

Wrenbury-cum-Frith Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on 10th September 2026

Councillors:

- * Cllr K Johnson (Chair)
- * Cllr J Palmer (Vice Chair)
- * Cllr D Nutting
- * Cllr D Craig
- * Cllr K Harding
- * Cllr L Ridgway
- * Cllr S Hughes
- Cllr M Duncalf
- * Cllr T Tucker-Arnold
- Cllr J Pearson (CEC)

* denotes attendance

Clerk: Mrs B Conroy

1. **Apologies for absence**

To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Parish Council – Cllr Duncalf and Cllr Pearson sent their apologies

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any disclosable pecuniary interests or other disclosable interests as required under chapter 7 of the Localism Act 20

3. **Approval of the minutes**

To approve and authorise the signing of the minutes of the meeting and extraordinary meeting held on 9th July as a correct record.

4. **Public Forum**

To enable members of the public the opportunity to raise any matters of interest with the Parish Council in accordance with our Standing Orders

5. **Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr J Pearson was unable to attend and did not send a report

6. **Wrenbury Recreation Ground Trust**

To agree request for donation from WRGT regarding sycamore tree – agree to donate £350 for tree work **BC**

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7. Section 106

To discuss holding funds for other organisations –

Following NALC's recommendation there was unanimous agreement that the Parish Council will not handle the money for other organisations

8. Lengthsman's Shed

The new Lengthsman's shed has been erected and is and secure and locked

9. Clerk's Salary

To agree to setting up a standing order for the Clerk's salary and advise on pay increase £18.35-£18.96

10. Training Courses

To discuss clerk/Councillor training courses. To agree payment of £495 to SLCC for CiLCA qualification

11. SID/Speeding

SID - the Parish Council are in correspondence with Cheshire East and are waiting for a licence

Speeding - following concerns by village residents PC Jones has advised on where we stand. Three volunteers are needed and guns can be borrowed.

The Parish Council will post a request for volunteers on the village Facebook

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12. SPEN

Despite having numerous outages each year Wrenbury is not on the priority list. An outage is only classed if longer than 3 minutes. SPEN is aware of the problem in Wrenbury and surrounding areas and will add an additional 2 block switches in the forthcoming months (tbc).

13. Garden of Reflection/Village Green

To agree payment for obelisk and report on planned installation. The obelisk is ready for installation and will be anchored to flag stones. It was agreed that we will plant trees and spring bulbs. A volunteer day to help with planting will be organised. The gardening club will be asked if they would like to get involved. LR

Dani from Canalside Garden Centre will top up the flowerbeds on the village green with spring bulbs. There was also suggestion that shrubs should be planted between mature trees to keep cars off.

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14. Planning and Enforcement Matters

Planning and Enforcement Matters

Station Yard update –

24/5174/FUL Station Yard Concrete Batching Plan - Appeal Dismissed–

- The third planning appeal for B2 industrial use on Station Yard, including the already constructed concrete batching plant built in 2020, was again dismissed at appeal. This is the 3rd time planning permission has been refused by the local planning authority and each of their decisions has then been upheld by 3 separate planning inspectors.
- The principal reasons for the 3 refusals are the impacts of an inappropriate industrial use on the amenity of residents in the surrounding properties and gardens, including noise, dust, HGV movements and other ancillary activities.
- All current activities on Station Yard are in breach of the existing planning permission for the site. Planning Enforcement should finally take action to stop these activities, something that the Parish Council and CARIE (Campaign Against Rural Industrial Expansion) will be pursuing with the Chief Planning Officer
- Any activities on or adjacent to the Station Yard site which you observe to have an impact on local amenity and the environment, can be recorded and sent to the Wrenbury Parish Council Clerk clerk@wrenbury-pc.gov.uk to assist in identifying to the Planning Authority, the extent of continuing planning breaches on the site requiring positive action by Planning Enforcement
- There are still a lot of activities not allowed taking place on the site

Other Planning and Enforcement Matters

- a) Current and recent Applications - See Appendix A
- b) Applications for consideration and update at meeting

New –Since July Meeting

1. 26/2481/HOUS - Proposed single storey extension to rear (to replace existing conservatory) - 2 The Green, Wrenbury, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 8EY

Updates since July meeting

- 1.1 25/3838/HOUS Porters Hill Farm Frith Lane, Wrenbury, Retrospective application for retention of outbuilding and raised platforms – Approved with conditions regarding appearance and screening for Cholmondeley Road elevation
- 1.2 26/0952/FUL 1, BELMONT VILLA Frith Lane, Wrenbury, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 8HQ Proposed replacement outbuilding.- Refused
- 1.3 26/1525/FUL Canalside Garden Centre, Frith Lane; DISPLAY BUILDING COMPRISING OF 3 CONTAINER SHELLS - Approved with conditions
2. Review of Cheshire East planning website following updates – still problems being monitored and resolved at planning officer level
3. Applications made between 2nd and 10th September 2026 can be found on www.planning.cheshireeast.gov.uk. –
- 4) Responses from Planning Enforcement –

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- a) Station Road 45 Dwellings ref mound of archaeological interest and badger sett has been destroyed by contractor adjacent site – no response, Borough Councillor Pearson to chase planning enforcement for update
- b) Buildings around Swimming pool on Porters Hill without planning application– see 25/3838/HOUS Retrospective application for retention of outbuildings and raised platforms – Approved by LPA
- c) The Brooklands Nantwich Road – slurry lagoon -additional planning submission documents submitted by applicant 9th January APP/R0660/W/25/3377066 for review by officers - awaiting determination by LPA
- d) Property on Nantwich Road on Corner opposite doctor's surgery – Further action pending – still awaiting update from Enforcement
- e) The Old Vicarage Cholmondeley Road, Wrenbury -works and plan changes commenced on site before consideration of application by Local Planning Authority - awaiting determination by LPA
- f) The Old Vicarage Cholmondeley Road, Wrenbury - mobile home placed in grounds of the Old Rectory no planning application required. Enforcement has not reviewed changes to building and fence

Other matters

- 1) Deteriorating condition of Cotton Arms – No application for renovation submitted to date
- 2) Potential development for a 58 dwelling estate in the caravan rally field off Cholmondeley Road - no application submitted to date
- 3) Potential development of 48/50 dwellings beside and behind Wrenbury School with access off Nantwich Road – public exposition held in Village Hall held by Markden Homes 22nd June - No application submitted to date

Local Plan

Cheshire East Planning Department have commenced preparation of the new Local Plan for the borough to the Government's 3-year timetable. New National Policy Framework with key milestones will then go out for public consideration (next summer). PC will put in views. Current call for sites before public consideration and planners reviews. For further information go to the Cheshire East website and search Local Plan

15. Finance

- 15.1 To present a brief overview of budget – the budget was presented to the end of August figures and was agreed by Councillors. The precept has been received and will be noted at the next meeting
- 15.2 VAT 126 reclaim £1,404.66 has been received
- 15.3 To note Bank Reconciliation – Appendices B & C

Brought forward 31/07/2026	£1,578.93
Income	£6,404.66
Expenditure	£1,991.08

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Carry forward 31/08/2026	£5,992.51
Current Account	£5,992.51
Instant Access	£35,739.37
Total	£41,731.88

15.4 To note new payments to be made

	Payee	Supplies/Service	Amount
i	Scribe	DD Monthly Subscription	£37.20
ii	King & Sons	Grass Cutting	£40
iii	Janet Palmer	Replacement Shed	£634
iv	Anything in Metal	Obelisk	£550
v	Village Hall	Meeting Room Hire	£10
vi	B Conroy	Clerk Salary	£786.25
vii	NEST	DD Pension Contribution	£19.43
viii	Training Course	SLCC	£495
ix	Unity Bank	Bank Charge	£7
x	N Palmer	Lengthsman	£279
xi	Janet Palmer	Skip hire	£227.28
xii	Barbara Conroy	Expenses (form attached)	£33.08
xiii	ICO	GDPR Certificate	£47
xiv	WRGT	Donation (tree surgery)	£350
xv	Shires	Clerk Pay adjustment	£21
xvi	Barbara Conroy	Pen Drive	£11.99
	Neil	Inner tube	
	Total		£3,548.23

15.5 Agree payment of Total £3,548.23

16. General reports

- 16.1 To receive updates on MUGA – general maintenance and cleaning has been undertaken
- 16.2 To receive updates on playground – equipment checked and the surface has been patched
- 16.3 To receive updates on Highways – Cholmondeley Road emergency closure

17. Councillors Items for Information

To receive information that has been received between the agenda and the meeting that the Chairperson has agreed to include. Please note that no resolutions may be passed about these items

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Cllr Craig – police hub meeting is on 25th Sept report on crime
Cllr Criag will attend a multi organisation meeting with Deb Lindop on 23 September
Cllr Tucker Arnold would like to run a Cinema Club using Village Hall Committee Equipment. The idea will be discussed with the Village Hall Committee
Cllr Ridgway - the uptake on shared ownership housing on Station Road has not been a success. No finish date has been released
Cllr Nutting asked that Cllr Pearson provide an update Baddington Bridge dates and plans **BC**

18. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting as -Thursday 8th October 2026 in Wrenbury Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Following meetings Thursday 12th November
 Thursday 10th December

Meeting closed 21:22

PART B

To consider a resolution to exclude the public and press under the public bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) by reason of the confidential nature of the items of business to be transacted if required

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Appendix A

Appendix A for Meeting 10-09-26

Recent planning applications considered by Wrenbury Parish Council and outcomes.

Where an objection or comment has been raised to a planning application by Wrenbury Parish Council, full details of the objection or comment can be found online at the Cheshire East Planning website by searching for the application by number e.g. 26/1588/OUT Cotton Arms Cholmondeley Road, construction of 12no. holiday lets and associated landscaping

Application Reference	Description	WPC Decision	Notes	CE Decision
23/4753N	Retrospective application for a slurry lagoon, The Brooklands, Station Road	Objection	Revised submission Submitted 09-01-26	Still not decided
24/5174/FUL	Station Yard, Wrenbury, CW5 8HA Retrospective application B2 use and for a concrete batch plant at Station Yard.	Objection	Officer Decision Inspector decision	Refused 14/07/25 Appeal dismissed 17/08/26
25/3313/HOUS	The Old Vicarage Cholmondeley Road, Wrenbury - External alterations.	Comments submitted See CE website for full details		Awaiting decision
25/3838/HOUS	Porters Hill Farm Frith Lane, Wrenbury, Retrospective application for retention of outbuilding and raised platforms	Comments submitted See CE website for full details	Concerns regarding construction without planning permission	Approved with conditions regarding treatments for Cholmondeley Road elevation
26/0499/FUL	Proposed dwelling. 6, Oak Villas Nantwich Road,		No Comment	Awaiting decision
26/0584/VOC	Variation of Condition 2 on approval 19/2922N 1, Belmont Villa Frith Lane, Wrenbury,	No Comment		Refused
26/0952/FUL	1, BELMONT VILLA Frith Lane, Wrenbury, Nantwich, Cheshire East, CW5 8HQ Proposed replacement outbuilding.		Concern re size of outbuilding	Refused
26/1271/FUL	Cheshire Boutique Barns, HEALD FARM Cholmondeley Road, Wrenbury - Extension to existing holiday let barn conversion to provide enhanced accommodation.	Support		Awaiting decision
26/1286/FUL	Lane Acres Farm Wrenbury Frith, Wrenbury; New dwelling by conversion of an existing single storey outbuilding	Object	New dwelling in open countryside contrary to Neighbourhood Plan and CE Planning Policy	Refused
26/1525/FUL	Canalside Garden Centre, Frith Lane; DISPLAY BUILDING COMPRISING OF 3 CONTAINER SHELLS	Support		Approved with conditions
26/1588/OUT	Cotton Arms Cholmondeley Road, construction of 12no. holiday lets and associated landscaping	Support in principle	Express concern that no mention of work to pub building to stop deterioration	Awaiting decision

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Appendix B

3 September 2026 (2026-2027)

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Prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

A	Bank Reconciliation at 31/07/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		47,308.45
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2026 - 31/07/2026		12,519.69
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/07/2026		59,828.14 17,509.84
	Cash in Hand 31/07/2026 (per Cash Book)		42,318.30
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Unity Bank Current Account 31/07/2026	1,578.93	
	Unity Bank Instant Access 31/07/2026	40,739.37	
			42,318.30
	Less unrepresented payments		42,318.30
B	Plus unrepresented receipts		
	Adjusted Bank Balance		42,318.30
	A = B Checks out OK		

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4 September 2026 (2026-2027)

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Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

A	Bank Reconciliation at 31/08/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		47,308.45
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2026 - 31/08/2026		13,924.35
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2026 - 31/08/2026		61,232.80 19,500.92
	Cash in Hand 31/08/2026 (per Cash Book)		41,731.88
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Unity Bank Current Account 31/08/2026	5,992.51	
	Unity Bank Instant Access 31/08/2026	35,739.37	
			41,731.88
	Less unrepresented payments		
B	Plus unrepresented receipts		41,731.88
	Adjusted Bank Balance		41,731.88
	A = B Checks out OK		

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Appendix C