreed to request a site meeting with the CW&C officer to discuss the scheme in more detail.

SID Results
Councillors noted the SID results noting once a driver had driven past the school at 5.45pm at 60mph. It was agreed to continue to send the results to the school to circulate as well as include in an article of the Parish News and post them on Facebook.

Chainsaw Carving
The Council considered having some of the wood from the felled tree on Glebe Meadow made into a chainsaw carving.
RESOLVED 26/056 –That Council budget up to £600 for a chainsaw carving,

Tree Planting
It was noted the felled tree on Glebe Meadow needs to be replaced. It was agreed to seek advice from CW&C as to suitable replacements possibly horse chestnut and walnut.

Glebe Meadow Management

1) Report

Councillors noted the report produced by Plant life. It was confirmed the sheep are expected to be on Glebe Meadow in the next couple of weeks.

2) Letter from TWIG

The Council noted the contents of the letter.

2027 Calendar

It was agreed to defer this until 2028 and possibly combine with the Village Show.

Remembrance & Christmas Events

1) Remembrance Sunday

It was noted that Remembrance Sunday is on the 8th November.
Councillors agreed to put up the streetlight poppies by the end of October and remove them.
Tea and coffee will be served in The Barbour Institute as usual following the act of remembrance at the Memorial.

2) Christmas Market & Tractor Run

The Clerk confirmed she had applied for the traffic regulation orders, Christmas lights permission, market, raffle and collection licences for the Christmas Market and Tractor Run on the 27th November.

It was agreed all funds raised will go to Prostate Cancer UK.

Cllr Black agreed to support the Clerk.

It was noted the cost of the event is expected to be around £5k some local businesses had been approached to help fund the event through sponsorship with little success.

Accounts & Payments

1) Second Quarter End Accounts & Payments

RESOLVED 26/057 –That the Council approve the 2nd quarter end accounts and payments as circulated, page 38 of the Cashbook including the following payments:

Unity Bank	Debit Interest	0.02
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Maint, Trees & watering	2353.18
A. Wright	Salary - July	1241.49
SSE	Memorial Power	96.24
Nest	Pension contribution	92.81
PKF	Audit 2025-2026	378.00
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Bus shelter accident support	210.00
Japanese Knotweed Solutions	JK Treatment 1	968.34
Elson Electrical Ltd	Replacement memorial lights	288.00
ONH	Planning support	570.00
Unity Bank	Bank charge	7.00
PEST	Bus stop wasp nest	102.00
Play Inspection Company	Play area inspection	216.00
PJ Hellmers Ltd	Watering & orchard mow	726.00
A. Wright	Salary - August	1241.69
Nest	Pension contribution - August	92.81
HMRC	PAYE/NI - July	230.46
SSE	Memorial Power	96.24

A. Wright	Reim: Xmas Licences	272.00
Lite	Xmas Lights 2025	2757.60
CCP	Bus shelter repairs	2850.00
PJ Hellmers	Park grounds maintenance	1890.19
Unity Bank	Bank charge	7.00

2) Accounts & Payments to Date

RESOLVED 26/058 –That the Council approve accounts, and payments as circulated, page 39 of the Cashbook including the following payments

A. Wright	REIM: Various	315.03
ICO	Data registration	47.00
Water+	Allotments Water	10.59
A. Wright	Salary – Sept	1241.49
Nest	Pension contribution - Sept	92.81
HMRC	PAYE/NI - Sept	231.00
ONH	Neighbourhood Plan & Appeal Support	4590.00
P. Kerr	Mileage to Meeting	22.55
Unity Bank	Bank Charge	7.00

Part B

RESOLVED 26/059 – That the Council move into private session to discuss the remaining agenda items and request all press and public leave the meeting.

Barnfield Adverse Possession Claim

An update was provided on the adverse possession claim.

RESOLVED 26/060 – That the Council agree a lease holder the transfer, or not, is matter for Sanctuary to resolve.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Ann Wright
06/10/2026.

Next scheduled Parish Council Meeting

Monday 2nd November 2026 at 7.30pm

Billiard Room, Barbour Institute.

Towpath Meeting with CW&C Officers
Thursday 16th July 2026 – via Teams.

PRESENT
Cheshire West & Chester Council – Duncan Crockett, Chris Hardwick, Cllr Mike Jones (Tattenhall Ward), Kristy Littler, Jack Mayhew, Cllr Stephen Mosley (Christleton & Huntington Ward).
Tattenhall & District Parish Council – Cllr Paul Kerr, Ann Wright (Clerk).

Purpose of Meeting: To receive update.

The meeting started with an introduction to the project to create an accessible route from Chester to Beeston along the towpath and connect with the former railway line initially through to Chowley Oak but on to Malpas and Whitchurch. It was hoped the Towpath project could be extended through Cheshire East to Whitchurch creating a loop.

Chris Hardwick confirmed the new combined authority is now in place with a Chief Executive and Interim Director of Transport. It was noted that all funding for highways and transport will be paid to the new authority from April 2027. Funding will be paid in one tranche to the member authorities based on the Local Delivery Transport Plan (LDTP) which all the member authorities are working on. It was confirmed that the project is included in the draft LDTP.

Active Travel Place Making Enhancements
The project has been included in the LDTP in Active Travel Place Making Enhancements along with a number of other schemes which improve walking, wheeling and cycling accessibility and routes.

It was noted that towards the end of the funding cycle there is always more pressure on funding as such it is better to be able to move forward on the project at the start of the cycle.

It was discussed if it would be easier to phase the project rather than try and deliver such a large project in one phase.

The estimated cost of the project is £5.3m. It was understood there was significant funding from the Saighton Camp development. It was noted that Huntington Parish Council had objected to the funding being used on towpath project. It was agreed the availability of this funding needed to be investigated further. It was noted that the Canal River Trust (CRT) had stated that there would be a significant saving if the whole project was delivered at once.

Former Railway Line
Concern was raised with large planning applications coming forward that a development is not approved which would prevent the former railway becoming an accessible walking/ cycling route. The importance of planning officers understanding the project was emphasized.

It was agreed that developing a concept design for the former railway line is an important next step.

The combination of the towpath and former railway will create an interconnected active travel network which includes the proposed Beeston Railway Station.

It was discussed that the development of the former railway line is more complex than the Towpath.

Steering Group

It was agreed that CW&C need to establish a steering group with a clear terms of reference and includes CRT. It was noted that one of the first actions of the Group will be to address governance issues around using public money to fund works to as asset which is not owned by CW&C.

Membership of the Group to include CW&C officers, CRT representatives, Parish Council reps as required.

It was noted that CW&C officers want to make sure all the accesses to the towpath are all accessible.

Golden Nook Bridge

It was asked that creating a parking area at Golden Nook Bridge be considered, noting vehicles already park by the bridge, as it will provide access to the Towpath and the former railway line.

It was discussed that the Ice Cream Farm is accessible off the Towpath which is the 2nd largest tourist attraction in Cheshire after the Zoo.

Actions

- CW&C establish a steering group inc. CRT.
- CW&C provide a briefing for other departments including Planning, Property & Highways.
- Check planning requirements including listed building consents.
- Consider lighting in more urban areas.
- Timescales to be checked with CRT and fed back.

Active Travel England

It was noted that Active Travel England have just published design statements on standards of paths etc. The project will be checked against these standards.

All were thanked for attending the meeting.

Ann Wright
16/07/2026.

Notes of informal meeting on Youth & Community Needs Project
Thursday 27th August 2026 via Zoom.

PRESENT
Pat Black, Carol Dzelzainis, Paul Kerr, Kirsty Williams, Ann Wright (Clerk).
Denise Malone - Strategic Lead for Youth and Community Development, Cheshire YMCA.

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss the Youth & Community Assessment of Needs project.

Councillors introduced themselves confirming their involvement in various youth projects or that they work with young people.

Denise Malone explained she works as a strategic consultant and is working for the Cheshire YMCA with over 20 years of experience.

Project
The project is seeking to identify gaps in provision for youth and how these can be addressed through collaboration. The project has already identified gaps in the provision in rural areas.

It was discussed that the Parish Council had tried to identify what youth provision is required in Tattenhall but has struggled to engage with young people and failed to get support from CW&C. It was recognised that there is a difference between what adults want for the youth and what the youth want.

It was noted that up to 26 years olds are classed as youth and are covered by this project.

Transport
It was noted that access to transport is a huge issue as to access facilities or meet friends outside Tattenhall requires driving due to the limited public transport. The lack of transport prevents young people becoming independent or getting a part-time job.

It was discussed that young people who are not academic can feel like failures and easily become isolated.

Youth Club
It was noted that there have been various youth clubs in the past usually up to secondary school age.

It was discussed that there is quite a polarized community between those who are academic and those who are not, as well as those who are affluent and those who aren't and there is limited mixing between the various groups.

It was discussed that Sport Tattenhall (Flacca) is extremely popular and successful but does require a paid membership. It was noted that in the past the Parish Council had offered to sponsor child membership but had had little take up.

It was discussed the project includes surveys for stakeholders as well as young people who can complete forms anonymously.

The project aims to open up opportunities for young people which can include training.

Cllr Kerr suggested a discussion with Cheshire Fire Service who run the King's Trust Respect Course.

Visit to Tattenhall

It was agreed Denise would visit Tattenhall and engage with young people on Tuesday 8th September from 4pm.

It was agreed the Clerk would circulate the forms plus information on the visit.

Ann Wright
Clerk to Tattenhall & District Parish Council
03/09/2026.

Tarporley & Tattenhall & District Parish Councils
Cheshire & Warrington Combined Authority Joint Working Group
Tuesday 1st September 2026

Present:

Tarporley Parish Council –Gill Clough, Nigel Taylor.
Other Tarporley representatives - Rob Dancy, CW&C Cllr Charles Hardy (Tarporley)
Tattenhall & District Parish Council & Other – Richard Carden, Carol Dzelzainis.
Other Tattenhall representatives - Neil Ashridge, CW&C Cllr Mike Jones.

Appointment of Chairman

It was agreed Cllr Richard Carden be appointed chairman of the working group.

Scope & Aims of Working Group

A discussion took place regarding the scope and aims of the working group which included the following points:

The importance of promoting the opening of the new railway station at Beeston and the towpath project to provide an accessible walking and cycling route from Chester to Beeston were both highlighted as key projects which need to be supported by the new authority.

Concern was voiced that the existing Liverpool and Manchester combined authorities are very different in makeup than the new Cheshire and Warrington Combined Authority (CWCA) due to the presence of a higher amount of rural areas including Tarporley and Tattenhall. Unlike the Liverpool and Manchester Authorities with its advance manufacturing, professional and financial servicing sectors CWCA has a large rural and agricultural sector which is relied upon for employment and is particularly dominant in Cheshire East.

It was noted the rural economy has diversified and is made up on many micro industries including hospitality and that these are just as important as those found in Chester including Chester Zoo.

It was agreed it is important to understand how CWCA will support and fund the rural areas.

The importance of the big estates was highlighted, Bolesworth, Grosvenor and Cholmondeley.

It was agreed that by villages/parishes working together they will have a much bigger voice.

It was reported that agriculture GVA[1] is 3% but represents 20-30% of employment.

It was discussed that it was not known what impact the continued development of large numbers of new homes will have on the rural economy.

Cllr Hardy reported that he has attended a number of meetings for the CWCA where the focus has been on reducing poverty and reinvigorating the economies of Chester, Crewe, Ellesmere Port and Warrington. There have also been discussions around improving public transport however there is a clear misunderstanding of the state of rural transport and how it can be improved.

[1] Gross Value Added - measures the value of goods and services produced in an area, industry, or sector, representing the net contribution to the economy after subtracting intermediate consumption.

It was discussed that it is important to identify and promote flagship projects in the rural area so that they don't get overlooked for investment.

It was recognised that the CWCA is a huge unknown and it is not yet clear what authority the mayor will have.

Next steps:

- Clerk to contact CW&C Key Service Centres to see if they are interested in joining the working group.
- Request in person meetings with 2 announced mayoral candidates.
- Request meeting with CEO to speak on the role of the authority and the powers of the office of the mayor and how these will support the rural area.
  It was discussed that it is important to understand what powers the authority will have.
- Ask Rob Dancy if he is happy to identify a list of priorities for the group to consider including the following which can be circulated to the group for further comment:
  - Lack of public transport.
  - Support for young people 16-24 who are not in education or training (NEET).
  - Development in rural areas.
  - Peak Cluster.
  - Importance of the rural economy which includes a farm shop with a £12m turnover, Oulton Park, a paper recycling company with a £22m turnover.
- Request meeting with the MP to understand her position.

All were thanked for attending the meeting.

Ann Wright
03/09/2026.

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