

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9 September 2026 at 6.30pm in The Parish Rooms, Elvaston Street, Draycott

Present - Chairman R Brown – Councillors – T Scott, D Dundas, S Flint, W Brown, T Hickton, P Bates, J Fletcher, S Wakefield

Police – None

County Council –

Members of the Public – 2

Minutes recorded by - Sheena Butcher

Public Speaking – A member of public spoke about the creation of an Erewash Youth Council Network for young people aged 12-18 throughout Erewash. Requesting the Parish Council's support for the Erewash Youth Council Network. He provided a handout with the details of his proposal.

99/26 Apologies – Martin Wilson, it was approved that this will not count towards the 6 month non-attendance rule and a dispensation has been granted until further notice, Garry Hickton apologies received

100/26 Variation of order of business – none

101/26 Disclosable pecuniary Interests – Cllr Pete Bates declared an interest in St Chads – he will not take part in any vote regarding the fishing club members use of Dog deterrent devices

102/26 Reports from

a. **County Council** - none

b. **Borough Council** – Tim Scott

This report is created to update the Parish Council and local residents on the recent and significant developments regarding the proposed Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) across Derbyshire. As you will be aware, the government had intended to abolish Derbyshire's existing councils and replace them with two large unitary authorities by April 2028. This plan has now been formally paused.

On 7 September 2026, the Communities Secretary, Angela Rayner, announced an immediate halt to the reorganisation process. This pause follows ongoing legal challenges and judicial reviews affecting council restructuring proposals nationally. The government has described this as a "rapid review," but no timeline has been provided for when the process may resume.

Below is a summary of the implications for Derbyshire as a whole, and specifically for Erewash Borough Council (EBC).

1. Impact on Derbyshire

Reorganisation Process

The July 2026 proposal to abolish Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council, and the eight district and borough councils, replacing them with two new unitary authorities (Derbyshire North and Derbyshire South), has been suspended.

The transition previously scheduled for completion by 1 April 2028 is now on hold pending further government direction.

2027 Local Elections

The May 2027 local elections will proceed under existing council boundaries.

The planned election of "shadow authorities" for the proposed unitary councils will not take place while the pause remains in effect.

Financial Considerations

Derbyshire councils had allocated £16.2 million in reserves for LGR preparation, within an estimated total implementation cost of £66.4 million.

More than £300,000 has already been spent on preliminary work.

The pause has resulted in concerns regarding expenditure already incurred and the absence of clarity on potential reimbursement.

2. Implications for Erewash Borough Council (EBC)

Council Status

Erewash Borough Council was scheduled for abolition under the proposed Derbyshire South unitary model.

The pause means that EBC will continue to operate as a standalone borough council until further notice.

Local Representation

The suspension of the reorganisation preserves existing local governance arrangements. Concerns previously raised regarding the potential dilution of representation for smaller communities within a larger Derby-centred authority are not currently active while the pause remains in place.

Financial Position

The pause prevents the transfer of financial liabilities from neighbouring authorities that would have occurred under the merger.

EBC continues to operate under its current financial strategy, including the previously announced freeze on council tax and parking charges.

3. Next Steps

All local government services continue to operate under existing structures.

The government has indicated that the pause is intended to support a rapid review; however, no timeline has been provided for further announcements.

The future of the proposed 2028 unitary authority model remains undetermined until the review concludes.

- c. **Parish Council Reports** – Cllr Wendy Brown informed the council that the Willington to Chesterfield National Grid upgrade are looking at alternative routes west of Bankfields Farm

- d. **Police Report** – No

103/26 **Update on the progress from the minutes** – all actions completed / updated within these minutes

104/26 **Chairmans Report:**

Discussions relating to the MUGA, table tennis centre, scout hut and the parish rooms have continued over the last few weeks as we look forward to the imminent removal of the MUGA as the first step in realising our plans. Plans are well advanced for taking back the running of the scout hut with a view to relocating the parish rooms into the hut in the coming months as we progress towards a potential sale of the existing parish rooms. We now have the challenging task of working with the planning authority, architects, consultants etc. to try to advance plans for a community hub alongside the table tennis centre development to a pre-planning stage with a view to presenting something concrete for approval early next year. We are conscious that in the near future we will need to involve the residents more and seek their suggestions and acceptance of our ambitious plans for this village facility. Plans for the proposed new housing development at Bankfields Farm are apparently still with EBC and are undergoing validation before they appear for public scrutiny on the borough planning website.

Some notable pieces of maintenance work have been carried out over the last few weeks including the preparation and painting of the cemetery gates and railings, extending the concrete footpaths around St. Chad's lake, hedge trimming at St. Chad's etc. and putting up the goal posts and marking out the pitch at Millennium Green. Approval with the table

tennis club has been reached to remove the 'teen' seating pod adjacent to the MUGA which will finally be gone in its entirety within the next few weeks.

Another enjoyable scarecrow event was held over the August bank holiday by DVF which has brought in some much needed funds to go towards the village planting. Even the mixed weather couldn't put off many visitors who returned to this popular annual event.

The DiB plant displays have held up remarkably well to the challenging summer conditions and keep the village looking bright when so much that goes on in life can be demoralising; it is so uplifting to see the vibrant displays of colour around the whole village.

The Wilne 10k run has just been held once again with some 1500 runners from around the country, the winning time of just over 29 minutes by an Essex runner. Congratulations must go to all those who took part, particularly those who have achieved a personal best, broken a record or who have raised money for a deserving cause or charity.

105/26 Clerks Report – The recycled plastic plank has been replaced at the Leisure Green, the painting of the Cemetery Gates and railings was completed in August. The Football Pavilion has two new doors and the keys distributed. The play area spare parts are due to be fitted by the end of w/c 14/9/26. The youth shelter is due to be removed and ground surface made good w/c 14/9 (works to be paid direct to Paul Gyll from the Table Tennis Club) I am at Derbyshire SLCC meeting at Alfreton on 15 September, I am meeting with Tom Crabree from the FA to discuss potential grants on 16 September and also Elizabeth Addison from Rural Action Derbyshire on the same day for support on the management of the Hall. I am on leave from 2 October, returning to work on 13th October

106/26 Anti-Social Behavior in the Parish – the Leisure Green continues to be a hotspot for ASB and broken glass is a constant issue both there and on the Recreation Area

107/26 Delegated actions taken by the clerk since the last meeting:

- a. Refused EBC's offer of more sand for flooding as we still have last years stock
- b. Instructed GES Ltd to conduct the EPC for the Parish Rooms based on delegated powers given at the August meeting – this took place on 3rd September

108/26 Delegated planning decisions taken by the clerk since the last meeting: none

109/26 Planning applications to be considered by the council - none

110/26 Planning decisions taken by Erewash Borough Council since the last meeting:

- a. PA/2026/0311, DERWENT COTTAGE, WILNE ROAD, - single storey rear extension – APPROVED

111/26 Appeal for Planning application PA/1125/006 – Field north of 200 Hopwell Road for the creation of 3 hardstanding areas for the creation of a caravan site – there was not a request by 4 councillors to rescind the previous decision, therefore there will be no action taken and the previous comments by the Parish Council stand

112/26 Erewash Borough Council Core Strategy update – no updates received – carry item forward

113/26 Erewash Youth Council Scheme – it was determined to support the principle of having a Youth Council at Draycott and Church Wilne and we wait for further information on how this scheme will proceed

114/26 Planning application for land around Bankfields Farm, off Derby Road, we have been informed that the additional reports requested by EBC have been sent and EBC are verifying them. It was Determined that once live, the Parish Council will work with the save our greenbelt crew to facilitate a village meeting

115/26 Actions required on Parish Council owned areas including grant funding where appropriate:

- a. **Cemetery** – the annual headstone testing was completed by Cllrs Steve Flint, Steve Wakefield and the clerk. 12 headstones were deemed as P2 (passed but the headstone rocks with the safety rods in place) letters were sent to 7 owners (the other 5 owners

were not contactable) 6 plots that were deemed P1 (fail) and P2 last year have been fixed. It was noted that Draycott Cemetery achieved silver status in the Cemetery of the Year awards. Cllrs Steve Flint and Steve Wakefield removed brambles from some graves where owners could not be contacted

- b. **Draycott Playing Fields** – the council noted the report produced by the clerk regarding a residents request for the council to install Parkour equipment, it was determined that the council would not take this forward at this point as its too large a project to research further at present
- c. **Draycott Football Pavillion** – the goalposts were put up and first line marking completed on 25 August, the new doors for the store area and main door were installed 8 September and all keys have been distributed
- d. **Parish Rooms** –
 - i. **The market appraisals** of the Parish Rooms were reviewed and it was determined that we would not instruct the agents at this point
 - ii. **Closed offer and proposal to purchase the parish rooms** - The Council considered the offer submitted by Mr Ben Marshall for the freehold purchase of the Parish Rooms subject to planning permission / change of use from EBC. The four independent market appraisals received were noted, which provided an evidence-supported valuation range of **£100,000–£225,000**, and confirmed that the offer of **£175,000** (higher than the average valuation) meets the requirement under **Section 123(2) of the Local Government Act 1972** to obtain “*best consideration reasonably obtainable.*”
It was **RESOLVED** that:
 - 1. The Council **accepts the closed-sale offer of £175,000** from Mr Ben Marshall for the freehold purchase of the Parish Rooms.
 - 2. The decision is made on the basis that the offer is supported by professional valuation evidence and therefore satisfies the statutory best-consideration duty.
 - 3. The Council will instruct a solicitor to undertake all necessary legal work to progress the sale.
 - 4. The cost of the solicitor’s fees will be taken from the sale of the land and building and will have a separate budget line as Parish Rooms Sale for payments and receipts. The selection of solicitor was delegated to the clerk
 - iii. The Chair and Vice Chair be authorised to sign all relevant documentation on behalf of the Council once legal due diligence is complete.
 - iv. **The EPC rating for the Parish Rooms** has been completed and is rated B with a score of 30
- e. **Public Toilets** – EBC have offered to sell the public toilets and lands around this area to the Parish Council for £1.00, we would have to pay relevant solicitor and land registry fees, the other financial implication is the grounds maintenance of the area, it was **RESOLVED** to accept the offer, It was **RESOLVED** that the fees for solicitors would come from general reserves. The council delegated the selection of the solicitor to the clerk
- f. **Millennium Green recreational area** – to note that an outdoor Yoga class was held on the 2 September
- g. **St Chads Local Nature Reserve** – Friends of St Chads Working Party took place on 7th September, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust re-surveyed St Chads LNR to ensure it still meets

the designation of Nature Reserve on 26 August (awaiting results) Cllr Pete Bates informed the council about a complaint received about a fisherman using a pet deterrent whilst fishing at St Chads. It was confirmed that a fisherman has used a pet deterrent whilst fishing due to dog walkers allowing dog owners to be off lead and not under control and fishing tackle has been damaged as a result of uncontrolled dogs and it also stops rats from entering bivvies. It was RESOLVED that pet deterrents would be allowed at night or when dogs are seen to be out of control

- h. **Leisure Green** – Cllr Roger Brown provided an update to the council about the Leisure Green re-development. It was RESOLVED that the council would pay 30% of the costs of the Architect and associated fees to progress the project to seek initial planning with the table tennis club paying 70% - this was calculated based on the square footage proposed for each party as a percentage split. The council approved the award of the preferred architectural contract subject to the Table Tennis also approving the same company. Invoices should be split accordingly for the works and invoiced separately to each party

- i. **Table Tennis Club** – Cllr Roger Brown shared that Table Tennis England had attended and were supportive of the club expanding and there could be a potential for some use of the facility by TT England. A meeting took place with Philip Colledge from EBC to enable him to understand the project and provide support and advice to both parties. A meeting has been scheduled with EBC Planning and the leader of the council on the 16th September.

ii. **Scout Hall**

1. **Assisting the clerk with management of the hall** – it was determined that Jenny, Wendy, Tim and Roger would assist with the management of the hall
2. **Surrender of the Lease** – clerk to work with the trustees to progress this
3. **Purchasing of kitchen items, tables, chairs, fans from Scouts** – it was determined that the council will pay a sum of £500 for the tables, chairs and kitchen equipment as listed in an email to the clerk by Angela Millward dated 9 September 2026 (supported with pictures)
4. **3rd Party Hire Agreement** – it was determined that the council will delegate the creation of the hire agreement to the clerk on the basis of the template of ACRE Model Hiring Agreement
5. **Hirers** – it was determined that the existing regular hirers would continue to hire based on the same rates charged by Scouts which is £15 per hour. The latest time for hiring in the evening will be 9.30pm and we will not allow parties / one off bookings in the short term – this will be reviewed in due course of taking over. The hall is currently hired on the following days and times
 - a. Monday: 9am - 12pm: Messy Play
 - b. Monday: 6pm - 9pm: Dog Club
 - c. Tuesday: 7.30pm - 9.30pm: Falchions
 - d. Thursday: 3pm - 8.30pm (although not in school holidays): Dynamicmotif Dance
6. **Cost to hire** – the cost to hire will be as is currently charged £15 per hour
7. **Hall bookings** – it was determined to trial an online booking system in due course
8. **Advertising** – carry forward to the next meeting

9. **Name of the building** – the land registry documents show the hall as being the Welfare Centre, it was RESOLVED that the name of the building would be called Draycott Community Hall
10. **Cleaning of the Hall** – the current cleaner will be contacted to confirm that she will continue and invoice the Parish Council for cleaning from 1st October 2026 onwards

- iii. **MUGA** – due to be removed 28 September onwards (max 2 week process) , Roger and Steve Flint will investigate putting a fence around the area of the MUGA that has sunk as soon as possible to ensure the safety of the area
- iv. **Trees behind the MUGA / whole boundary line** – due to be removed w/c 12 October
- v. **Teen Pod Removal** – due to be removed w/c 14 September

- i. **Speed Indicator Device / Community Speed Watch** - one speedwatch took place on 20th August on Derby Road in the 40mph zone, 3 cars were recorded speeding and reported to Ripley, one car was speeding at 50mph in the 30mph area. Leaflets have been requested from Ripley Police HQ for more volunteers

116/26 Grant Requests – no requests received

117/26 Grants applied for – the clerk is meeting a contact from Derbyshire Football Association on Wednesday 16th September to discuss potential grant opportunities

118/26 Lease Renewals

- a. **Army Cadets Lease** – is being executed, the clerk has chased this again with our solicitor

119/26 Training – the clerk has booked onto Finance Seminar (whole day) 10 September, Employment Law updates (1-3) 15 September and AGAR digital training (1-2) 28 September. All of these are free to the council.

120/26 EBC Owned Assets in Draycott: the council have received an offer from EBC to sell the land next to the Parish Rooms which is currently a car park, the public toilets and the village green which is the land next to the public toilets with the seating and village sign. It was RESOLVED to reject the offer of the purchase of the car park next to the Parish Rooms and accept the offer to purchase the Village Green and Public Toilets for £1.00 EBC have created a heads of terms which the Parish Council RESOLVED to accept subject to solicitors' advice in approving them. The cost for solicitor's fees will be taken from General Reserves as this was not budgeted for and a new budget line will be created as a capital spend for the purchase of the Public Toilets and Village Green

121/26 Remembrance Sunday – the plans were reviewed, Councillors Pete Bates, Steve Flint, Tom and Garry Hickton will support with Marshalling that is managed by DVF, Steve Wakefield will be the first aider, Roger Brown will co-ordinate the marshals, Diane Dundas will co-ordinate the event and arrange for the road closure notices to be advertised and posted through the letterboxes of the affected houses

122/26 Christmas Tree and Lights – it was DETERMINED to accept the quotes from Mr Christmas Tree and Leisure Lights to purchase and install the tree and lights as usual. The council determined not to replace any lights this year

123/26 Fixed Assets –

- a. to note that the clerk took pictures of every fixed asset owned by the council week commencing 24 August, this will take place on an annual basis from now
- b. The fixed asset valuation policy was approved
- c. The revised amounts for fixed assets as of 31 March 2026 was approved and the council DETERMINED to use this amount on the AGAR for 2025-26 as a restated amount next year based on the adopted policy

124/26 Insurance – the council are in a 3 year tie in with Clear Councils Insurance, the revised fixed asset register amount has been approved and will be used to ensure that the policy schedule is based on these amounts. The council will insure the contents of the Scout Hall for the first time as they anticipate taking over the management of this from 30th September and the insurance renewal date is 1st October.

125/26 Finance

a. External Audit

- i. The conclusion of audit from PFK Littlejohn was received on 14 August 2026 and uploaded onto the website and displayed on the noticeboard
 - ii. PFK Littlejohn raised an except for matter regarding fixed asset valuation, it was CONFIRMED that the council has adopted a new fixed asset valuation policy and approved the fixed asset register. It has removed the VAT element from the figures for the AGAR and fully listed all assets over £200. The council will re-state the fixed asset amount in 2026-27 for the prior year as directed by PFK Littlejohn
- b. Salary Increase – the council noted the national pay award of 3.3% for the clerk which is backdated to 1 April 2026, the backpay has been calculated and included in September wages
- c. The council RESOLVED to approve the payments and receipts schedule paid since the last meeting

i. Payments

Date	To Whom	Description	Total Cost
14/08/2026	Everflow	Invoice 5839767	£72.35
14/08/2026	Everflow	Invoice 5839767	£61.70
14/08/2026	Everflow	Invoice 5839767	£5.50
14/08/2026	Everflow	Invoice 5839767 - adjustment for prior invoicing (meter replaced)	£23.31
14/08/2026	PFK Littlejohn LLP	Invoice SB20260595 - ext audit fees	£756.00
16/08/2026	AM Sports (Midlands) Ltd	Invoice 000846 - Draycott Summer Playscheme	£3,510.00
17/08/2026	HP Instant Ink	Invoice IUKDN1134530705	£3.49
19/08/2026	Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd	Invoice 14963 concrete path wks St Chads	£10,872.00
27/08/2026	Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd	Invoice 15007	£941.11
27/08/2026	St Chads Fishing Club	Litter Picking Fees for St Chads Water	£88.66
27/08/2026	Sheena Butcher	Salary including 10 hrs o/t and back pay for payrise	£2,078.34
27/08/2026	HMRC	Combined Tax / NI employee and employer	£766.59
27/08/2026	Derbyshire Pension Fund	Combined Pension contributions employee and employer	£628.36
27/08/2026	Sheena Butcher	Working from home allowance	£26.00
25/08/2026	Paul Gyll	Invoice 241 usual duties plus goalposts and tree works	£902.50
01/09/2026	Talk Talk	Invoice 7523026	£39.54
25/08/2026	Ethan Abbotts	Invoice 0012 - cemetery gates and railings paint works	£600.00
27/08/2026	Rural Action Derbyshire	Invoice VHA2026072 membership to 31/12/26	£25.00
31/08/2026	Erewash Borough Council	Cemetery Rates (43.15 1/4 followed by 48 monthly until 1/1/27)	£48.00
03/09/2026	Corona Energy Ltd	Invoice IN0003977594	£34.68
03/09/2026	Corona Energy Ltd	Invoice IN0003977595	£57.61
03/09/2026	Eagle Security Systems Ltd	Invoice SI-26724 Maintenance for CCTV LG	£186.00
03/09/2026	Public Works Loan Board	Invoice for PW486159	£848.65
07/09/2026	Godfrey Estate Services Ltd (GES Ltd)	Invoice INV-1198 for EPC for building	£234.00
08/09/2026	Cymes Conservation Limited	Invoice INV 0127 - Topographical survey	480.00
Totals			£ 23,289.39

ii. Receipts:

Date	From Whom	Description	Total Amount
11/08/2026	Kevin Holleron	Invoice 2026-027 trg session STFC U15 12/8/26	£ 10.00
14/08/2026	DVLFC	Invoice 2026-028 trg session x 3 in August (additionals)	£ 30.00
18/08/2026	Kevin Holleron	Invoice 2026-029 trg session STFC U15 19/8/26	£ 10.00
21/08/2026	St Chads Fishing Club	Donation from guest ticket fees	£ 300.00
25/08/2026	Kelly Morgan	Invoice 2026-031 Yoga in the park 20260902	£ 10.00
27/08/2026	Rob Crabtree	Invoice 2026-032 U16 Lions Match 29 August 2026	£ 45.00
01/09/2026	HMRC	VAT Refund Claim for August 2026	£ 2,751.11
02/09/2026	Rob Crabtree	Invoice 2026-033 STFC U16 Lions March 2/9/26	£ 45.00
02/09/2026	CCLA - Public Sector Deposit Fund	Interest from Public Sector Deposit Fund	£ 166.75
08/09/2026	S Twigg	Pre purchase of burial plot 1319	490.00
		Total	£ 3,857.86

iii. Transfers between savings accounts to current accounts

Date	Account from	Account to	Amount transfe	Reason
26/08/2026	HTB	Co Op	£ 1,000.00	For payment due before sept meeting (AM sports coaching ltd)
03/09/2026	HTB	Co Op	£ 16,000.00	For payments

d. Finance Statement and Bank Reconciliation

Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation for 9 September 2026 Meeting

Receipts budget v actual 2026 - 27

Row Labels	Sum of Amount	Sum of Budget	Budget V Current Receipt
Burial ground	£5,148.00	£4,500.00	£648.00
Grants / Playscheme		£0.00	£0.00
Misc Income (recharges)	£4.28	£1,500.00	£1,495.72
Rents - others	£2,669.11	£2,659.11	£10.00
Rents Football Clubs	£1,820.00	£1,800.00	£20.00
Rents St Chad's Water	£400.00	£400.00	£0.00
VAT Refund	£6,764.85	£6,500.00	£264.85
Precept	£124,736.20	£124,736.20	£0.00
Fishing Club donation of Guest Ticket Fees	£300.00	£200.00	£100.00
Banking / Interest	£1,343.14	£5,000.00	£3,656.86
Solar Export Payment	£58.64	£150.00	£91.36
Contribution from DPC Reserves		£20,798.41	£20,798.41
Room Hire - Scout Hall		£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Grand Total	£143,244.22	£169,243.72	£25,999.50

Summary	
Balance as at 1st April 2026	
Co Operative bank account(s) balance	£ 1,470.30
Public Sector Deposit Fund	£ 63,500.00
	£ 64,970.30
Less unrepresented Chqs as at 31/3/2026	£ -
Balance as at 1st April 2026	£ 64,970.30
Receipts	
Total Receipts to date	£ 143,244.22
Payments	
Total payments to date	£ 71,772.33
BALANCE	
Balance as 1 April +Receipts - Payments	£ 136,442.19
Bank reconciliation	
08/09/2026	
The Co-operative Bank current account balance	£ 17,135.39
CCLA savings account balance	£ 51,000.00
Hampshire Trust Bank savings account balance	£ 83,000.00
Total monies	£ 151,135.39
Minus payments not yet made	£ -
Plus payments not received at bank	£ -
Total	£ 151,135.39
Bank Reconciliation difference	£ 14,693.20

EARMARKED RESERVES	
Earmarked Reserves 2026-27	
General Reserves / Running Costs (3 months)	£ 18,000.00
By- election	£ 3,000.00
Pavilion replacement water system / showers	£ 2,000.00
Replacement of Play Area equipment / surfacing	£ 1,000.00
Parish Rooms and Pavilion upgrades	£ 2,000.00
Public Toilets Upgrades	£ 2,000.00
Car Park Repairs	£ 4,000.00
Cemetery Fence Replacement	£ 1,500.00
Leisure Green upgrade	£ 5,000.00
Total Reserves	£ 38,500.00

Payments budget v actual 2026 - 27

	Sum of Net	Sum of VAT (claimable)	Sum of Total Amount	Sum of Budget	Budget v Current Spend
Employment	£18,457.01	£0.00	£18,457.01	£37,656.97	£19,199.96
Clerks Salary	£11,225.35	£0.00	£11,225.35	£23,100.00	£11,874.65
Pension	£3,406.61	£0.00	£3,406.61	£7,257.10	£3,850.49
Tax /NI	£3,825.05	£0.00	£3,825.05	£7,299.87	£3,474.82
Events / Capital Spends	£4,512.00	£707.40	£5,219.40	£13,250.00	£8,030.60
Christmas Tree / Lights			£0.00	£6,000.00	£6,000.00
Dog Bags	£612.00	£122.40	£734.40	£750.00	£15.60
Donations / Grants			£0.00	£500.00	£500.00
Remembrance Sunday			£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Other			£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Playscheme	£3,900.00	£585.00	£4,485.00	£4,000.00	£485.00
Non_Recurring_Expenses			£0.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Misc expenditure (recharges)			£0.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
PWLB Repayments	£1,697.38	£0.00	£1,697.38	£1,697.46	£0.08
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Repairs_and_Maintenance	£30,821.28	£4,673.56	£35,494.84	£88,095.81	£52,600.97
Cemetery maintenance	£2,762.31	£432.46	£3,194.77	£3,500.00	£305.23
Grass and hedge cutting	£4,682.47	£936.48	£5,618.95	£13,500.00	£7,881.05
Lengthsman Duties	£5,684.29	£2.96	£5,687.25	£13,624.00	£7,936.75
Litter Picking - St Chads Water	£31.96	£0.00	£31.96	£1,200.00	£1,168.04
Other maintenance	£201.51	£38.41	£239.92	£1,000.00	£760.08
Parish Rooms maintenance	£195.00	£39.00	£234.00	£500.00	£266.00
Pavilion maintenance	£40.29	£8.06	£48.35	£2,000.00	£1,951.65
Playground maintenance	£375.95	£75.19	£451.14	£4,000.00	£3,548.86
Tree, fence and path maintenance	£10,530.00	£2,106.00	£12,636.00	£24,319.51	£11,683.51
Leisure Green Upgrade	£1,042.50	£80.00	£1,122.50	£4,720.30	£3,597.80
Bin Bags			£0.00	£360.00	£360.00
CCTV Maintenance	£155.00	£31.00	£186.00	£1,000.00	£814.00
Public Toilets Maintenance			£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Speed Indicator Device Maintenance			£0.00	£500.00	£500.00
Defibrillators Maintenance			£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Rubbish Collection from EBC	£1,560.00	£312.00	£1,872.00	£1,872.00	£0.00
MUGA removal and car park ext	£3,060.00	£612.00	£3,672.00	£10,000.00	£6,328.00
Scout Hall Maintenance			£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£0.00
Running_Costs	£5,544.07	£184.92	£5,728.99	£17,403.71	£11,674.72
Audit Fees	£792.40	£126.00	£918.40	£1,316.10	£397.70
Chairman's Allowance			£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
DMGT Insurance			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Mileage	£50.60	£0.00	£50.60	£125.00	£74.40
Newsletters / Subscriptions	£1,393.13	£0.00	£1,393.13	£2,500.00	£1,106.87
Office expenses	£545.98	£56.59	£602.57	£1,500.00	£897.43
Parish Insurance			£0.00	£4,262.61	£4,262.61
Training	£11.67	£2.33	£14.00	£1,500.00	£1,486.00
By-Election	£2,750.29	£0.00	£2,750.29	£6,000.00	£3,249.71
Utility	£4,601.36	£558.41	£5,159.77	£9,639.77	£4,480.00
Cemetery Rates	£283.15	£0.00	£283.15	£475.15	£192.00
Electricity - MUGA floodlights			£0.00	£288.96	£288.96
Electricity - Parish Rooms	£236.81	£11.87	£248.68	£641.71	£393.03
Electricity - Pavilion	£340.38	£17.04	£357.42	£816.04	£458.62
Water Charges - Parish Rooms	£164.68	£0.00	£164.68	£246.06	£81.38
Water Charges - Pavilion	£305.53	£0.00	£305.53	£401.64	£89.31
Website	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	£285.97	£225.97
Water Charges - Public Toilets	£623.32	£0.00	£623.32	£974.91	£351.59
Electricity - Public Toilets			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Rent to EBC for Public Toilets	£2,400.00	£480.00	£2,880.00	£2,880.00	£0.00
Electricity - Scout Hall				£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Scout Hall Rates			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Telephone & Broadband - Parish Rooms	£197.49	£39.50	£236.99	£629.33	£392.34
Telephone & Broadband - Scout Hall			£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Waste Bin - Scout Hall				£0.00	£0.00
Water Charges - Scout Hall				£0.00	£0.00
Grand Total	£65,633.10	£6,124.29	£71,757.39	£169,243.72	£97,471.39

N.B there is a general placeholder amount of £2000 in Utility payments Electricity - Scout Hall, when we receive information from Scouts, this amount will be split into the relevant budgets for Scouts Utilities

- e. Budget 2027-28 – the council listed the following as future projects and requested the clerk to draft a budget accordingly
 - i. Draycott Community Hall – maintenance and renovations
 - ii. New MUGA
 - iii. Staffing – assistant clerk and clerks hours
 - iv. Additions to insurance policy (third party hirer insurance to be considered)
 - v. Public Toilet upgrades and maintenance
 - vi. Christmas lights replacement
 - vii. Youth council
 - viii. Football Pavilion Upgrades
- f. Fixed asset register changes
 - i. Approved to dispose of the youth shelter at the Leisure Green (no proceeds) insurance and AGAR amount to Zero (when removed)
 - ii. Approved to dispose of the MUGA at the Leisure Green (no proceeds) insurance and AGAR amount to Zero (when removed)

126/26 Clerks contract – it was RESOLVED to increase the clerks hours to 25 hours per week based on annualised hours, the same terms and conditions will continue backdated to 1st September 2026. This will exceed the current budget set for staff costs, the council RESOLVED to move the required amount from general reserves to the relevant staffing costs lines

127/26 Items for the next meeting – leases, housing developments, leisure green re-development, MUGA removal and new MUGA, Remembrance Sunday

128/26 The next scheduled meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th November 2026**

129/26 The meeting closed at 21.25pm