

**MICKLE TRAFFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON  
MONDAY 08 SEPTEMBER 2025  
AT MICKLE TRAFFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**Open Forum**

**PUBLIC**

A member of the public advised the meeting of problems around Oak Bank Lane at its junction with Warrington Road. Incidents of Anti Social behaviour had been reported to both the Police and CWaC but no responses had been received. The Chairman asked the resident to provide incident numbers from both organisations and the Parish Council would then follow them up.

The resident asked if the Parish Council would remove a bench in the area but was told that until further information was received no action would be taken regarding the bench.

**POLICE UPDATE**

A monthly Police update has been received on the day of the meeting and has yet to be circulated to all members.

**PRESENT**

Cllr Parker - in the Chair, Cllr J Spence, Cllr Rowlands, Cllr M Roberts, Cllr M Alford, Cllr C Byrne, Cllr P Byrne and Cllr I Jones.

Clerk: Mr D Bowker

**Item 01            Apologies**

Cllrs B Rudd (Holiday)

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Parker, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the reason for absence was acceptable.

**Item 02            Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Parker – Village Hall

All councillors declared their interests as per their "Notification of Interests."

**Item 03            Approval of Parish Council Minutes.**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Roberts, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 be accepted.

**Item 04            Finance Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Parker, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 be noted.

**Item 05            Planning Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr Spence, seconded by Cllr Jones, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 be noted.

**Item 6            The Springfield Park Committee report**

Some work has been conducted in the park in line with the recent RoSPA report by Mr Spence and Cllr Rowlands.

**Item 7            Village Hall Report**

Cllr Rowlands made the Parish Council aware that there may be the need to replace two windows soon.

**Item 8            Events Group**

The light switch-on for the Christmas event will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> December and it is also hoped that a small service will take place in the Village Hall with the school choir present.

The Christmas Fayre will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December with HLTC being used in the morning and the Village Hall in the afternoon.

**Item 9           Bench/Seat Locations**

Deferred to next meeting.

**Item 10           War Memorial document refurbishment**

Cllr Parker is in contact with Cheshire Archives and is waiting for a response from them about the restoration work that may be needed to the document before it can be displayed.

**Item 11           Chester Green Belt Planning**

The Chester Green Belt Alliance have responded to CWaC Local Plan Issues and Options consultation.

A further application has been received in the Christleton area and it was proposed by Cllr Spence, seconded by Cllr Parker that Mickle Trafford would make a further contribution of £300 to the charges that would be incurred by the consultant.

Cllr Rowlands declared an interest in this matter before a vote was taken.

A vote was then taken with all eligible to vote in favour. MOTION PASSED

**Item 12           Verge/Pavement Maintenance**

A company was approached to conduct this work but has advised the Parish Council that due to the amount of insurance cover that would be required they would not be forwarding a quotation.

Cllr Roberts, Parker and the Clerk will now organise a meeting with CWaC to obtain a clear definition of the work they will be undertaking in 2026 and then if necessary they will consider approaching a third party.

The CWaC volunteer system will still be promoted in the area.

**Item 13           Action Update**

**Trees Hedges – Warrington Road – HW627441659**  
**Verge damage – Picton Gorse Lane/Ash Hey Lane – HW581424613**  
**Edge Deterioration – Salters Lane**  
**Minor Highways Improvements.**

The Parish Council have not received an update on any of the above and therefore Cllr Parker will speak to either Stuart Bateman or Karl Farrow to see what is being done.

Cllr Rowlands advised that he had spoken with a resident who was still having problems accessing the Chester bound bus stop because of the hedges and trees at the Old Rectory

Cllr Alford asked if information could be found about when the speed limit reduction on Oak Bank Lane would be conducted.

**Item 14           Matters raised at the discretion of the Chairman (Not for resolution)**

Cllr Rowlands stated that a resident had tried to contact the Parish Council regard Royal Mail collection times but had received no response.

The Clerk advised that nothing has been received.

Cllr Roberts will investigate this matter with Royal Mail.

Cllr Rowlands advised that there may be the need soon to replace two windows in the Village Hall as they could not be opened to provide ventilation.

**Item 15           Date and Time of Next Parish Council Meeting**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at The Village Hall @6.30pm