WERRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2026

AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr K Griffiths (Chair)
Cllr J Morrison, B Hughes, K Whitehurst,
S Hill, M Fair, D Shaw, L Ibbs,
T Latala

G Keiher-Knapper (Clerk)

SMDC Cllr P Hughes
There were 5 members of the public present.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public informed the Parish Council of another traveller's site on Eaves Lane, which is located lower down the lane than the original site. Another resident advised the meeting that the traveller has had electricity installed, constructed a trackway on Green Belt land, and has several open-sided trailers on the site. A further resident made the Parish Council aware that the land may potentially include part of Wetley Moor.

Cllr P. Hughes informed the meeting that the matter has been reported to SMDC Planning Enforcement, who have requested photographs.

Werrington Parish Council advised members of the public not to take photographs and informed the meeting that the Parish Council would contact SMDC Planning Enforcement the following day to request an update, with the District Councillors copied into the correspondence.

Public Question Time ended at 1905hrs

192/26 **Apologies**

Cllr R Ward.

193/26 **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations (from agenda):**

None received.

194/26 **Register of Interests**:

Councillors were reminded.

195/26 The **Minutes** of the following meetings were reviewed for accuracy and approved:

a) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 18th December 2025. Following Cllr P Hughes addition:

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184/25 Cllr P Hughes reminded the meeting that also Connect Fibre have had a Government Grant to benefit people in rural areas and have been making recent contact with residents.

b) Action points from Neighbourhood Plan meeting Monday 15th December 2025.

196/26 The following **Accounts** were approved:
a) **December 2025** Bank Reconciliation (circulated via email)

b) **Jan/Feb 26 payment** schedule (circulated via email)

C) **2026/27 Precept** was discussed and a 5% increase was approved this equating to a £2.83 increase. Band D 2025/26 £56.58 to Band D 2026-27 £59.41. The Parish Council will release a statement to inform residents.

197/26 The following Planning **Applications** were discussed:
SMD/2025/0510, SMD/2025/0507, SMD/2025/0524, DET/2025/0053 and SMD/2025/0534 and Werrington Parish Council has no comments.

SMD/2025/0532 Carta Real Estate & Cooperative Group Food Ltd was discussed and the Parish Council decided to comment not for or against this application but state that the concerns about the access off Ash Bank Road still stand despite now being made aware that the housing development company had a condition to install a crossing as part of their planning agreement the crossing still is not in place so it is still dangerous which the first Highways statement did also specify.

198/26 The following **policies were approved**:
a) Data Protection Policy
b) Werrington Sports Ground Operating Document – deferred until February 2026
c) Fire Safety Policy for Werrington Sports Ground
d) T& C of hire for Werrington Sports Ground
e) Booking proforma, booking agreement and hirers guide
f) Safeguarding policy -deferred until February 206

199/26 Receive a **report** from:
a)Staffordshire Moorlands Councillors.
Cllr P Hughes, Cllr B Hughes and Cllr D Shaw had already covered key points.

b)County Councillor.
Did not attend

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200/26 **Staff Reports**:

a) Clerks Report

- The Wardens job list was approved.
- Annual Allotment meeting agreed Monday 13th April at 1800hrs Werrington Village Hall.
- **Cllr Latala** agreed to further investigate how often Electrics at Sports Ground legally require testing.
- The **Chairman** is to open online portal to claim 2025 Football pitch grant.
- **Cllr Whitehurst** will arrange PAT testing for equipment at the Sports Ground
- Speed Watch Volunteer advertisement has begun.
- Outstanding and on going Bus shelter and Crossing.
- The Parish Council agreed ProFM CCTV replacement offer.
- 4 way springer installation due on Meigh Rd at the end of the month.
- Tender for MUGA drainage is live and hopefully will be on the Government website soon.
- Tender for Basket Swing ends 31st January.
- The Parish Council approved to remain with Alliance for a further year for Play Equipment inspections.
- The Parish Council approved tender for Multi Play Equipment replacement for **Cllr Shaw** to use when submitting grant applications.
- Additional tree works approved at Bowling Club and Meigh Rd car park.
- Bank Letter and CCLA letters approved to update Parish Council address.
- **Cllr Latala** & **Cllr Whitehurst** to zoom meet with the Clerk to discuss best email options.

201/26 **Neighbourhood Plan**.

a) Working Group Update.
   - Councillors are inputting questionnaires manually.

b) Next meeting.
   - Next meeting Monday 2nd February at 0930hrs in Werrington Library.

202/26 **Allotments:**

Plot 2 has now been filled from the waiting list.
Annual Meeting Monday 13th April at 1800hrs Werrington Village Hall.
Approved installation request of a shed 6 by 4.

203/26 **Meigh Road Playing Fields:**

Cllr Whitehurst raised that Meigh Road Car park had been locked early and that complaints had been received. It was agreed that the Wardens should inform the Clerk or the Chair if they are doing anything differently than what has been agreed.

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STAFFORDSHIRE EVENT & PARTY HIRE LTD have requested use of Meigh Road Playing Fields for a Summer Fun Day to include all groups and organisations in the Parish. The Parish Council agreed to provide the Booking Proforma to review all the details before making a decision.

204/26 **Sports Ground:**
a) Hiring Fee review.
Under 10s £450 per year.
Over 10a £700 per year.
Adults £950 per year.
Kitchen Hire £40 per half day.

205/26 **Bowling Club**:
Cllr Griffiths informed the meeting that he is still working on disabled access.

206/26 **Chairman's Report.**
Nothing extra to report and to thank all the Councillors for all the ongoing work that they do.

207/26 **Anti Social Behaviour Update.**
The Clerk has requested PCSO dates for Drop-in Clinics in the library to advertise. Cllr Fair is arranging to meet with the school.

208/26 **School Working Group Update.**
a) It was agreed to support the request for installation of pedestrian crossing outside Moorside High School. The Clerk will write to Highways, SCC, Cheddleton PC and share the letter on Facebook. The Clerk encouraged Moorside to start a petition.

209/26 **Correspondence**
Cllr Fair raised the Police and Crime Commissioners corresponded engaging about Council tax and all councillors and residents are encouraged to respond.

210/26 **Councillor Updates/Items**
Cllr Whitehurst raised that the PC should have a proforma for people requesting access to Meigh Road Playing Fields to include all required documentation like risk assessments and insurance to be attached. The Parish Council agreed and Cllr Whitehurst agreed to create a draft.

Confidential Items (public and press excluded)

211/26 Review and decide on **Meigh Road Drainage consultations**.
Deferred in the absence of Cllr Ward.

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212/26 **Transfer of Assets.**
Nothing further to be added at this time.

213/26 **Items for the next Agenda**.
-Personal Social Media
-Green Spaces

214/26 To confirm Date, Time and Location of the next meeting.

Monday 9th February 2026

Signature_____

Name_____

Date_____