

COMBERBACH PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2026

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of Comberbach Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 6.30pm at **Comberbach Memorial Hall**.

DJ French

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. Casual Vacancy

To consider filling the casual vacancy declared in October 2025.

3. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

To witness the signing of the Declaration of Office subject to 2. above

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

5. To approve the minutes of the meetings of the parish council held on:

- 13 January 2026 (attached)
- 20 January (attached)

6. Progress reports and updates

6.1 Resilience Plan – to consider the updated plan and any additional expenditure.

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

6.3 Registering parish council land - the Clerk, Vice Chairman and Councillor Ryder have met with Chambers Fletcher Solicitors regarding registering the land in the ownership of the parish council, the next step is to seek a valuation of the land. To receive an update on the meeting and approve that the Clerk be authorised to contact a surveyor to undertake a valuation.

7. Cheshire West and Chester

(a) To consider any updates from CWAC Councillors

(b) To consider the issues raised by CWAC Councillor Gibbon in an email to the CWAC Chief Executive regarding lack of any update following the Locality Meeting in October 2025 and lack of a response to Councillor Gibbon; and the absence of any notes from the Planning/Enforcement meeting held at the beginning of February.

8. Recreation Area & Pump Track

8.1. Project to replace the infant multi-play unit

To consider the current position with the project.

8.2 To consider any reports from recent inspections.

8.3 To consider a quote for the Annual Rospa inspection and post installation inspection of the new multi play unit

9. Highways and Streetscene

9.1 Speed Indicator Device

(a) To note that the SID has been installed at Anderton but has sustained damage and Anderton with Marbury Parish Council will arrange repair.

(b) To consider a request that the SID be installed on Cogshall Lane in the vicinity of Shrubbery Cottage where the limit is currently 30mph between the national speed limit sign and the 20mph sign.

9.2 Speed survey on Gibb Hill/The Avenue and Marbury Road

The speed survey has now been undertaken and results are awaited. Funding was received from the CWAC Ward Members, Antrobus Parish Council did not wish to contribute, their Clerk advised as below:

“Antrobus Parish Council feels it would be more appropriate to invest in a similar survey more central to Antrobus village rather than the periphery.”

To consider any further updates on this matter.

9.3 Gully cleaning

To consider contacting CWAC regarding gully cleaning on Cogshall Lane and any other areas (attached)

9.4 Grit bins

To consider the response from CWAC regarding grit bins:

“The Highway Team preference would firmly be to not add further grit bins on the network (irrespective who funds the bin/s). The council have over 200 grit bins in the Winsford & Northwich area alone, so the cost to replenish these throughout the Winter season is very high.

We have had to tightly control provision of grit bins given there is a very significant manpower (& financial cost) associated with then keeping these amenities consistently refilled (unfortunately the grit is also often quickly stolen/used privately) and this then impacts on other services such as gritting primary routes (A roads, routes to hospitals) and highway maintenance/repairs.

In response to a further question about whether CWAC would support a grit bin if the cost to refill was borne by the parish council and there was no cost to CWAC, the response is below:

“We would have to see the location, if it is on either a primary or secondary gritting route Highways would not support it given already treated. Ideally with ‘*non CWaC*’ grit bins we would favour them being off the adopted highway really to avoid refill queries”

9.5 Finger post signs

To consider what action to take on the misaligned finger posts detailing direction of travel

10. Accounts and Financial Matters

10.1 To note the accounts for in Appendix 1

10.2 To approve the payments list in Appendix 2 including membership of Cheshire Community Action and the annual subscription to CPRE.

10.3 Asset Register

To consider the current Asset Register (to follow)

11. Issues and Projects

11.1 Car park surface

To consider issues with the car park surface.

11.2 Christmas concert

To note that the concert will be held on Saturday 12 December 2026

11.3 Summer event

To consider a summer event

11.4 Policing in Comberbach

To consider a letter from the Assistant Chief Constable regarding the final decision on PCSO cover for 2026 (attached)

11.5 Litter pick

To consider whether to participate in or support the Great British Spring Clean which will take place from 13 to 29 March 2026

11.6 Christmas tree

To consider the response from CWAC Highways regarding a tree on land at the junction of The Avenue/Budworth Lane:

“Trees are similar to benches etc in that they require a licence.

From a highways perspective, providing it isn't blocking visibility at the junction or the roots aren't likely to damage any of our other assets (i.e. lift pavements etc) it may well be looked at favourably but we would need to see the application/ full details”

12. Planning

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

12.2 To consider any new Enforcement matters.

12.3 National Planning Policy Framework consultation

To consider whether the parish council wishes to respond to the below consultation – the Marbury Ward Councillors response is attached. The deadline is 11.45pm on 10 March.

[National Planning Policy Framework: proposed reforms and other changes to the planning system - GOV.UK](#)

13. Correspondence

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

14. Representative Reports

To consider updates from Councillor representatives:

- Comberbach Memorial Hall Management Committee – Cllr McDermott
- Police Liaison – Cllr Chandler.
- School Liaison – Cllr McDermott
- Fete Committee – Cllr Ryder
- Bowling Club – Cllr Darwin

Part 2 – EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

15. 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

16. Recreation Area Inspections

To consider the quote and SLA from NTC (attached)

17. Provision of payroll services to the parish council

To consider a report (to follow)

To consider the report

Date of next meeting – the Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday 19 May 2026 at 6.30pm

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held beforehand at 6.00pm

Appendix 1 Accounts for 28 February 2026

	Current a/c	Savings a/c	Total
Santander	£24,745.67	£22,219.84	£46,965.51
Unity Trust	£21.40	£15,112.36	£15,133.76
Total	£24,767.07	£37,332.20	£62,099.27

Reserves £37,000, reconciliation nil

Appendix 2 Payments

Item	Amount	Power
Shane Ross - Inv JW, wetpour jetwashing	£400.00	LGA 1972 s 111
Northwich Town Council - Inv 9143, Insp Jan 26	£72.00	LGA 1972 s 111
Northwich Town Council - Inv 8915, Insp Oct 25	£72.00	LGA 1972 s 111
Starboard Systems (Scribe) - Inv 16132, 26/27 fee	£532.80	LGA 1972 s 111
Cheshire Community Action membership 2026-7	£22.00	LGA 1972 s 111
CPRE subscription	£60.00	LGA 1972 s 111

Pre-Authorised Payments

Item	Amount	Power
PAP2516 - Synchroprint Inv 8463, Jan CVN	£199.40	LGA 1972 s 111
PAP2517 - Cllr Chandler, limestone chippings	£125.00	LGA 1972 s 111
PAP2518 - Cllr Johnston, Concert refreshments	£151.75	LGA 1972 s 111
PAP2519 - Cllr Ryder, cable ties for spikes	£7.99	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Babble, MS Office license Dec 25	£23.50	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Babble, MS Office license Jan 25	£23.50	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Babble, MS Office license Feb 25	£23.50	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Tesco Mobile, Jan 26	£7.95	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Tesco Mobile, Feb 26	£7.95	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Unity Trust account fee Jan 26	£6.00	LGA 1972 s 111
DD – Unity Trust account fee Feb 26	£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);	Wed 22 Dec 2021	Awaiting decision

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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		
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
26/00058/TPO – various tree works, 1 Bracken Way		Awaiting decision
26/00124/TPO – tree works, 28 Mather Drive		Awaiting decision
26/00127 – tree works, Mulberry House		Awaiting decision