

**MICKLE TRAFFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON
MONDAY 14 JULY 2025
AT MICKLE TRAFFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Open Forum

PUBLIC

None Present

POLICE UPDATE

Nothing received.

PRESENT

Cllr Spence - in the Chair, Cllr Rowlands, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr B Rudd, Cllr M Roberts, and Cllr I Jones.
Clerk: Mr D Bowker

Item 01 Apologies

Cllrs P Byrne, C Byrne (Holiday), Cllrs Parker and Stockton Alford and Efobi (Business)
It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Taylor, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the reason for absence was acceptable.

Item 02 Declarations of Interest

All councillors declared their interests as per their "Notification of Interests."
Cllr Rowlands declared an interest in Item 11

Item 03 Approval of Parish Council Minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Rudd, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 9th June 2025 be accepted.

Item 04 Finance Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Spence, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 7th July 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 7th July 2025 be noted.

Item 6 The Springfield Park Committee report

The annual RoSPA safety report has been received and Cllr Rowlands that there were no major problems in the report.

Item 7 Village Hall Report

Nothing to report.

Item 8 Events Group

Nothing to report.

Item 9 Bench/Seat Locations

Deferred to next meeting.

Item 10 War Memorial document refurbishment

The Clerk and Cllr Parker are in discussion with Cheshire Military Museum about restoration work we are awaiting their recommendations as to who we should contact about the work.

Item 11 **Chester Green Belt Planning**

As part of the current Local plan CWaC have identified areas that it may be possible to develop to meet the housing need set out in the Local Plan.

Several local Parish Councils are concerned about this development and are considering a legal challenge to the areas proposed.

Mickle Trafford was asked if they would consider supporting the legal challenge.

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Roberts that Mickle Trafford would make a limited commitment to the charges based on more information being provided about the total cost.

A vote was taken with four for and two abstentions. MOTION PASSED

Item 12 **Village Hall Parking**

Following the last meeting the landowner was contacted and asked to take action.

It was noted that the vehicles using the car park were no longer onsite.

Item 13 **Action Update**

PROW – Picton Public Bridleway Nos 3 and 8 – Formal Notice.

The Parish Council have been advised that CWaC are happy that this matter has now been resolved.

Trees Hedges – Warrington Road – HW627441659

Verge damage – Picton Gorse Lane/Ash Hey Lane – HW581424613

Minor Highways Improvements.

The Parish Council have forwarded many areas for action but have since been advised that although some money has been made available it is only sufficient to cover one team's work for one week so we should not expect too many projects to be completed.

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

Through Facebook Cllr Spence is hoping that volunteers will come forward to be part of the CWaC volunteer scheme to clean pavements and roads.

Cllr Rowlands is going to arrange a meeting with Botanical Landscapes to discuss work that could be done on roads and pavements to make them more presentable and safer.

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

Monday 8th September 2025 at The Village Hall @6.30pm