

MEETING OF DUDDON AND BURTON PARISH COUNCIL

To the Members of Duddon and Burton Parish Council: You are hereby summoned to attend the next Parish Council Meeting on Monday 27th January 2025 to be held at Duddon, Clotton and District War Memorial Hall, at 7.00pm, for the transaction of the business set out below.

Signed *Trudy Ryall-Harvey*, Clerk
20/01/2025
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS
(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES	And reason for absence.
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Members to declare any interest under the following categories: pecuniary, outside body and family, friend or close associate.
3.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	When members of the public may comment or raise questions regarding matters affecting the Parish. (max of 3 mins per person without prior agreement with Chair and for a maximum of 20 mins in total.) <i>This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate by asking questions, raising concerns or making comments on matters affecting Duddon and Burton. No decision can be taken during this session, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.</i> <i>N. B Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119</i>
4.	ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES	To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25 th November 2024.
5.	PLANNING	- To note planning applications as listed on the planning register, including comments submitted since the last meeting and enforcement matters. - To note any planning applications received since the agenda has been distributed
6.	ACCOUNTS	1. To accept the Cash Book. 2. To note the Budget v Outturn Sheet 3. To approve the Bank Reconciliation against Cashbook YTD. 4. To approve the submission of the Churchyard Grant Application to CWaC for 2024. 5. To approve payments made and income received since last meeting.
7.	CORRESPONDENCE	- To note the new Police Beat Manager – Steve Harrison - Police Local Community Priorities – to note the correspondence from the PCSO and agree any actions. - To note the Cheshire East Cheshire West and Warrington council’s proposals to government for the consideration of a devolution priority programme. - To note the 5 communities’ fibre to the premises update. - To note the CWaC Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation and agree if the PC wishes to respond. - Any other correspondence received since the last PC Meeting.
8.	THE COMMUNITY	- To receive a report from residents following the request to improve the play area in Duddon and consider next steps. - Wildflower Update – to receive a verbal update on the changes to the planned Wildflower area in the village.
9.	PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS	- To seek approval of the budget for 2025-26. - To agree the Parish Precept for 2025-26. - To agree the training schedule for the clerk for January – July. - Parish Meeting – to discuss and schedule a Parish Meeting in 2025. - To agree to the submission of the Churchyard Grant for 2024.
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next meeting will take place on Monday 24 th March 2025 at 7.00pm at Duddon, Clotton and District War Memorial Hall.

**Minutes of Duddon and Burton Parish Council Meeting
at Duddon, Clotton & District Memorial Hall on Monday 25th November 2024 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT:

Cllr C Cummins

Cllr G Goulbourne - Chairman

Cllr A Green

Cllr M Lightfoot

Cllr K Warburton

Members of the Public: 3

CLERK: Mrs T Ryall-Harvey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – No apologies were received.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - No declarations were received.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported by a resident representing the Duddon, Clotton and District War Memorial Hall that a defibrillator had been installed on the outside of the Hall and was now registered with the Circuit. It was reported that the Memorial Hall was looking to explore training for residents on how to use the defibrillator. It was also reported that following the last meeting the Memorial Hall had obtained a quote for the installation of solar panels and were hoping to receive a further quote within the next few weeks.

The company that had quoted had suggested installing additional solar panels to allow electricity to be sold back to the grid to counteract the times when the Memorial Hall required electricity in the evenings rather than installing a battery.

A resident reported that she had been approached by a number of residents to ask if it would be possible to upgrade to the play area. The resident asked what does the community need to do to put the wheels in motion, it was suggested by another resident that rubber matting be installed for all year-round play.

ACTION: Resident to provide by beginning of January a plan with quotes and funding streams for the Parish Council to consider.

ACTION: Clerk to provide companies details who can quote playground equipment to resident.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED 24/026: That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The council noted the Planning Register as circulated at the meeting, dated 18th November 2024 and it was noted that no planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

24/02297/FUL – Duddon Mill House, Mill Lane, Duddon, Tarporley CW6 0HA – Demolition of the existing dwelling and outbuildings for the erection of a replacement dwelling – the Parish Council submitted **no objections** to this consultation.

24/03161/FUL - Burton Farm Burton Road Burton Chester CW6 0ER - Change of use of land and buildings known as the former hatchery buildings at Burton Farm to light/general industrial and storage, B2, B8 (including ancillary Class E(g)i) together with Canine hydrotherapy Class E (c)(iii) including the subdivision of the existing units into six units and retention of extant office and welfare facilities (retrospective) – the Parish Council submitted **no objections** to this consultation.

ACCOUNTS

Cashbook

RESOLVED 24/027: that the YTD Cashbook dated 18th November 2024 be approved and the Outturn against Budget be noted.

Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED 24/028: that Cllr Green signs the Bank Reconciliation and Bank Statements.

Pay Scale Award

RESOLVED 24/029: that the Clerk be awarded 1 SCP pay increase and the proposed National Salary Award Scheme for 1st April 2024 be approved and the clerk be awarded backpay.

Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED 24/030: that the following income and expenses be approved:-

Income received since the last meeting for noting:		Gross Amount	Comment
09/10/2024	Lloyds Bank	£7.82	Bank Interest
11/11/2024	Lloyds Bank	£8.61	Bank Interest
27/10/2024	Skiptons	£28.09	Compound Interest
27/09/2024	Skiptons	£29.28	Compound Interest

Payments made since the last meeting for approval:					
Date	Payable to	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Comment
17/10/2024	Bank Charges	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00	Bank Charges
17/11/2024	Bank Charges	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00	Bank Charges
25/10/2024	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey	£264.20	£0.00	£264.20	Clerk's Salary Tax Month 7
29/10/2024	HMRC PAYE	£66.00	£0.00	£66.00	Tax Month 7
09/10/2024	Shires Accountants	£85.70	£17.50	£103.20	Payroll Services for Months 07-12 of tax year 24/25
11/10/2024	Northwich Town Council	£390.00	£78.00	£468.00	Playground Maintenance

Payments not yet made for approval:				
Payable to	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Comment
Mrs T Ryall-Harvey	£141.08	£6.77	£147.85	Clerk's Expenses
HMRC	£85.80	£0.00	£85.80	PAYE for Tax Month 8
Mrs T Ryall-Harvey	£343.24	£0.00	£343.24	Salary Tax Month 8

THE COMMUNITY

It was reported that following the Annual Inspection of the Playground Equipment Northwich Town Council had painted the play equipment that had been highlighted as requiring treatment for rust/corrosion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Parking Concerns on Back Lane- the meeting noted concerns raised by a resident of Back Lane to cars parking on the pavement. The Clerk recommended that the resident report parking obstructions to the Police. The Clerk also reported that she had contact CWaC Highways to find out if parking restrictions could be put in place, however CWaC had confirmed that the blocked access and blocked footways was a

matter for the Police and they would not consider this area for installation of parking restrictions on this basis.

Request for meeting to discuss Duddon improvement works- United Utilities

It was reported that the Parish Council had been invited to a Q & A session that United utilities were holds on Wednesday 27th November between 2pm and 6pm at Utkinton Village Hall to discuss a planning application that they were looking to submit. Cllr Goulbourne confirmed his intention to attend this meeting.

Concerns about the park

An email from a resident was circulated around the Parish Councillors for them to view, it was agreed that the Clerk would respond to provide an update on what had been agreed earlier in the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Action Plan – the 2024-25 Action Plan was reviewed, and it was agreed that this should role forward with the discussed amendments to create the 2025-26 Action Plan and be published on the website.

Budget requirements for 2025-26

It was suggested that the following activities should be included within the budget for 2025-26:-

- Cleaning of Gutter on Back Lane & Willington Road - £500
- Rub Down and Paint 1 x single swing and 2 x double swing sets that are in the Duddon Village Park area - £440

Cleaning of Gutters on Back Lane and Willington Road- it was agreed that Northwich Town Council should be asked to undertake a six monthly clean of the gutters on Back Lane and Willington Road in the Spring at an approximate cost of £400 per clean and a weed killer in between this at a cost of approximately £150, these this should be reviewed in November 2025 to see if it had been successful as tidying up this area.

Flooding on Well Lane – Cllr Goulbourne reported upon a leak on the United Utilities site in Well Lane that was running onto the Highway, due to a collapsed drain. Cllr Goulbourne reported that he had recently had a meeting with United Utilities to try to resolve this issue and also had reported the collapsed drain to CWaC.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Duddon and Burton Parish Council would be held on Monday 27th January 2025 at 7.00pm in the Duddon Clotton and District Memorial Hall.

Meeting finished: 19.26

Signed:..... Dated:

Duddon and Burton Parish Council Planning Register 2022-23

Received	Number	Location	Description	PC Response	Result
Wed 11 January 2023	22/04541/HE D	Various Locations Along The Route of A Proposed Sewer Pipeline From Utkinton To Tarvin Via Duddon	Removal of various sections of mid and end hedgerows (16 locations) to lay a new wastewater pipeline	No objections	Awaiting Decision

Duddon and Burton Parish Council Planning Register 2023-24

Received	Number	Location	Description	PC Response	Result
Thu 18 May 2023	23/01619/OUT	Land Adj To Duddon Hall Tarporley Road Tarvin Chester	Land Adj To Duddon Hall Tarporley Road Tarvin Chester	No objections	Awaiting decision
Thur 18 Jan 2024	EN578557156	Burton Farm, Burton, Chester CW6 0ER	Farm buildings that were used to raise Turkey's are being used as Industrial Units without any change of use.	Council Officer assigned to review	Planning Application submitted 24/03161/FUL

Duddon and Burton Parish Council Planning Register 2024-25

Received	Number	Location	Description	PC Response	Result
Tue 24 Sep 2024	24/02865/DEM	The Old Bakery Tarporley Road Duddon Chester CW6 0EW	Demolition of Corrugated Metal and Timber Shed back of the building.	Not consulted upon	Decided
Mon 05 Aug 2024	24/02297/FUL	Duddon Mill House Mill Lane Duddon Tarporley CW6 0HA	Demolition of the existing dwelling and outbuildings for the erection of a replacement dwelling	No objections	Awaiting Decision
Tue 22 Oct 2024	24/03161/FUL	Burton Farm Burton Road Burton Chester CW6 0ER	Change of use of land and buildings known as the former hatchery buildings at Burton Farm to light/general industrial and storage, B2, B8 (including ancillary Class E(g)i) together with Canine hydrotherapy Class E (c)(iii) including the subdivision of the existing units into six units and retention of extant office and welfare facilities (retrospective)	No objections	Awaiting Decision
Wed 20 Nov 2024	24/03480/FUL	Rose Cottage Duddon Common Lane Duddon Chester CW6 0HG	Demolition of existing extensions, erection of single story extension to west elevation, dormer to first floor with balcony terrace, addition of rooflights, alterations to roof, windows and doors, addition of external insulation.	No objections	Awaiting Decision
Mon 18 Nov 2024	24/03426/LDC	The Beeches Well Lane Duddon Chester CW6 0HG	Lawful Development Certificate for existing summerhouse in use for more than 10 years as ancillary residential accommodation to the main house	No objections	Awaiting Decision

AGR – Agricultural application
 CAT – Conservation area tree
 FUL – Full application
 LBC – Listed building consent
 PDQ – Agricultural Buildings to Dwelling Houses
 REF – Appeal
 S73 – Minor material amendments
 LDC – Lawful Development Certificate
 TPO – Tree Preservation Order

Trudy Ryall-Harvey
 20/01/2025

DUDDON AND BURTON PARISH COUNCIL CASHBOOK - FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS 2024-25

STATEMENT DATE	Description	Power	PN	EXPENDITURE excluding VAT					VAT	Receipts	Totals	Comments	Resolved	No.
				People	Professional Services	General Services	Admin	Grants	Projects					
09/04/2024	Interest (Gross)		35							9.77	9.77	Bank Interest	24/014	1
10/04/2024	Cheshire West and Chester		35							8,825.00	8,825.00	Annual Precept Payment	24/014	2
19/04/2024	Cheshire Association of Lo		35				-161.12				-161.12	CHALC Annual Affiliation Fees	24/014	3
19/04/2024	Mid-Cheshire Footpaths		35				-8.00				-8.00	Annual Subscription Fees	24/014	4
19/04/2024	Phil Sanders		35		-57.00						-57.00	Annual Internal Auditor	24/014	5
19/04/2024	PQR Limited		35		-54.00						-54.00	Payroll Provision Apr - Oct 2024	24/014	6
25/04/2024	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		35	-264.20							-264.20	Clerk's Salary Tax Month 1	24/014	7
27/04/2024	Skiptons		35							30.56	30.56	Compound Interest	24/014	8
29/04/2024	HMRC PAYE		35	-66.00							-66.00	PAYE Payment for Tax Month 1	24/014	9
30/04/2024	NALC		35				-50.00				-50.00	National Association of Local Council's Subscr	24/014	10
09/05/2024	Interest (Gross)		41							10.12	10.12	Bank Interest	24/019	11
16/05/2024	ICO ZB331348		41				-35.00				-35.00	Data Protection Subscription	24/019	12
20/05/2024	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		35				-96.88				-96.88	Clerk's Expenses	24/014	13
20/05/2024	Ringwood Fencing		35						-15.04		-15.04	Materials for repairs to Play area Fence	24/014	14
20/05/2024	Bank Service Charge		41				-1.70				-1.70	Bank Charges	24/019	15
24/05/2024	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		35	-264.20							-264.20	Clerk's Salary Tax Month 2	24/014	16
27/05/2024	Skiptons		41							29.66	29.66	Compound Interest	24/019	17
29/05/2024	HMRC PAYE		35	-66.00							-66.00	PAYE Payment for Tax Month 2	24/014	18
10/06/2024	Interest (Gross)		41							10.80	10.80	Bank Interest	24/019	19
06/06/2024	Gallaghers		41		-900.20						-900.20	Insurance	24/019	20
18/06/2024	Bank Service Charge		44				-7.00				-7.00	Bank Charges	24/024	21
25/06/2024	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		41	-264.20							-264.20	Clerk's Salary Tax Month 3	24/019	22
27/06/2024	Skiptons		41							30.74	30.74	Compound Interest	24/019	23
28/06/2024	HMRC PAYE		41	-66.00							-66.00	PAYE Payment for Tax Month 3	24/019	24
09/07/2024	Interest (Gross)		41							9.80	9.80	Bank Interest	24/019	25
19/07/2024	Service Charge		44				-7.00				-7.00	Bank Charges	24/024	26
24/07/2024	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		41				-73.83		-5.86		-79.69	Clerk's Expenses	24/019	27
25/07/2024	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		41	-264.20							-264.20	Clerk's Salary Tax Month 4	24/019	28
27/07/2024	Skiptons		44							29.84	29.84	Compound Interest	24/024	29
29/07/2024	HMRC PAYE		41	-66.00							-66.00	PAYE Payment for Tax Month 4	24/019	30
09/08/2024	Bank Interest		44							9.40	9.40	Bank Interest	24/024	31
19/08/2024	Service Charge		44				-7.00				-7.00	Bank Charges	24/024	32
25/08/2024	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		44	-264.20							-264.20	Clerk's Salary Tax Month 5	24/024	33
27/08/2024	Skiptons		44							30.93	30.93	Compound Interest	24/024	34
29/08/2024	HMRC PAYE		44	-66.00							-66.00	PAYE Payment for tax Month 5	24/024	35
09/09/2024	Bank Interest		44							8.08	8.08	Bank Interest	24/024	36
13/09/2024	Linux Internet		44		-47.88				-9.58		-57.46	Annual Cloud Hosting of Website	24/024	37
13/09/2024	Morral Play Services		44		-95.00				-19.00		-114.00	Playground Inspection Fees for 22, 23 & 24	24/024	38
17/09/2024	Service Charge		44				-7.00				-7.00	Bank Charges	24/024	39
25/09/2024	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		44	-264.20							-264.20	Clerk's Salary Tax Month 6	24/024	40
27/09/2024	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey		44				-33.70				-33.70	Clerk's Expenses	24/024	41
27/09/2024	Skiptons		47							29.28	29.28	Compound Interest	24/030	42
27/09/2024	HMRC PAYE		44	-66.00							-66.00	PAYE Payment for tax Month 6	24/024	43

DUDDON AND BURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Bank Reconciliation to Cashbook 2024-25

Presented at Council Meeting 27th January 2025

Prepared by Trudy Ryall-Harvey

Balance shown on Cashbook	£23,506.06
Lloyds Bank Accounts as at 20th January 2025	
Current Account	£3,670.06
Deposit Account	£9,549.16
Skiptons Account	£10,286.84
TOTAL	£23,506.06
Less: Unpresented Payments	
TOTAL	£23,506.06
Reconciliation	YES

BUSINESS ACCOUNT [REDACTED]
DUDDON AND BURTON PARISH COUNCIL

£ 3,670.06 Current balance

COMMERCIAL INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNT [REDACTED]

£ 9,549.16 Balance

Community Saver Iss 11 Monthly

[REDACTED]

Current Balance ?

£10,286.84

Available Balance: £10,286.84

Current interest rate (gross)% 3.11%

Maturity Date: N/A

Income received since the last meeting for noting:				Gross Amount	Comment
09/12/2024	Lloyds Bank			7.31	Bank Interest
09/01/2025	Lloyds Bank			8.10	Bank Interest
27/11/2024	Skiptons			29.11	Compound Interest
27/12/2024	Skiptons			26.98	Compound Interest
Payments made since the last meeting for approval					
Date	Payable to	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Comment
17/12/2024	Bank Charges	-£8.50	£0.00	-£8.50	Bank Charges
17/01/2025	Bank Charges	-£8.50	£0.00	-£8.50	Bank Charges
24/12/2024	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey	-£278.38	£0.00	-£278.38	Clerk's Salary Tax Month 9
29/12/2024	HMRC PAYE	-£69.60	£0.00	-£69.60	Tax Month 9
					Calculation and application of back pay adjustments relating to 2024/25 tax year
20/01/2025	Shires Accountants	-£15.00	-£3.00	-£18.00	
25/01/2025	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey	-£278.38	£0.00	-£278.38	Clerk's Salary Tax Month 10
29/01/2025	HMRC PAYE	-£69.60	£0.00	-£69.60	Tax Month 10
Payments not yet made for approval					
Date	Payable to	Net Amount	VAT	Gross Amount	Comment
	Mrs T Ryall-Harvey	-£157.34	-£19.95	-£177.29	Clerk's Expenses

From: Steve Harrison <Steve.Harrison@cheshire.police.uk>
Sent: 13 January 2025 13:01
To: Clerk.clottonhoofieldpc@gmail.com; clerk@delamereandoakmere.co.uk;
duddonandburtonparishcouncil@gmail.com; clerk@kelsall-pc.org.uk;
clerk@tarvinparishcouncil.org.uk; ClerkWillington@gmail.com
Subject: Tarvin & Kelsall Beat Manager

Good afternoon, all.

Before I do a full introduction as the new Tarvin & Kelsall Beat Manager, can you confirm the receipt of this email and can you confirm your name and role.

Kind regards
Steve

Steve Harrison – Police Constable Rural Beat Manager

Cheshire Constabulary|Chester Local Policing Unit|Dragon Hall Community Police Base| Whitchurch Road|Chester|Cheshire|CH3 9DU

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From: James Hannath <James.Hannath@cheshire.police.uk>
Sent: 13 January 2025 20:02
To: James Hannath
Cc: Steve Harrison
Subject: Local Community Priorities
Attachments: dog RV.jfif

Good evening all,

Cheshire Police are seeking your feedback via our survey. Could we ask that all take part, refer this to residents, feature it on any social media pages for your community. In a school newsletter, or a home watch update.

As local Beat Officers we are keen to have community feedback to target concerns but also request additional support within the Constabulary if the demand is there.

This could be to run road safety operations, run a street a week in a problem area, to understand what you feel Police should give focus on each month.

The survey can be completed each month to do this, and your area is under Chester (Tarvin and Kelsall).

PC Harrison and myself do plan to also visit locations and meet many of you for an intro and catch up!

[Residents Voice Survey](#) I have included a photo above which can be used too. This can also be shared from our Facebook Page Chester Rural South Police.

Many thanks,

James

From: Stephen Harrison <duddonfibretothehomescheme@gmail.com>
Sent: 19 December 2024 15:37
Cc: aphra.brandreth.mp@parliament.uk; Sandie McBennett;
clerk.clottonhoofieldpc@gmail.com
Subject: The 5 Communities Fibre To The Premises Upgrade - 100% COMPLETE

Hi Everyone

Well it may have taken 3 and a bit years to achieve this as a community, but **100%** of properties in Duddon, Clotton, Burton, Hoofield and Willington can now all receive a fibre to the premises connection.

To get us to this point it took:

- 9-12 months of door knocking,
- Over £750k in government vouchers,
- Hundreds of man hours for the preparation work,
- Hundreds more for the install by Openreach,
- Dozens of fault finding callouts,
- Several wayleaves,
- One dig bite and,
- A boat load of patience by my Saint of a wife.

Thank you all for your patience with this process. If it wasn't for the community engagement and demand for the upgrade, only heavily populated areas in Duddon and Clotton would have received the service that we all can now enjoy and use. This upgrade has made a huge difference not only for leisure purposes, but in some cases has even prevented some businesses from moving out of our community due to the poor IT infrastructure. I have had the privilege of literally meeting every one of my neighbours and it is not hyperbole when I say it has been an enjoyable experience (minus the dog bite). Some of the challenges we have had to overcome have been quite enjoyable!

Therefore, this will be my last ever internet update email (I can already hear the hoorays 🥳).

I also want to thank everyone who has donated to this year's Big Christmas Share. Between our communities, Tarporley, social media and MoneySupermarket, we have raised over £6,500 to buy Christmas Day dinner hampers for those families most in need across Cheshire West and Flintshire. This equates to roughly 25% of all families that are known to be needing assistance with food this Christmas. This level of community spirit is heartwarming to say the least.

If anyone else wishes to donate you can find the fundraiser link here. <https://gofund.me/c1556bfa>

If you happen to be at the Chester Greyhound Aldi on the 23rd in the morning, you can see firsthand the organised chaos that is caused when myself and all of the charity and social workers spend your generous donations.

Going forward, I only intend to use this distribution list a couple of times a year about community events and next years Big Christmas Share. If you wish to be removed from the distribution, please just let me know.

Member Briefing

Number:2791

Title: Cheshire East, Cheshire West, and Warrington councils ask Government to be considered for devolution priority programme

Summary: Leaders of Cheshire and Warrington's three councils have written to Government asking for the region to be included in its priority programme for devolution.

Leaders of Cheshire and Warrington's three councils have written to Government asking for the region to be included in its priority programme for devolution.

This would formally open conversations with Government about potential new powers and funding Cheshire and Warrington could receive if it goes ahead with devolution.

The letter to Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution, Jim McMahon, follows the publication of a White Paper in December 2024, which sets out Government's commitment to devolution across England. It states the three councils' aspirations to seek a devolution agreement that would include an elected Mayor.

In the letter, Cllr Louise Gittins, Leader of Cheshire West & Chester Council; Cllr Hans Mundry, Leader of Warrington Borough Council; and the Leader and Deputy Leader of Cheshire East Council, Cllr Nick Mannion and Cllr Michael Gorman, state:

"The three local authorities, Cheshire East, Cheshire West & Chester and Warrington are committed to working in partnership to progress a devolution agreement with His Majesty's Government and establish a Mayoral Strategic Authority by May 2026. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in 2025 and are grateful that you have recognised all the previous preplanning work we have done together that has resulted in us being recognised for inclusion in the Devolution Priority Programme."

Before any agreement, views will be sought from the region's residents, communities and businesses on how devolution could benefit Cheshire and Warrington. Any formal devolution agreement would need to be agreed by each council as well as the Cheshire & Warrington Joint Committee, which provides leadership on strategic economic issues for the region.

Leaders added:

"It's clear that devolution would bring significant power and funding to the Cheshire and Warrington region. We're ambitious for our region and we want to seize this opportunity to benefit our residents, communities and businesses. Devolution would allow us to make more decisions here in Cheshire and Warrington, rather than decisions about our region and its almost 1 million residents being made in London."

“Being part of the Government’s priority programme would put us at the front of the queue for the potential benefits of devolution – and reaffirms that we are working together to get the best outcomes for our region.

“Devolution is about national government transferring powers and resources away from London and into regions. It’s not about merging councils. Individual councils would retain their current responsibilities and continue to provide services for local people.”

The Cheshire and Warrington region comprises Cheshire East, Cheshire West & Chester and Warrington councils, working alongside Enterprise Cheshire & Warrington.

Action for members (if any)

For information only. Further regular updates will be provided for Members.

Action for members (if any)

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For further information, contact:

Gemma Davies (Lead Officer)

Email: gemma.davies@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Responsible Committee, Cabinet Member: Cllr Louise Gittins

Date: 10 January 2025

Distribution

To help communicate the work of the Council, Member Briefings (unless sensitive or confidential) are also shared with key partners and town and parish councils. This raises awareness of important Council activities, including public consultations.

Duddon and Burton Parish Council

BUDGET 2025-26

Budget Element		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Budget 2025-26	Predicted YE Actual 24-25	Budget 2024-25	Actual 2023-24	Variance	Commentary
EXPENDITURE																			Costs include VAT
People																			
Staff Costs		347	347	347	347	347	347	347	417	417	417	417	417	4,514	4,128	4,028	4,024	815	
Professional services																			
Insurance				1,100										1,100	900	1,109	1,043	91	3 year fixed cost deal until May 2025
Internal Audit		60												60	57	50	50	10	
External Audit														0	0	0	0	-240	No external Audit required for 2023-24
Payroll		70					110	30						210	168	170	158	41	
General Services																			
Website							60							60	57	90	86	-165	
Election														0	0	0	181	0	No election in 2025
Bank Service Charge														84	37	0	0		
Village Hall Room Hire		7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	120	120	120	120	90	15	
Admin.																			
Membership/Subscriptions						8					40			283	291	292	204	76	E162 - CHALC
Expenses		235			75		75		75		75			450	394	600	610	-328	E40 - SUCC
Training		50			50		50		50		50			200	146	200	106	195	EB - Mid Cheshire Footpath Society
Data Protection fee				35										35	35	40	40	-5	Clerk expenses
Grants																			Move to Direct Direct for 2024
Churchyard Grant (Supplied by CWac)		1,600												1,600	1,600	1,600	3,707	-48	
Other Grants		500												500	0	500	0	500	
Projects																			
Village Enhancements								45					250	295	250	310	0	-258	E10 for Penny Wraith
Village Maintenance																			E11 for James road and oval
																			E450 x 2 - Cleaning Gutters of Weeds on Back Lane and Willington Road
																			E150 x 2 - Weed Killing of gutters on Back Lane and Willington Road
Community Events																			
Playground Annual Inspection & Maintenance		450			150		450	500				150		1,200	0	1,500	1,076	4,449	
														500	0	500	994		E60 - Playground Inspection
										60			200	700	600	310	12	-393	E200 - Replacement Parts
														0	25	0	615	207	E440 - Painting of Swing
Ad Hoc Beneficial Items (S137)																			
Inflation %	2%	66	9	39	13	7	19	21	11	10	12	11	21	238	0	228		-238	
Contingency % of above	1%	33	4	19	6	4	9	11	5	5	6	6	11	119	0	114		-119	
TOTAL CASH OUT		3,419	442	1,987	648	373	967	1,091	545	499	607	591	1,101	12,268	8,808	11,762	12,996	-1,407	

RECEIPTS																	
Precept	9,220												9,220	8,825	8,825	8,405	-1,215
Bank Interest - Lloyds	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	9	9	9	9	9	128	106	264	195	-128
Bank Interest - Skiptons	25	25	25	25	25	25	20	20	20	20	20	20	270	349			-270
VAT recovery												150	150	173	70	498	155
Churchyard Grant (Supplied by CWac)	1,600												1,600	70	1,600	2,177	-70
CWAC contribution													0	0	0	320	0
Use of Reserves Monies for Projects	450					450							900	500	1,000		-900
Other													0	0	0	419	6,930
TOTAL CASH IN	11,307	37	37	37	37	487	32	29	29	29	29	179	12,268	10,023	11,759	12,014	4,502