



Minutes of ordinary meeting of
WEAVERHAM PARISH COUNCIL

held at
Weaverham Community Centre, Russet Road, Weaverham, CW8 3HY
on Monday 15th December at 7.00pm.

Clerk Adrian Morgan

147 Present: Gillian Edwards (GE) Chair, Mike Gerrard (MG), Peter Wilkinson (PWi) John Freeman (JF), Peter Wakefield (PWa) and Caroline Wakefield (CW)

In attendance: Clerk Adrian Morgan and 7 members of the public.

147.1 **Apologies** were received from Keith O Neil, and Rees Lasseter, Iain Lasseter arriving late and CWaC Cllr Lynn Stocks.

148. Public Open Forum. There were no questions raised by the public.

149 Co-Option- Council Co-opted Mr Kevyn Hewitt as a Councillor for the Owley Wood Ward of the Parish Council **approved**

150 Minutes of meeting held on Monday 24th November 2025 were **approved**.

151 Finance & Policy Committee

151.1 The minutes of Finance & Policy meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025 were **received**.

151.2 The accounts for November 2025 were **approved**.

151.3 The cheque payments as detailed in the cheque payment report amounting to £270.00 was **approved**.

152 Council approved the following Finance & Policy Committee **recommendations**.

152.1 **Minute F68** Meraki Wi-Fi was discussed. We will require Meraki 36 access points + installation at a cost of approximately £1,000.00 to replace the current system that will end on 21st July 2026. Council **approved** adding to next year's budget.

152.2 **Minute F69** Council **approved** adding a budget of £5k for the Plantation project to next year's budget.

152.3 **Minute F70** Wallerscote Road School projector project. Council **approved** giving a donation of £300.

152.3 **Minute F73.1** The Current Account is very low. Council **approved** moving £25k from our CCLA Account to Santander.

152.4 **Minute F73.2** Council **approved** holding a buffer amount of 2 months average expenditure is kept in the Current Account.

152.5 **Minute F73.3** Council **noted** that the Clerk & Chair of Finance and Policy Committee (under delegated authority) approved a quotation from Northwich Town Council for 3 transformers for the Christmas Lights at a cost of £230.00+VAT.

153 The Clerk's Memorandum on S137 expenditure was received and **noted**.

154 **Environment Committee**

154.1 The minutes of Environment Committee held on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 were **received**.

155 The following Environment Committee recommendations were **approved**.

155.1 Minute **E49** Council **approved** a working group, consisting of RL, PW, GE and AM, be formed to support the organisation of the 100th Weaverham Rose Fete, with the possibility of holding a "Party in the Park" event in conjunction with the Rose Fete Committee.

155.2 **Minute E50** Council **approved** a letter for issuing to property owners, requesting that they cut back vegetation encroaching onto the public highway.

155.3 **Minute E51** Council **approved** the Clerk's report on the "Bonfire Night Event Review" and action the recommendations.

155.4 Council **approved** obtaining quotations for the following recommendations from the Bonfire Night report.

- reflective tape for the water bins and ropes.
- Providing lighting for the gazebo.
- Creating a hard-standing area at the bottom pedestrian entrance to Lakehouse Field

156 Environment Committee meeting days will be held on a Monday with meetings on a bimonthly basis **approved**.

157 Council **approved** a letter to allotment holders reminding them of their tenancy terms & conditions relating to unkempt allotments.

158. The Clerk updated Council on the following matters: -

158.1 Tree surveys have been completed and will be discussed at the next meeting of Environment Committee **noted**.

158.2 Complaint received regarding the Vape shop & Barbers on the High Street. This is not a matter for the Parish Council. We cannot get involved with how a private company operates **noted**.

158.3 A House Energy Tour has been arranged by Barratt Homes on Monday, 5th January at 10:30 am. AM, PWi, JF, MG and IL will attend on behalf of the Council **noted**.

158.4 Cllr Lasseter has requested additional signage for the play park, referred to the next meeting of the Finance & Policy committee **noted**.

158.5 Complaints regarding the potholes at the Northwich Road shops were **noted**, and this item has been referred to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

158.6 I have received a letter from Dan Price, the Policy & Crime Commissioner, regarding our objection to PCSO's being reduced in Cheshire **noted**.

158.7 Solar panels- a cheque is on its way for £141.08 Council **approved** the Clerk looks for an alternative supplier and makes a complaint to OFGEM regarding the price reduction from 16.5p to 3p.

Cllr Iain Lasseter arrived at 7.55pm

158.8 The Council's Strategic Plan was discussed and is underpinned by six Community Pillars, as listed below. The following Councillors will lead each pillar:

Community Engagement and Participation – Cllr Keith O'Neil

Environment & Sustainability – Cllrs Rees Lasseter and Kevyn Hewett

Local Services and Infrastructure – Cllrs Gillian Edwards and Mike Gerrard

Governance, Transparency & Accountability – Cllrs Pete Wilkinson and John Freeman

Community Wellbeing and Safety – Cllrs Peter and Caroline Wakefield

Economic & Community Development – Cllr Iain Lasseter

For each pillar, the Clerk will prepare a briefing paper for discussion. Meetings will be scheduled during January and February, with the final documents to be approved in March for implementation in April 2026.

This will be a three-to-five-year plan, and each pillar working group will report back to Council every three months. **approved**

158.9 Council **approved** co-opting two lay members from Weaverham Trust on to the Environment Committee.

158.10 Code of Conduct training will take place in January- dates to be advised.

noted.

158.11 Council **approved** that the Clerk could go on a course in (AI Introduction for Parish Clerks) costing £40.00

159. Councillors attended the following meetings on behalf of the Council.

159.1 PWi Cemetery Committee

159.2 JF Orchard Group & Cemetery Committee

159.3 PWa Cemetery Committee

Council resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the PCSO & CWaC Councillors to address the Council.

- 160. The PCSO gave her verbal report which was **noted**.
- 161. Cllr Gillian Edwards gave her verbal report to Council which was **noted**.
- 162. The following items were raised by the Public: -
 - 162.1 The Bonfire Night event in Northwich is being cancelled next year. Concern was raised regarding the possible impact that this will have for the Parish Council's Bonfire event next year **noted**.
 - 162.2 Who sets the business rates in the Parish. This is a matter for CWaC **noted**.
- 163. To **Confirm** date of the next meeting of Council Monday 26th January 2025 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed as a true record.

Name ..GILLIAN EDWARDS.....

Signature ...G Edwards.....

Date ...26 / 01 / 2026.....