

COMBERBACH PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2026

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of Comberbach Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 13 January 2026 at 6.30pm at **Comberbach Memorial Hall**.

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Denise French

Clerk to Comberbach Parish Council

Open Forum

There will be a period of 15 minutes before the meeting starts for members of the public to raise any issue that relates to Comberbach. The Open Forum will start at 6.30pm and the formal agenda below will start after that. If anyone wishes to raise a topic at the meeting they are requested to notify the Clerk three days in advance of the meeting date to enable any research to be carried out. The period of public participation may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies for unavoidable absence.

2. To receive Members' Declarations of Interest on any matters on the agenda

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 2 December 2025 (attached)

4. Progress reports and updates

4.1 Resilience Plan – to consider the updated plan.

4.2 Pickleball – to consider an update on the possibility of a pickleball court at the Memorial Hall

4.3 Parish Council vacancy – to consider the next steps with the vacancy.

4.4 The Clerk has contacted Chambers Fletcher Solicitors to confirm the Council wishes them to progress registering the land in the ownership of the Parish Council, any further update will be given at the meeting.

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5. Cheshire West and Chester Councillors updates

To consider any updates from CWAC Councillors.

6. Parish Council Budget and Precept

To consider:

- (a) draft minutes of Finance Committee held on 6 January (attached)
- (b) virement of 2024/25 budgets to recognise actual costs incurred
- (c) approval of the Q3 Budget report (attached)
- (d) approval of the 2025/26 forecast
- (e) the Parish Council budget 2026/27
- (f) the Parish Council Reserves List
- (g) the precept amount to be submitted to Cheshire West and Chester.

The Finance Committee considered the draft budget and precept amount. The recommendation of the Committee will be outlined more fully at the meeting; a spreadsheet giving examples of precept amounts and Band D figures will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

7. Recreation Area & Pump Track

7.1. Project to replace the infant multi-play unit

To consider the current position with the project.

7.2 To consider any reports from recent inspections.

7.3 To note that the manufacturer has now addressed the issue of the distance between the basket swing and the supporting post on the swing set as raised by Rospa as follows:

“The team have altered the existing top beam. The beam on this swing has slightly different hole locations to the new beams and so alteration was deemed to be the better option. The old lugs have been cut back and made safe and new lugs welded in position to ensure that the swing conforms to EN1176.”

8. Highways and Streetscene

8.1 Speed issues

(a) to consider an email from a resident as set out below:

I note that SID has been used on Gibb Hill. Were any prosecutions issued regarding the vehicles significantly above the speed limit ? If not why not ?

Speeding traffic is endemic in Comberbach, yet no significant measures have been implemented. The village has no pedestrian crossings, limited provision of footpaths even these have limited width. How is one expected to use the narrow sloping footpath from Brookfield Road up to the Spinner, made worse by traffic passing dangerously close ?

I believe significant measures have to be taken to return the village to its residents and I am disappointed that the Parish Council appear to not have taken any significant action in this regard.

(I am thinking traffic calming measures, more speed checks and prosecutions, limiting the traffic using the village to get to Winnington- there is a signpost at the top of Gibb Hill directing traffic away but nothing is done to implement this- I could go on!)

I would be grateful if you would put my concerns to the Parish Council.

(b) to consider whether to progress a speed survey on Gibb Hill – the Clerk has contacted Antrobus Parish Council who will consider whether they wish to contribute joint funding at their next meeting on 19 January. To note that CWAC have advised indicative costs of £200 - £250 per survey. The CWAC Ward Members collectively currently have £8300 left with the closing date for completed applications being 31 January 2026.

8.2 CWAC Highways - to consider:

- general issues of performance
- litter bin emptying schedule
- provision of grit bins – whether to explore the provision of grit bins in the village

9. Accounts and Financial Matters

9.1 To note the accounts for 30 December 2025 in Appendix 1

9.2 To approve the payments list in Appendix 2.

10. Issues and Projects

10.1 Car park surface

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To consider issues with the car park surface.

10.2 Street furniture

To consider further opportunities for improving the environment of the village with floral displays, benches etc. Indicative costs will be circulated.

10.3 Christmas concert

To review the concert held on Saturday 13 December

10.4 Policing in Comberbach

To consider the response from the Assistant Chief Constable regarding future plans for policing in Comberbach and the wider Marbury Ward (attached)

11. Planning

11.1 To note in appendix 3 any decisions by CW&C and consider or note decisions advised by the planning working group.

11.2 To consider any new Enforcement matters.

12. Correspondence

To consider the correspondence schedule along with a verbal update on any correspondence received since the agenda was published (to follow)

13. Representative Reports

To consider updates from Councillor representatives:

- Comberbach Memorial Hall Management Committee – Cllr McDermott
- Police Liaison and the latest update from the PCSO (attached) – Cllr Chandler.
- School Liaison – Cllr McDermott

14. Future meeting dates

To consider the proposed list of dates for 2026 – 27:

All Tuesdays commencing at 6.30pm:

19 May 2026; 14 July 2026; 15 September 2026; 24 November 2026;

19 January 2027; 16 March 2027.

Part 2 – EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

To resolve under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

None

Date of next meetings:

Special Meeting on Tuesday 20 January 2026 at 6.00pm

Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 6.30pm

Appendix 1 Accounts for 30 December 2025

	Current a/c	Savings a/c	Total
Santander	£27,170.66	£22,219.84	£49,390.50
Unity Trust	£33.40	£15,032.79	£15,066.19
Total	£27,204.06	£37,252.63	£64,456.69

Reserves £37,000, reconciliation nil

Appendix 2 Payments

Item	Amount	Power
Shane ross - Inv 25-03, general maintenance	£650.00	LGA 1972 s 111
Cllr Ryder – Bird spikes, sandbags	£155.55	LGA 1972 s 111

Pre-Authorised Payments

Item	Amount	Power
DD – Babble, MS Office license Nov 25	£23.50	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Tesco Mobile, Nov 25	£7.95	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Tesco Mobile, Dec 25	£7.95	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Unity Trust account fee Nov 25	£6.00	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Unity Trust account fee Dec 25	£6.00	LGA 1972 s 111

Appendix 3 Recent planning decisions by CW&C

APPLICATION DETAILS	DATE OF VALIDATION	CURRENT POSITION
21/05070/OUT - Outline planning permission for a mixed use development of up to 1,550 units of residential dwellings including affordable housing (subject to viability); specialist accommodation for older people including residential care home; local centre and active ground floor uses comprising up to 600 sqm of flexible floorspace for retail (including small convenience food store); up to 275 sqm of health, nursery and community; up to 7,700 sqm of employment space; up to 950 sqm of cafe, restaurant, takeaway and public house floorspace; up to a 2,250sqm (up to 2FE) primary school with associated playing fields (Use Class F1(a)); and associated road infrastructure, landscaping (including Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems), public realm and amenity space (all matters reserved except for vehicular access), land at Winnington Works	Wed 22 Dec 2021	Awaiting decision
21/01937/S73, Single storey side and rear extension and creation of first floor (Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 3 (materials) of planning permission 19/01832/FUL), 31 Senna Lane	Fri 30 Apr 2021	Awaiting decision
25/01163/FUL - Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of new dwelling, 27 Senna Lane	20 May 2025	Awaiting decision
25/03364/FUL - Demolition of the existing dwelling and outbuildings, including removal of the mobile home, and the erection of a replacement dwelling -Brookside Farm		Awaiting decision