

**MICKLE TRAFFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON
MONDAY 11 MAY 2026
AT MICKLE TRAFFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Open Forum

PUBLIC

None present.

POLICE UPDATE

No update received

PRESENT

Cllr J Spence, Cllr M Parker, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr I Jones, Cllr I Efobi and Cllr D Rowlands
Cllr Stockton was present until the end Item 12 and then had to leave for a prior engagement.

Item 01 Apologies

Cllr M Roberts, (Business)

Cllr C Byrne, Cllr P Byrne, Cllr B Rudd, and Cllr M Alford (Personal)

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

Item 02 Election of Chairman (Parish Council)

It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Stockton, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that Cllr Spence be elected to the post.

Cllr Spence agreed to accept the post and a unanimous vote of approval was recorded.

Item 03 Election of Vice-Chairman (Parish Council)

It was proposed by Cllr Spence, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that Cllr Parker be elected to the post.

Cllr Parker agreed to accept the post and a unanimous vote of approval was recorded.

Item 04 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Parker – Village Hall

Cllr D Rowlands – Item 17 and 18

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

Item 05 Approval of Parish Council Minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Parker, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 13th April 2026 be accepted.

Item 06 Finance Committee

Cllr Rowlands noted that under Item 1 of the meeting reference was made to Mr Mike Lowry and this should have been Mr Mike Ingram. The minutes will be altered to suit.

It was then proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes of the 5th May 2026 be noted.

Item 07 Planning Committee

No meeting was held on the 5th May as there was no new matters to be discussed.

Item 08 Annual Parish Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Efobi, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the minutes from the meeting held on the 13th April 2026 were noted.

Item 09 Councillors Special Duties 2026/27

Prepared by Derek Bowker

12.05.26

No: 2026/16

Deferred to the next meeting

Item 10 To approve for Audit the Annual Return 2025/26

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Stockton, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the Annual Return for 2025/26 of £16038.71 be approved.

Item 11 Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

It was proposed by Cllr Rowland, seconded by Cllr Stockton, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the Governance Statement read to the meeting by the Clerk be approved.

Item 12 The Springfield Park Committee report

Cllr Rowlands advised the following

The annual inspection was due to be conducted in April but as yet the report had not been received. The clerk was asked to progress this matter.

The new Picnic bench has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery.

The grass cutting is progressing satisfactorily.

It was noted that the roundabout was showing its age and may need replacing in 2026.

Item 13 Village Hall Report

The Annual meeting of the Village Hall Trustees will be held on May 8th and Cllr Rowlands was pleased to advise that daily usage of the hall had gone up and applications for private parties had also increased.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to Mrs Barbara Harrison to thank her for the many years of voluntary service she has given to the Village Hall.

Item 14 Succession Group

It was agreed that this group will no longer be required.

Item 15 Events Group

The Spring Fayre was cancelled for a variety of reasons but it was noted that the Tennis Club continued with the activities it had planned.

A summer event is being considered and the Christmas Light switch on event will go ahead.

The Village Club will also be organising a New Years eve party.

Item 16 Bench/Seat Locations

As previously stated, the new table in the park has been ordered.

The application for a "Street Licence" to cover the siting of a bench at the junction of Acres Lane and Fox Covert Lane is being considered by CWaC.

Cllr Rowlands has contacted a local contractor who has advised that an approx. price of £200 will be required to repaint one of the milestones.

This matter will be the subject of further discussion with Cllr Taylor.

Item 17 Churchyard Grant

A request had been received from St Peters, Plemstall for an increase to the annual Churchyard Grant made by the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Spence, seconded by Cllr Efobi, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the grant made should increase each year by the current rate of inflation.

Item 18 ChALC Affiliation Fee

It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Efobi and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that the Affiliation Fee of £709.60 should be paid.

Item 19 Planning Consultation 26/01136/FUL - 69 Long Lane

Doubt was raised that this application was within the Mickle Trafford and District Parish Council area. The Clerk was asked to clarify the matter.

If the property is within our area then it was proposed by Cllr Spence, seconded by Cllr Parker, and agreed by **ALL** eligible to vote that no objections would be raised.

Item 20 Road junction marking

A resident asked the Parish Council to note the poor road markings at the junction of Dee Road/Plemstall Way and Warrington Road and report the matter to CWaC.

The Parish Council noted that resurfacing work was due to be carried out on this section of road and if the road markings were not improved then they would report the problem to CWaC.

Item 21 Action Update

The Clerk has forwarded an E-mail to Mr Stuart Bateman at CWaC to request an update regarding the Highways Improvements proposed but has not received a response. Cllr Parker will take further action to expedite this matter.

We are still awaiting the Street Maintenance programme from CWaC. Cllr Parker will take further action to expedite this matter.

Item 22 Matters raised at the discretion of the Chairman (Not for resolution)

Following communication with several residents Cllr Parker asked the Clerk to report potholes on Station Lane/School Lane and The Street

The Clerk was asked to speak to CWaC Highways about when the new speed limit would be implemented on Oak Bank Lane

Cllr Rowlands requested that "School" signs be erected by CWaC Highways on School Lane

Cllr Rowlands asked that the Clerk should place orders on behalf of the Village Hall trust.

The Clerk stated that he was employed to work for the Parish Council and not the Trust and was not Inclined to conduct this work.

This matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Item 23 Date and Time of Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 8th June 2026 at The Village Hall @6.30pm