

**MINUTES OF THE POTT SHRIGLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 1st JUNE 2026 at 8PM**



PRESENT	Chair	D Basford (Chair)
	Councillors	P Boulton K Chong (Vice chair) J Hadfield R Lancaster M Wray
	Parish Clerk	Mrs J Deahl
OBSERVERS	One member of the parish was in attendance.	
APOLOGIES	Cllr. Greenwood Cllr. Saunders (CEC)	

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 11th May 2026, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests they may have in relation to the items on the meeting agenda.

No interest were declared.

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY WARD COUNCILLORS

None

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- The clerk has requested when the traffic lights at the Brickworks on Bakestonedale Road will be removed and sent pictures to Highways demonstrating the hazard to pedestrians.
- The clerk has reported the missing chevron sign, damaged fingerpost and street sign on Norman's Hall bend, and the loose kerb stones at Norman's Hall to Highways.
- Joyce Burton has agreed to scan all the 'Audit 2026' documents and publish them on the PSPC website, and send off the AGAR statement. She has also kindly agreed to update the laminated contact/photo sheet on the notice board, as requested by Cllr. Lancaster.
- The clerk has investigated a resident's query as to whether any planning applications for the stable block at Pott Hall Barn have been received. There doesn't appear to be.
- The clerk has emailed John Goodman to chase up EC Ramblers regards helping with Jackson Brow steps. He reports it's likely that the steps will have to await the appointment of a new project manager, who could look at this.
- The Rose Queen celebration is to be held on Sunday, 28th June 2026. Permission was requested to use the village green. The council agreed.
- Further discussion of Adlington New Town. This is covered in 4.2 Adlington New Town.

4.1. Highways

New/updated

- **SR510034984:** temporary lights at Bakestonedale Road reported and update requested. (May 26)
- **SR510034986:** damaged chevrons at Norman's Hall Bend reported (May 26)
- **SR510034988:** loose kerb stones at Norman's Hall reported (May 26)
- **SR510011724:** damage at Normans Hall grass triangle to the direction sign. (Nov 2025). Clerk has spoken to CEC who say this case was closed on 24th Dec and marked as resolved. There was discussion of the three unresolved reports related to Norman's Bend, namely the chevrons, fingerpost and the street sign. Further reports have been submitted by the clerk.
- **SR510004094:** gullies not emptied Spuley Lane, Bakestonedale Road. Members' enquiry ref.
- **EFRM30222 (Sept 2025):** update from CEC (May 26): *"The gullies were updated and cleaned so this has been resolved"*. In reality only 23 of 34 were emptied, missing the most critical ones.
- **Overgrown grass/verges:** were raised as a recurring problem obscuring signs and road markings particularly around Unwin Pool and Norman's bend triangle.
- **Jackson Brow steps:** John Goodman reports that it's likely we will have to await the appointment of the new project manager at EC Ramblers, to look at whether they may be able to help with vegetation.
- **Bakestonedale Road surface and defects:** Serious concern raised about the state of the road after eighteen months of diverted/increased traffic. Described as barely passable in places, with a real risk of tyre, wheel or even suspension damage from pulling onto the verge to pass oncoming vehicles. The council had held off reporting this while the parallel road closure was in place. Now that pressure is easing this is the right time to push for proper repair before next winter, rather than another round of patching.

Pending

- **Poynton Relief Road:** the clerk has spoken to the Highways Officer for Poynton who says he has no information about a meeting.
- **Collapsed wall, Bakestonedale Road:** (July 2022). Still pending.
- **Improvements to bend at Brookbank:** improvements to be included in the 'Minor Improvement Scheme. (Nov 2024). No update.
- **Enquiry 10073643:** culvert/wall on the west side of Shrigley Road. (Nov 2024). Long-running issue, reported repeatedly. The wall is gradually collapsing due to water erosion where the stream takes a sharp bend to pass under the bridge. Bridges & Structures is responsible and does inspect the bridge periodically. Continue recording this item in the minutes.
- Frustration was raised about the discrepancy between work marked as completed by CEC Highways when it is not, and the apparent lack of a working complaints process. Consideration was given to an FOI to establish facts, but it was decided this would take up too much of clerk's limited hours at the moment.

- **ACTION:** Clerk to re-report incorrectly closed issues and raise a complaint to include the four reports related to Norman's Hall bend, and the gully clearing which left 11 gullies still blocked. Also, to raise the poor standard of grass cutting, particularly at Unwin Pool and around Norman's Hall Bend triangle. If no response follow up copying in Ward Councillors.
- **ACTION:** Clerk to report Bakestonedale Road issues to Highways with full detail: extensive potholing, irregular/crumbling carriageway edges, loose gravel, and the tarmac edge visibly falling away.
- **ACTION:** Clerk to email Tim Roca and copy in Ward councillors regards Bakestonedale Road.
- **ACTION:** Cllr. Chong to take photos of the worst sections of Bakestonedale Road to support the report.

4.2. Adlington New Town

Cllr. Boulton updated. The final short and long versions of S.A.N.T.'s response, including a link to all of the relevant documents, has been sent to councillors. An invoice for solicitors fees of £186.18 was expected but has not yet been received. There is a chance it may be more.

The consultation response was circulated on 13 May with a request to confirm it was OK to proceed. A number of amended versions followed. It's currently unclear whether this is now finalised and ready to publish. Discussion regards the lack of an efficient method to share time-sensitive information. It was agreed Hot Pott plus the council website was the best route we have.

ACTION: Cllr. Boulton will seek clarification whether we can publish in the July Hot Pott edition.

ACTION: Cllr. Boulton to chase the invoice for the solicitors and will circulate the latest version when he has received it.

4.3. Jumber Clough Enq/43245

No further updates.

4.4. Cricket Club

No updates.

4.5. Flag Pole

No updates

4.6. The Peak Cluster pipeline

Cllr. Wray updated. He has circulated the delayed ChALC Summary Report of the Peak Cluster Pipeline Meeting, which took place on the 30th April 2026. The project remains in the survey/further-assessment phase, with another round of detail expected.

4.7. Straining post on Village Green

Cllr. Basford updated. One gatepost has been replaced. A second gatepost still needs fitting properly. Sheep have been pushing through fencing, some concern this is down to overgrazing.

5. FINANCE

5.1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NatWest Current Account	£6,663.85
Vernon Building Society Deposit Acc.	£ 20,856.28
Petty Cash	£ 18.18
Total =	£ 27,538.31

Income

None.

Invoices

None.

Accounts to Pay

Replacement Laptop & Microsoft Office £628.99 inc. VAT of £104.83 (reclaimable)

The receipt shows the councillor cardholder details rather than "Parish Council," which was agreed not to be a problem for the record.

5.2. Building Society Account

It was previously agreed that we would open a 2-year savings account with the Hampshire Building Society.

5.3. Online Banking

Adding the new clerk's name to the mandate has been deferred.

6. PLANNING

6.1. Applications

NP/CEC/0526/0507 – Location: Cophurst, Shrigley Road, Pott Shrigley,
Proposal: Repair and refurbishment of the existing stone slate roof. Replacement of existing windows and doors with painted timber units. Installation of two conservation rooflights to the rear roof slope above the kitchen; Internal repair works and renewal of outdated electrical and plumbing installations

NP/CEC/0526/0508 – Location: Cophurst, Shrigley Road, Pott Shrigley,
Proposal: Listed Building consent - Repair and refurbishment of the existing stone slate roof. Replacement of existing windows and doors with painted timber units. Installation of two conservation rooflights to the rear roof slope above the kitchen; Internal repair works and renewal of outdated electrical and plumbing installations.

We are invited by Peak Park to comment on the following planning application by Tuesday 16th June.
A councillor viewed the property in person and is satisfied the work matches what's described

ACTION: Clerk to email Peak Park and inform them that there are no objections from PSPC.

25/4528/HOUS - still pending

Church View Cottage, Shrigley Road, Pott Shrigley, Macclesfield SK10 5SA
Re-roof the property and install energy-saving materials.

26/0686/FUL - still pending

Shrigley Hall Hotel, Shrigley Road, Pott Shrigley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK10 5SB

Removal of the existing omni antenna and support pole; Installation of a new 7m high wall mounted flagpole supporting 3 no. antennas; Installation of 6 no. remote radio units on new wall-mounted support pole; Removal of 1 no. existing BTS3900A cabinet; Installation of 1 no. new AIRI equipment cabinet; Installation of Ericsson radio systems (ERS), baseband unit (BBU) and a GPS node; And associated apparatus and ancillary works.

6/0687/LBC Listed building consent for proposal above

6.2. Appeals**NP/CEC/1025/1086** - still pending

Keepers Cottage, Moorside Lane, Pott Shrigley

Replacement dwelling - self-build.

6.3. Enforcement**26/0064ENF** Brookbank Farm, Shrigley Road – still pending

Unauthorised material change of use. The Clerk followed up on this with CEC, as requested. CEC report that discussions with the landowner remain ongoing to establish whether a breach of planning control exists. CEC advises cases of alleged light pollution can be reported to environmental protection.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

- 7.1. Email received on 18th May. MP Tim Roca sent an email to the clerk encouraging anyone who wishes to make their views known on the government's wider plans to take part in the consultation, which closed the following day. He went on to say it is important that we remain vigilant against any future inappropriate development proposals.
- 7.2. Email received on Friday, 22 May from a parishioner, regarding Cheshire East Highways informing them that two trees on Shrigley Road must be felled as they are unsafe. The parishioner writes, " This has only recently come to our attention. I had a site visit with CEC on Tuesday, and our Tree surgeon undertook a detailed inspection of the two trees on Wednesday, a very large Beech and a smaller Sycamore. He has assessed that the Sycamore needs to come down urgently. He and his colleagues will take this tree down on (Bank Holiday) Monday, 25 May, at daybreak. The job should be finished mid-morning. Both trees have TPOs and this morning we have just received consent from CEC planning to remove both trees. The Beech tree is very large and to safely take it down will involve closing the road for three days. I will let you know when we have dates for this. I am sorry for the inconvenience this may cause some people but our hands are tied and for the safety of both road users and pedestrians, "we have no option but to take down both trees."
- 7.3. Confirmation of payment received for Zurich insurance renewal.
- 7.4. Letter from a Mr Foster asking for advice on planning regarding Green Methodist Church, which he is interested in purchasing. The clerk has replied, directing him to CEC planning.
- 7.5. Email from Cheshire PCC, with an annual summary of achievements. Document circulated to the council.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1. Events on the Village Green

Rose Queen celebration confirmed for the 28th June.
 Wedding taking place on the 18th July 2026
 Charity Cricket match taking place on 22nd June.

8.2. Cemetery trees

Concern raised about trees overhanging near the church, particularly an ash growing close to/out of the boundary wall.

8.3. Pension scheme

The new Clerk is to formally decline the Local Government Pension Scheme in order that the council is kept compliant of the July 5th deadline to register. The council will set up the pension in due course at the request of the Clerk.

8.4. Possible planning application at Pott Hall Barn/Stables

A resident asked whether there's a planning application in place for works to a stable/office building being converted into living accommodation. Nothing shows up on the planning portal. The belief is that no permission is required for this kind of conversion of an existing building.

ACTION: Cllr. Chong will check whether the granny annexe exemption applies to a previous stable block.

8.5. Boundary stones

One of the area's boundary stones near the cricket club/quarry area needs visiting to confirm it's still standing. All listed stones carry a Cheshire heritage listing reference and can be looked up online.

ACTION: Clerk will visit and update council

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will take place at 8pm on **Monday 6th July 2026**.

The meeting closed at 21.08