

# BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

Commenced: 7.30 pm

Terminated: 8.15 pm

Present: Councillor Bradley (Chair)  
Councillors Beresford, Moss and Tapper

There were two members of the public in attendance.

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Freer and Jones. The Parish Council was notified that Emma Williams had sent an email of resignation; however, this had only been sent to one Councillor.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members of the Parish Council.

## 3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 4. PUBLIC FORUM

Residents expressed concern regarding the ongoing development at Land to the North of Newcastle Road, Sandbach, Cheshire East, CW11 2TG, the works of which were still unauthorised.

## 5. PLANNING MATTERS

The Chair agreed to consider this matter next on the agenda.

### • Comments submitted under the provisions of the Standing Orders

- (i) Application Number: 26/1893/FUL  
Location: Land to the North of Newcastle Road, Sandbach, Cheshire East, CW11 2TG  
Proposal: THE CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO FORM A TWO-PITCH GYPSY AND TRAVELLER FAMILY SITE WITH TWO DAY ROOMS, CLOSURE OF THE EXISTING ACCESS ONTO NEWCASTLE ROAD AND THE FORMATION OF A NEW ACCESS ONTO NEWCASTLE ROAD  
RETROSPECTIVE

### RESOLVED

That the comments of the Parish Council submitted under the provisions of the Standing Orders, be ratified. (Comments circulated with the Agenda)

## 6. APPOINTMENT OF LEAD COUNCILLORS

### RESOLVED

That the following appointments of Lead Councillors be approved:-

- (i) Almshouses Charity – Councillor Bradley
- (ii) **Planning Matters** – Councillor Tapper
- (iii) **Highways Matters** – all Councillors to report, with any assistance by the Clerk.

## 7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Tapper reported that the questionnaire had been drafted and a quote had been received.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) That the questionnaire be considered and approved at the next meeting;
- (ii) That additional quotes be sought and considered at the next meeting.

**8. BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT 2026-2027**

The Parish Council considered a report of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on the following matters:-

**(i) Transactions****RESOLVED**

That the following transactions be approved:-

<b>PAYER/PAYEE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>
M Clough	May Salary		£181.71
HMRC	May PAYE		£45.40
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Fee		£7.00
HugoFox	Emails		£11.99
HugoFox	Annual Hosting		£143.86

**(ii) Approval of Payments****RESOLVED**

That the following payments be approved:-

<b>PAYEE/PAYER</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>PAYMENT</b>
M Clough	July Salary (13 hours @ £17.47 p/h)	Approx. £182.00
HMRC	PAYE July	Approx. £46.00
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Charge	£6.00
M Clough	August Salary (13 hours @ £17.47 p/h)	Approx. £182.00
HMRC	PAYE August	Approx. £46.00
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Charge	£6.00

**(iii) Budget Expenditure at 22nd June 2026****RESOLVED**

That the following Budget Head expenditure at 22nd June 2026, be approved:-

<b>Budget Head</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Budget Allocated</b>	<b>£ Difference</b>
Salary (including HMRC PAYE Costs)	£454.22	£2,850.00	£2,395.78
Office Expenses	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00
Insurance	£0.00	£350.00	£350.00
Information Commissioner	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00
Payroll Services	£36.00	£150.00	£114.00
Training	£0.00	£150.00	£150.00
Room Hire	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00
Poppies/Wreaths	£0.00	£75.00	£75.00
Community Projects	£0.00	£700.00	£700.00
Trees	£194.70	£300.00	£105.30
Village Maintenance	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00
Website and Email	£155.85	£350.00	£194.15
Subscriptions	£222.00	£275.00	£53.00

Internal Audit	£143.35	£150.00	£6.65
Unity Trust Bank	£14.00	£100.00	£86.00
Contingency	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00
Neighbourhood Plan (RINGFENCED)	£0.00	£15,780.00	£15,780.00
Totals	£1,220.12	£22,000.00	£20,779.88

**(iv) Explanation of Variances**

There were no variances to report at this meeting.

**(v) Bank Reconciliation as at 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**

**RESOLVED**

**That the following Bank Reconciliation as at 22nd June 2026, be approved:-**

<b>Bank Reconciliation 22nd June 2026</b>	
<b>BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Financial year ending 31 March 2027</b>	
Prepared by: Muna Clough, Parish Clerk & RFO	
Balance per bank statement as at 31st May 2026	£
Unity Current Account (20519047)	£23,352.13
Less: any unpresented cheques	
Unity Current Account (20519047)	£155.85
Add: any unbanked cash	
Unity Current Account (20519047)	£0.00
<b>Net bank balances as at 22nd June 2026 (Ringfenced £15,780.00 Neighbourhood Plan)</b>	<b>£23,196.28</b>
<b>The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows</b>	
<b>CASH BOOK</b>	
Opening Balance	
Unity Current Account (20519047) - 1st April 2026	£18,346.40
Add: Receipts in the year	
Unity Current Account (20519047)	£6,070.00
Less: Payments in the year	
Unity Current Account (20519047)	£1,220.12
<b>Closing balance per cash book [receipts and payments book] must equal net bank balances above</b>	<b>£23,196.28</b>

**(vi) Bank Statements – Unity Trust Bank**

**RESOLVED**

**That the following bank statements as circulated with the report, be received:-**

- **30th April 2026**
- **31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members noted that the date of the next meeting was Thursday, 3rd September 2026, to be held at 7.30 pm at the Club House, Malkins Bank Golf Course.

**10. URGENT ITEMS**

The Chair was of the opinion that the following item should be reported due to ongoing public safety concerns.

**11. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS REGARDING THE MALKINS BANK LANDFILL SITE**

The Chair reported that previous emails sent to organisations on this matter had not received an acknowledgement or response. Consequently, he had sent two follow-up emails earlier that day, under the relevant environmental legislation and regulations.

Furthermore, in response to a recent article relating to the dangers of the landfill, published on the Guardian website, he had invited a discussion with the author of the article.

**RESOLVED**

**That the report be noted.**