NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday 17th May, 2023

Time: Immediately following Annual Parish Meeting (7:30p.m.)

Venue: Great Warford Baptist Chapel, Merrymans Lane, Great Warford

E.M.Maddock

Dr. E. M. Maddock PSLCC, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer. Dated 12th May, 2023

In order to keep councillors and other members of the public safe, please do not attend the meeting if you are feeling unwell for any reason or if you have been in contact with anyone who has Covid, flu or Covid/flu symptoms.

All attendees will be expected to respect social distancing preferences of other attendees.

AGENDA

To Members of Great Warford Parish Council,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Parish Council Meeting, as shown above, to consider and determine the following business:

1. Election of Chairman

- (a) To elect a Chairman for the 2023/24 civic year.
- (b) To receive the newly elected Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 2. Apologies for absence
- 3. Declarations of Acceptance of Office
 - (a) To receive declarations of acceptance of office from each elected Member.
 - (b) To formally approve the making of declarations of acceptance of office at the next meeting for any elected Members not present at the meeting.

4. Declarations of Interest

- (a) To receive Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda.
- (b) To receive completed Registration of Interests forms from Members.

5. Election of Vice Chairman

(a) To elect a Vice Chairman for the 2023/24 civic year.

6. Minutes

- (a) To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 15th March, 2023 as a correct record.
- 7. Public Forum for Questions To receive questions from members of the public.

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8. Reports from External Organisations

- (a) Cheshire East Ward Member
 - i. To note the election of a new Cheshire East Ward Member, Cllr. Hannah Moss.
 - ii. To receive, if available, a report on items of interest to the Parish Council.
- (b) To receive a report on matters of interest / concern within the Parish from the Mobberley Ward Policing Team.
- (c) To receive a report from the Parish Council Network Meeting held 28th March, 2023 regarding HS2.
- (d) To receive a report from the Manchester Airport Parish Council Forum meeting held 19th April, 2023.

9. Finance

- (a) To receive and consider the Financial Statement 2023/24 as at 17th May, 2023. (Appendix A)
- (b) To note receipts as listed at Appendix B.
- (c) To approve the payments listed at Appendix C.
- (d) Internal Audit 2022/23
 - To receive the Internal Audit Report contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. (Appendix D)
 - ii. To receive and consider the Internal Audit Action Plan and determine any actions required in relation thereto. (Appendix E)
- (e) Final Accounts and Audit Arrangements 2022/23
 - To consider and approve the signing of the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 (Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return). (Appendix F)
 - ii. To approve and adopt the 2022/23 Final Accounts and Supporting Notes. (Appendix G)
 - iii. To approve the signing of the Accounting Statements 2022/23 (Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return). (Appendix H)
 - iv. To approve the signing of the Certificate of Exemption from Limited Assurance Review contained within the Part 2 Annual Governance and Accountability Return for submission to the External Auditors. (Appendix I)
- (f) To review and approve earmarked reserves currently held by the Parish Council.
- (g) Banking Arrangements
 - i. To review any changes required to the authorised signatories.
 - ii. To review and approve existing direct debit payment arrangements.
 - iii. To note that no standing order arrangements are currently in place.
- (h) To confirm the actions of the Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer in submitting a VAT reclaim to HMRC in the sum of £154.18.
- (i) To consider and approve the financial risk assessment 2023/24. (Appendix J)
- (j) To approve the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Monitoring Report 2022/23 for submission to Cheshire East Council. (Appendix K)

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10. Annual Review of Parish Council administrative matters

- (a) To consider renewing the current scheme of delegated authority for the 2023/24 civic year for implementation during periods when holding meetings would present a risk to those attending. (Appendix L)
- (b) To review and approve standing orders and financial regulations.
- (c) To record that the Parish Council is not eligible to exercise the general power of competence.
- (d) Asset management
 - i. To review the inventory of Parish Council assets and confirm insurance requirements in respect of all insurable risks.
 - ii. To receive and consider the asset risk assessment and determine any actions required in relation thereto. (Appendix M)
- (e) To review and confirm scope of insurance cover held by Parish Council.
- (f) To review subscriptions to other bodies.
- (g) To review and approve the Parish Council complaints procedure (Appendix N)
- (h) To review and approve the Parish Council policies relating to information handling.
- (i) To note that payments were made in 2022/23 under s.137 provisions in the sum of £350.00 and that no payments were made under general power of competence provisions.
- (j) To confirm the dates of Parish Council meetings for the 2023/24 civic year.

11. Planning

- (a) To receive and note latest planning decisions issued by Cheshire East Council in respect of development within the Parish. (Appendix O)
- (b) To consider the following planning applications:
 - i. 23/1378M 6 Ennerdale Close, Great Warford. SK9 7WF Entrance hall to be enlarged, single storey rear extension with terrace.
 - ii. 23/1519M Stables at Merrymans Lane, Great Warford. Replacement gates.
 - Any applications received following issue of Agenda may be included for discussion if required.

12. Highway Maintenance and Enhancements

- (a) To receive updates relating to highway maintenance issues reported to Cheshire East Council following recent surveys and reports.
- (b) To receive further highway maintenance matters for attention from Members.
- (c) To receive, if available, feedback relating to the highway priorities for the Parish submitted to the Highway Engagement Survey.
- (d) To receive, if available, update relating to the possible use of community infrastructure levy funds for the provision of vehicle activated speed signs on Merrymans Lane.

13. Correspondence

- (a) To consider specific correspondence received by the Parish Council since the date of the last ordinary meeting and to determine such action as Members consider appropriate thereto:
 - i. Manchester Airport Community Flyer.

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- Mobberley Veterans Request for support towards installing a defibrillator at Mary Dendy Playing Field Changing Rooms.
- iii. Cheshire East Council Financial contributions (Commuted Sums).

 (Appendix P)
- iv. Cheshire East Council Road Closure: Ancoats Lane, from junction with Warford Lane to junction with Buttermere Drive, to allow drainage investigation works to be undertaken. 25th 27th May, 2023.

14. Community matters

- (a) To receive an update relating to community speed watch.
- (b) To consider the issuing of a newsletter to the community.

15. Elections 2023

- (a) To note the outcome of the Parish Council election 2023.
- (b) To consider options relating to the co-option of Members to fill current vacancies.

16. Matters for inclusion on next/future meeting agenda

- (a) Several carried forward from previous meetings.
- **17.** Date of next meeting TBC (See item 10(j))

To consider passing a resolution under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

18. Matters for consideration including those transferred from above items (as required)

E.M.Maddock

Dr. E. M. Maddock PSLCC,

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer. Dated 12th May, 2023

For further information and copy agenda please contact:

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APPENDIX A

Financial Statement – 2023/24 as at 17 th May, 2023						
Actual 2022/23	Details as at 17	2023/24 Budget	Actual to Apr. 23	Agenda May 23	Budget Balance	
£		£	£	£	£	
	Receipts					
9,196.00	•	10,480.00	0.00		10,480.00	
	Balances	2,737.00	0.00		0.00	
10.57	Investment interest		0.00		0.00	
	Sale of assets		0.00		0.00	
	Grants, donations & refunds		0.00		0.00	
1,723.51			0.00		0.00	
514.79	VAT refund		0.00		60.96	
11,444.87	Total receipts	13,217.00	0.00	0.00	10,540.96	
	Payments					
3,965.05	Salary (Clerk)	4,166.00	0.00	650.86	3,515.14	
0.00	National Insurance (Employer)	0.00	0.00		0.00	
275.00	Allowances (Clerk)	275.00	0.00		275.00	
171.60	Administration	325.00	0.00		325.00	
0.00	Chairman/Member allowances	0.00	0.00		0.00	
180.00	Audit fees (internal & external)	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	
264.00	Insurance	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	
23.98	Website	20.00	0.00		20.00	
190.60	Street lighting electric	530.00	0.00	23.23	506.77	
0.00		210.00	0.00		210.00	
313.12	Subscriptions/affiliation fees	386.00	0.00	263.29	122.71	
140.00	Room hire	230.00	0.00	20.00	210.00	
1.55	Christmas lighting	250.00	0.00		250.00	
420.00		600.00	0.00	100.00	500.00	
68.29	Asset purchase	600.00	0.00		600.00	
0.00	•	3,175.00	0.00		3,175.00	
0.00		750.00	0.00		750.00	
350.00	s.137 payments	700.00	0.00		700.00	
0.00		500.00	0.00		500.00	
154.18			0.00	60.96		
6,517.37	Total payments	13,217.00	0.00	1,618.34	11,659.62	

Cash/Bank reconciliation	01/04/23	01/04/23	17/05/23	31/03/24
Balance B/Fwd	21,793.04	21,793.04	21,793.04	20,174.70
Add total receipts	13,217.00	0.00	0.00	10,540.96
Less total payments	13,217.00	0.00	1,618.34	11,659.62
Balance C/Fwd	21,793.04	21,793.04	20,174.70	19,056.04
Cumulative balances	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance
	01/04/23	01/04/23	17/05/23	31/03/24
General funds	12,802.53	12,802.53	11,184.19	10,065.53
Earmarked reserves	8,990.51	8,990.51	8,990.51	8,990.51
	21,793.04	21,793.04	20,174.70	19,056.04

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Cash/Bank Reconciliation as at 17th May 2023

Cash. Balance brought forward 01/04/23				
Current Account		16,939.05		
Business Reserve Account		4,853.99		
Buchless Reserve / Research	_	21,793.04		
		,		
Plus receipts		0.00		
Less payments		1,618.34		
Balance carried forward 17/05/23:	_	20,174.70		
	<u>=</u>			
Bank (Barclays)				
Business Premium Account		4,853.99		01/04/23
Add receipts/transfer since above sta	tement			
	0.00			
		0.00		
Less unpresented cheques				
	0.00			
	_	0.00		
			4,853.99	17/05/23
0		46.050.05		04/04/00
Community Account		16,959.05		01/04/23
Add receipts/transfer since above sta				
	0.00	0.00		
Less unpresented cheques		0.00		
Approved 2022/23	-20.00			
For approval				
-οι αμριοναί	-1,010.34	-1,638.34		
	_	-1,000.04	15,320.71	17/05/23
			10,020.71	11/03/23
Total bank balances 17/05/23		_	20,174.70	
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APPENDIX B

Receipts

Barclays Bank UK plc £6.02 Gross interest – Dec. 2022 - Mar. 2023

[Note: Above receipts received in 2022/23]

APPENDIX C

Payments for approval

Direct Debit	npower	£10.79	Electricity charges - Mar. 2023
Direct Debit	npower	£13.40	Electricity charges - Apr. 2023
Cheque No 100619	E. M. Maddock	£520.86	Salary: Apr May 23
Cheque No 100620	H. M. Revenue & Customs	£130.00	Employee income tax
Cheque No 100621	Great Warford Baptist Chapel	£20.00	Room hire (17/05/23)
Cheque No 100622	Petrichor Bulb Specialists	£120.00	Floral displays
Cheque No 100623	JDH Business Services Ltd.	£240.00	Internal audit fee 2022/23
Cheque No 100624	Cheshire Association of Local	£228.29	Affiliation fee 2023/24
	Councils		
Cheque No 100625	Zurich Municipal	£300.00	Insurance premium 2023/24
Direct Debit	Information Commissioner's Office	e £35.00	Data Protection Fee 2023/24

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APPENDIX D

Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/23

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During the financial year ended 31 March 2023, this authority's internal auditor acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with the relevant procedures and controls in operation and obtained appropriate evidence from the authority.

The internal audit for 2022/23 has been carried out in accordance with this authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority.

Internal control objective	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	~		
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	_		
C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	/		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	1		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	/		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.		no l	
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.			
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.			
Periodic bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.	~		
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	1		
K. If the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2021/22, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2021/22 AGAR tick "not covered")	1		
L. The authority published the required information on a website/webpage up to date at the time of the internal audit in accordance with the relevant legislation.	/		
M. In the year covered by this AGAR, the authority correctly provided for a period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (during the 2022-23 AGAR period were public rights in relation to the 2021-22 AGAR evidenced by a notice on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set).	1		
N. The authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2021/22 AGAR (see AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).	1		

O. (For local councils only)	Yes	No	Not applicable
Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			

For any other risk areas identified by this authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).

Date(s) internal audit undertaken

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

*If the response is 'no please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

**Note: If the response is not covered please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned; or, if coverage is not required; the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

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APPENDIX E

INTERNAL AUDIT 2022/23 ACTION PLAN

ISSUE: General reserves at the year end were significantly in excess of 100% of the precept level. Sector guidance is that councils should aim for a general reserve level of between 25% and 100% of the precept or net operating expenditure. The practitioners Guide also notes this recommended level of reserves.

RECOMMENDATION: The council should review the level of general reserves during the budget setting process with reference to sector guidance.

RECOMMENDATION FOR PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE:

The above issue is received and duly noted. Reserves were reviewed during the 2023/24 budget setting process and earmarked reserves are to be reviewed at the May 2023 meeting. Further reviews of general and earmarked reserves will take place during the budget setting process in November 2023.

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APPENDIX F

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

We acknowledge as the members of:

GREAT WARFORD PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, that:

Agreed					
	Yes	No	'Yes' mea	ans that this authority:	
We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.			prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.		
We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.				oper arrangements and accepted responsibility uarding the public money and resources in e.	
We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.			has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.		
We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.			during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.		
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.			considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.		
We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.			arranged for a competent person, independent of the financi controls and procedures, to give an objective view on wheth internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.		
We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.			responde external	ed to matters brought to its attention by internal and audit.	
We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.			disclosed everything it should have about its business activit during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.		
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where as a body corporate it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.	

^{*}For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation must be published

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:	Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:			
and recorded as minute reference:	Chairman			
and recorded as minute reference.				
	Clerk			

Information required by the Transparency Code (not part of the Annual Governance Statement)

The authority website/webpage is up to date and the information required by the Transparency Code has been published.

Yes | No | No |

http://www.greatwarfordpc.org.uk/_Y AVAILABLE WEBSITE/WEBPAGE ADDRESS

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APPENDIX G

GREAT WARFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Summary Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st March, 2023

2021/22 £.	<u>Receipts</u>	2022/23 £.
9,062.00	Precept	9,196.00
0.48	Investment Interest	10.57
0.00	Sale of assets	0.00
40.00	Grants & Donations	0.00
0.00	Community Infrastructure Levy	1,723.51
167.99	V.A.T. Refund	514.79
9,270.47	Total Receipts	11,444.87
	<u>Payments</u>	
3,434.60	Salary (Clerk)	3,965.05
0.00	National Insurance (Employer)	0.00
0.00	Member Allowances	0.00
379.29	Administration & Employment Allowances	446.60
168.00	Audit Fees (internal & external)	180.00
229.60	Insurance	264.00
0.00	Website	23.98
91.22	Street Lighting Electric	190.60
0.00	Training	0.00
324.28	Subscriptions / Affiliation Fees	313.12
60.00	Room Hire	140.00
224.79	Christmas Lighting	1.55
513.30	Parish Maintenance	420.00
1,534.40	Asset purchase	68.29
130.00	Defibrillator	0.00
235.52	Newsletter	0.00
0.00	Sect.137 payments	350.00
0.00	Contingency	0.00
514.79	V.A.T.	154.18
7,839.79	Total Payments	6,517.37
15,434.86	Balance B/Fwd. 01/04/22	16,865.54
9,270.47	Add Total Receipts	11,444.87
-7,839.79	Less Total Payments	-6,517.37
16,865.54	Balance C/Fwd. 31/03/23	21,793.04
	Analysis of Cumulative Funds	
4,843.42	Barclays - Business Premium Account	4,853.99
12,022.12	Barclays - Community Account	16,939.05
16,865.54	Total	21,793.04
	Above Funds held for the following purposes:-	
9,098.54	General Funds	12,802.53
7,767.00	Earmarked Reserves	8,990.51
0.00	Capital Reserves	0.00
16,865.54	Suprice (1000)	21,793.04

The above Statement represents fairly the financial position of Great Warford Parish Council as at 31st March, 2023 and reflects its receipts and payments during the year.

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GREAT WARFORD PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTING NOTES 2022/23

Assets

During the year the following assets were purchased at the cost shown:-

Christmas Lights £

£68.29

During the year the following assets were disposed of for the amount shown:-

Christmas Lights

£0.00

At the 31st March, 2023 the following assets were held:-

Seats (3)	£1,938.00
Street lights (3) & Column	£1,763.00
Notice Board (1)	£552.00
Boundary Signs (7)	£3,009.00
Telephone Kiosk (1)	£1.00
Bespoke Oak Tree Seat	£1,200.00
Most Improved Village Signs (2)	£564.00
Tree Plaque (1)	£95.00
Grit Bins (2)	£216.00
Party Solar Globe Lights (2 sets)	£30.00
LED Fairy Lights (2 sets)	£35.00
Chairman Badge of Office Bar	£25.00
Street lighting column	£1,559.31
Laptop Computer	£332.50
Electricity Feeder Pillar	£1,264.18
Dog Poo Fairy Signs (20)	£45.00
Christmas Lights	£105.69
Floral display planters (4)	£1,534.40
Christmas Lights	£68.29
	£14,337.37

<u>Leases</u> At the year end the following leases were in operation:- None.

Borrowings As at close of business on 31st March, 2023 the following loans to the Council

were outstanding:- None

Debts At the year end debts of £154.18 (VAT reclaim) were outstanding and due to the Council.

<u>Capital Reserves</u> None

Earmarked Reserves	Telephone Kiosk Deposit	200.00
	Village Picnic Fund (Notice Board)	750.00
	Transparency Code Grant - Clerk Training	200.00
	Transparency Code Grant - Scanning Eqpt	117.00
	Highway Safety Projects	2,000.00
	Telephone Kiosk Refurbishment	2,000.00
	Democratic Services Fund	2,000.00
	Community Infrastructure Levy	1,723.51
		£8,990.51

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Section 137 Payments

Tenancies

The limit for spending under Sect. 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for this Council in the year of account was £5,441.94 and payments made were:-

During the year the following tenancies were held:- None.

 Payee
 Nature of Payment
 Amount

 Royal Mint
 Jubilee gift for parish children
 £350.00

 £350.00
 £350.00

Agency Work During the year the Council undertook the following agency work on behalf of other

local authorities:- None

Advertising and Publicity

The following costs for advertising and publicity were incurred during the year:- None

Pensions For the year of account the Council made no contribution to staff pensions.

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APPENDIX H

Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2022/23 for

GREAT WARFORD PARISH COUNCIL

	Year e	ending		Notes and guidance
2022 2023 box £ £ agre		Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.		
Balances brought forward	15,435	16,	865	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	9,062	9,	196	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	208	2,	249	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	3,435	3,	965	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0		0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	4,405	2,	552	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash- book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	16,865	21,	793	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
Total value of cash and short term investments	16,865	21,	793	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	14,337	14,337		The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0		0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
For Local Councils Only	Yes	No N	I/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust (including charitable)	funds	√		The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust (including charitable)	funds		√	The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2023 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

DD/MM/YYYY

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

DD/MM/YYYY

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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APPENDIX I

Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2022/23 Form 2

To be completed by smaller authorities where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year of account ended 31 March 2023, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015

There is no requirement to have a limited assurance review or to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor, provided that the authority has certified itself as exempt at a meeting of the authority after 31 March 2023 and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted no later than 30 June 2023 notifying the external auditor.

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certifies that during the financial year 2022/23, the higher of the authority's total gross income for the year or total gross annual expenditure, for the year did not exceed £25,000

Total annual gross income for the authority 2022/23:

£11,445 R AMOUNT £00,000

Total annual gross expenditure for the authority 2022/23: £6,517 ER AMOUNT £00,000

There are certain circumstances in which an authority will be unable to certify itself as exempt, so that a limited assurance review will still be required. If an authority is unable to confirm the statements below then it cannot certify itself as exempt and it must submit the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return Form 3 to the external auditor to undertake a limited assurance review for which a fee of £210 +VAT will be payable.

By signing this **Certificate of Exemption** you are confirming that:

- The authority was in existence on 1st April 2019
- In relation to the preceding financial year (2021/22), the external auditor has not:
 - · issued a public interest report in respect of the authority or any entity connected with it
 - · made a statutory recommendation to the authority, relating to the authority or any entity connected with it
 - issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ("the Act"), and has not withdrawn the notice
 - commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31(1) of the Act
 - made an application under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration
- The court has not declared an item of account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28(3) of the Act.

If the above statements apply and the authority neither received gross income, nor incurred gross expenditure, exceeding £25,000, then the Certificate of Exemption can be signed and a copy submitted to the external auditor either by email or by post (not both).

The Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, an analysis of variances and the bank reconciliation plus the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 including the period for the exercise of public rights still need to be fully completed and, along with a copy of this certificate, published on the authority website/webpage* before 1 July 2023. Signing this certificate confirms the authority will comply with the publication requirements.

Signed by the Responsible Financial Officer	Date	I confirm that this Co		
		Exemption was approved by this authority on this date:		
Signed by Chairman	Date	as recorded in minut	te reference:	
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*Published web address				

http://www.greatwarfordpc.org.uk/_Y AVAILABLE WEBSITE/WEBPAGE ADDRESS

ONLY this Certificate of Exemption should be returned EITHER by email OR by post (not both) as soon as possible after certification to your external auditor, but no later than 30 June 2023. Reminder letters for late submission will incur a charge of £40 + VAT.

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APPENDIX J

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FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT - 2023/24

Subject	Risk(s) Identified	H/M/L	Management/Control of Risk	Review/Assess/Revise
Business continuity	Risk of Council not being able to continue its business due to an unexpected or tragic circumstance.	L	In the event of the Clerk being indisposed the Chairman (or other nominated Member) may perform the necessary duties.	Existing procedure adequate. Review when necessary.
	Loss of paper/electronic records.	Σ	Current files and records kept at the Clerk's home. Regular backup of electronic files is made. Paper documents stored in metal filing cabinets. Periodic creation of electronic backup for storage off site.	Existing procedure adequate.
Precept	Adequacy of precept for Council to carry out its Statutory duties.	н	Budgetary Control statement presented to Council at each meeting.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Requirements not submitted to CEC.	_	Full Minute - RFO to follow up.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Amount not received from CEC.	٦	RFO to confirm receipt and Minute at next Meeting of Council.	Existing procedure adequate.
Financial records	Inadequate records.	٦	Financial Regulations specify requirements of Council.	Existing procedure adequate. Review Financial Regulations 2024.
	Financial irregularities.	Γ	Internal Audit of accounts by competent, independent person. Monthly financial reports are presented to Council. Cheque signatory is separate from person raising the cheque.	Existing procedure adequate. Review bank signatories when change of Councillors/circumstances.
Bank and banking	Inadequate checks.	٦	Bank reconciliation produced at each meeting.	Existing procedure adequate. Review Financial Regulations 2024.
	Bank mistakes.	٦	RFO check all bank statements against Council records and query errors immediately.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Loss.	٦	RFO check all bank statements against Council records and query inconsistencies immediately.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Charges.	٦	RFO check adequate funds prior to issuing cheques. RFO challenge charges where errors made by bank.	Existing procedure adequate.
Cash	Loss through theft or dishonesty.	٦	Cash handling is not encouraged but where cash received - banked within 7 days.	Existing procedure adequate.
Reserves - General	Adequacy.	Γ	Consider at Budget setting.	Existing procedure adequate.
Reserves - Earmarked	Adequacy.	_	Consider at Budget and review of final accounts.	Existing procedure adequate.

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Subject	Risk(s) Identified	H/M/L	Management/Control of Risk	Review/Assess/Revise
Reporting and auditing	Information communication.	Γ	A monitoring statement is produced regularly before each Council meeting and approved at the meeting. This statement includes bank reconciliation and budget update.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Compliance.	Γ	An independent internal auditor has been appointed. Annual reports detailing compliance with audit regulations are presented to Council.	Existing procedure adequate.
Direct costs & overhead expenses	Goods not supplied but billed.	٦	Procurement undertaken in accordance with best practice guidance. RFO to follow up on all orders.	Existing procedure adequate. Review Financial Regulations 2024.
	Invoice incorrectly calculated or recorded.	٦	RFO to check arithmetic on all invoices and perform bank reconciliations on monthly basis.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Cheque payable incorrect (excessive or to wrong party).	٦	Signatory initials Stub and Voucher to confirm accuracy.	Existing procedure adequate.
Salaries, pensions and associated costs.	Salary paid incorrectly.	M	Check salary to Minute, check hours and rate to contract. Salary analysis is detailed on the payment vouchers issued.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Wrong deduction of NI and Tax/pensions.	M	NI and Tax deductions are calculated using the HMRC PAYE RTI System which is regularly updated. Check PAYE calculations.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Unpaid Tax and NI contributions to Inland Revenue.	٦	Payments are made to HMRC by cheque and detailed in the financial statements presented to Council.	Existing procedure adequate.
Employees.	Loss of clerk.	L	Hours, health, stress, training, long term sick, early departure - risk monitored and managed as appropriate.	Existing procedure adequate. Review annually.
	Fraud by employee.	٦	Fidelity Guarantee value reviewed annually and insurance cover arranged.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Actions taken by staff.	L	Relevant training, resources and access to professional advice made available to Clerk.	Existing procedure adequate.
VAT	VAT analysis.	L	All items analysed in cash book. Analysis presented to Council at each meeting.	Existing procedure adequate.
	Claimed within time limits.	٦	VAT reclaim submitted annually at year end.	Existing procedure adequate.
Legal powers	Illegal activity or payments.	Σ	All activity and payments within the powers of the Parish Council to be resolved and minuted at Parish Council Meetings. Relevant procedures set out in Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.	Existing procedure adequate. Review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations 2024.

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Review/Assess/Revise	Review training needs 2023/24.	Existing procedure adequate.	Existing procedure adequate.	Existing procedure adequate.	Review 2024.
Management/Control of Risk	Training for staff to alert them to potential risks of providing sensitive company information, by telephone or other means,	especially contract and account information. All supplier detail changes to be verified using contact details Existing procedure adequate. held by Parish Council.	Periodic review of supplier accounts to remove any dormant accounts.	Periodic review of supplier address and financial health	Review insurance provision.
H/M/L	7				
Risk(s) Identified	Supplier (procurement) Loss through supplier fraud raud				
Subject	Supplier (procurement) fraud				

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APPENDIX K

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) MONITORING REPORT 2022/23

The following report details information to be published by Great Warford Parish Council in accordance with The Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 section 121B.

Reporting Authority: Great Warford Parish Council

Website link to where report will be published: https://www.greatwarfordpc.org.uk/

Details	
CIL received for financial year 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023:	
Item 1	£1,723.51
Total CIL receipts for reported year	£1,723.51

CIL received by not spent	
CIL receipts retained	
April 2022 – March 2023	£1,723.51
April 2021 – March 2022	£0.00
April 2020 – March 2021	£0.00
April 2019 – March 2020	£0.00
April 2018 – March 2019	£0.00
Total amount of unspent CIL receipts for reported years	£1,723.51

Details of any notices received in accordance with regulation 59E	
The total value of CIL receipts subject to the aforementioned notices during the reported year 2022/23	£0.00
The total value of CIL receipts subject to the aforementioned notices in any year that has not been paid to the relevant charging authority by the end of the reported year	£0.00
Total value of CIL receipts subject to aforementioned notices	£0.00

CIL Spent	
Total CIL spent during April 2022 – March 2023	£0.00

Summary of CIL expenditure during this reported year

List details for each project	A or B **	Ref. No.	Brief summary of project	Total project cost £	CIL contribution £	Type or source of other funding required to complete project	Amount of other funding required £
1.							
2.							

Note **

A. The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure: or

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B. Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

APPENDIX L

SCHEME OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

A scheme of delegated authority is adopted to minimise potential threats to business continuity. The scheme of delegated authority would be implemented in response to a risk assessment and consultation with Members.

Terms of the scheme of delegated authority:

- (a) That the Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer shall have delegated authority to exercise any function that would normally be exercised by the Parish Council excepting any function which statute prescribes may only be exercised by Full Council.
- (b) That authority under (a) may only be exercised having received counsel from Members by either email or, where appropriate (including upon request by Members), a duly convened All Member Working Group.
- (c) That an All Member Working Group be established comprising all members with a remit to advise the Clerk on issues requiring attention.
- (d) That except when discussing matters where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest (as defined in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) working group meetings shall be open to the public to view and, at an appropriate time, participate.
- (e) The authority granted under (a) shall have effect until the next Annual Meeting.
- (f) All decisions taken under (a) shall be submitted to and ratified by Full Council at the first meeting following exercise of the delegated authority.
- (g) The authority under (a) shall not affect any authority which is already delegated through Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, existing policy or previous resolution and any conditions attached thereto shall continue to have effect.

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APPENDIX M

ASSET REVIEW

No.	Item type	Location	C	onditi	on	Observations
INO.	item type	Location	Good	ОК	Poor	Observations
1	Notice board	Merrymans Lane	*			Notice board in good condition, however, legs showing signs of rot. Recommendation: Consider replacing legs to notice board.
2	Boundary sign	Chelford Road (N)	*			Sign in good condition. Minor bends to bottom corners. Recommendation: Review 2024.
3	Boundary sign	Chelford Road (S)	*			Sign in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
4	Boundary sign	Knutsford Road (E)	*			Sign in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
5	Boundary sign	Knutsford Road (W)	*			Sign in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
6	Boundary sign	Faulkners Lane			*	Sign in good condition, however, one mounting post has been knocked over and the sign is partially detached. Recommendation: Obtain quotations for the re-mounting of sign.
7	Boundary sign	Pedley Lane	*			Sign in good condition. Minor bends to top corners. Recommendation: Review 2024.
8	Boundary sign	Mill Lane	*			Sign in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
9	Street light fitting	Chelford Road	*			Fitting appears in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
10	Street light fitting	Noon Sun corner	*			Fitting appears in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
11	Street light column	Merrymans Lane	*			Column appears in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
12	Street light fitting	Lindow End	*			Fitting appears in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
13	Bench	Merrymans Lane (junction with Chelford Road)		*		Bench in good condition, however, signs of wear exposing bare wood. Recommendation: Obtain quotations for the re-treating of the bench.
14	Bench	Warford Crescent		*		Bench in good condition, however, signs of wear exposing bare wood. Recommendation: Obtain quotations for the re-treating of the bench.
15	Circular bench	Ancoats Lane		*		Bench in good condition, however, signs of wear exposing bare wood. Recommendation: Obtain quotations for the re-treating of the bench.

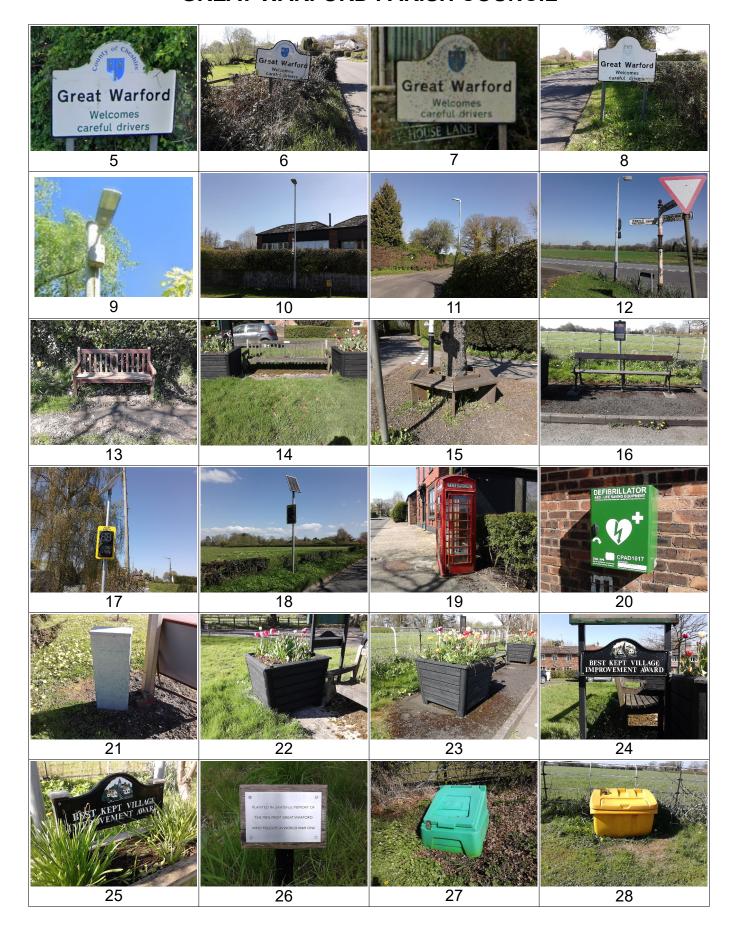
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No.	Itom typo	Location	С	onditi	on	Observations
INO.	Item type	Location	Good	OK	Poor	Observations
16	Bench	Noon Sun corner	*			Bench in good condition, however, paint beginning to flake. Recommendation: Review 2024.
17	Speed Indicator Device	Ancoats Lane	*			Speed indicator device in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
18	Speed Indicator Device	Mill Lane	*			Speed indicator device in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
19	Telephone kiosk	Mill Lane			*	Kiosk in poor condition. Recommendation: Obtain quotations for the repair and refurbishment of the kiosk.
20	Defibrillator Cabinet	Great Warford Baptist Chapel car park	*			Cabinet in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
21	Electricity feeder pillar	Merrymans Lane	*			Feeder pillar in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
22	Planters (2)	Warford Crescent	*			Planters in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
23	Planters (2)	Noon Sun corner	*			Planters in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
24	Plaque (Best Kept Village)	Warford Crescent	*			Plaque in good condition, however, paint is wearing. Recommendation: Review 2024.
25	Plaque (Best Kept Village)	Noon Sun corner	*			Plaque in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
26	Plaque (Tree)	Lindow End	*			Plaque in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
27	Grit bin	Warford Crescent	*			Grit bin in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.
28	Grit bin	Noon Sun corner	*			Grit bin in good condition. Recommendation: Review 2024.

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APPENDIX N

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- 1. Handling of Complaints
- 1.1 The complainant should be asked to put the complaint about the council's procedures or administration in writing to the Clerk or other nominated proper officer.
- 1.2 If the complainant does not wish to put the complaint to the clerk or proper officer they may be advised to put it to the chairman of the council.
- 1.3 The Clerk shall acknowledge the receipt of the complaint and advise the complainant when the matter will be considered by the council or by a committee established for the purposes of hearing complaints.
- 1.4 The complainant shall be invited to attend the relevant meeting and bring with them such representative as they wish.
- 1.5 Seven clear working days prior to the meeting, the complainant shall provide the council with copies of any documentation or other evidence, which they wish to refer to at the meeting. The Council shall similarly provide the complainant with copies of any documentation upon which they wish to rely at the meeting.
- 1.6 The council shall consider whether the circumstances of the meeting warrant the exclusion of the public and the press. Any decision on the complaint shall be announced at the council meeting in public.
- 1.7 The order of the meeting shall be:
- a) Chairman introduce everyone.
- b) Chairman explain the procedure for the meeting.
- c) Complainant (or representative) to outline the grounds for the complaint.
- d) Members to ask any questions of the complainant.
- e) If relevant, clerk or proper officer to explain council's position.
- f) Members to ask questions of the Clerk or proper officer.
- g) Clerk or proper officer and complainant to be offered opportunity of last word (in this order). Clerk or other proper officer and complainant to leave the room while members decide whether or not the grounds for the complaint should be upheld. (if a point of clarification is necessary, both parties to be invited back.)
- h) Clerk or proper officer and complainant return to hear the decision, or to be advised when a decision will be made.
- 1.8 Decision to be confirmed in writing within seven days together with any details of any action to be taken.

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APPENDIX O

Outstanding planning applications & recent planning decisions

- 20/1503M Cheshire Health Club and Spa, Warford Park, Faulkners Lane, Great Warford. Construction of single storey extension with 2 roof lanterns, new entrance, replacement timber wall cladding, proposed new replacement windows, proposed new window openings and windows, construction of ventilation / air conditioning systems to flat roof with screening, insertion of roof skylights, insertion of new door for maintenance and cleaning access on existing flat roof.
 DECISION STATUS Undecided
- 21/0806M Croft Cottage, Chelford Road, Great Warford. SK9 7TL
 Single storey extension to rear, new outbuilding, alterations to existing conservatory and installation of a wooded framed canopy.

 DECISION STATUS Approved with conditions (10/05/23)
- 21/2940M Warford Hall, Warford Hall Drive, Great Warford. SK9 7TP
 Proposed single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling with associated pool.
 DECISION STATUS Undecided
- 21/3027M Warford Hall, Warford Hall Drive, Great Warford. SK9 7TP
 Change of use Convert existing stables and barns from ancillary office and guest accommodation to create 6 no. residential dwellings, together with single storey extension to existing former stables building (same footprint as previous building on the site) and external alterations to existing detached Oak framed barn in association with its conversion to a dwelling.

 DECISION STATUS Undecided
- 21/5394M Carlisle House, Knutsford Road, Knolls Green, Mobberley. WA16 7BA Construction of a dwelling on land south of Carlisle House with associated access and landscaping. DECISION STATUS - Undecided
- 21/5399M Coach House, Faulkners Lane, Great Warford. WA16 7AW 3 Stable block plus 2 outbuildings for feed storage tack and associated equipment one of which is currently the only existing stable - no change of use required sits in paddock of app 3/4 acre. DECISION STATUS - Undecided
- 21/5713M Croft Cottage, Chelford Road, Great Warford. SK9 7TL

 Certificate of lawful existing use of land to the rear of Croft Cottage as garden.

 DECISION STATUS Undecided
- 22/0434M Dovedale, Chelford Road, Great Warford. SK9 7TL

 Two storey and first floor extension to east elevation, amendment to front gable, canopy over front entrance and new access point.

 DECISION STATUS Undecided

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- 22/4015M Highgrove, Ancoats Lane, Great Warford. SK9 7TT Remove window and stone cill from north elevation, cut brickwork to floor level and fit new timber door. Refit window cill and brickwork to existing door opening on south elevation. Form new entrance pathway and steps to north elevation. Minor internal alterations to allow for relocation of existing kitchen/shower room. DECISION STATUS - Undecided
- 22/4139M 2 Noonsun Cottages, Pedley House Lane, Great Warford. WA16 7AS
 Proposed placement 1.3m high timber and mesh fence adjacent to a highway.
 DECISION STATUS Undecided
- 22/4327M Steeles House, Merrymans Lane, Great Warford. SK0 7TP First floor side extension.

 DECISION STATUS Undecided
- 22/4339M 9 The Worthington, Highgrove, Ancoats Lane, Great Warford. Listed building consent for removal of a timber window to form a new opening for a timber door, new external entrance steps and pathway and demolition of some internal walls. DECISION STATUS - Undecided
- 22/4810M Copper Beeches, Chelford Road, Great Warford. SK9 7TL

 Demolition of dwelling, construction of a replacement dwelling and change of use of land.

 DECISION STATUS Undecided
- 23/0133M Warford Baptist Chapel, Merrymans Lane, Great Warford. SK9 7TP
 Listed building consent for the repointing of all exterior brickwork to the north, east
 and south elevations, and the treatment of timbers on the north elevation.

 DECISION STATUS Approved with conditions (12/05/23)
- 23/0389M Cheshire Health Club and Spa, Warford Park, Faulkners Lane, Great Warford.
 WA16 7RN
 Widening of private access road and new padel court.
 DECISION STATUS Undecided
- 23/0999M Blossom House, Chelford Road, Great Warford. SK9 7TL
 Alterations and extensions including construction of two single-storey side
 extensions, two-storey rear extension, detached garage, basement, alterations to
 vehicular access and associated landscaping.
 DECISION STATUS Undecided
- 23/1064M Ostlers Nurseries, Merrymans Lane, Great Warford. SK9 7TN
 Prior approval for a horticultural storage building.
 DECISION STATUS Determination Approval, no conditions (stage 2) (19/04/23)

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APPENDIX P

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL - FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS (COMMUTED SUMS)

Cheshire East Council currently holds several Financial contributions in lieu of affordable housing (Commuted sums) and also has a number of legal agreements (Section 106's) in place which will increase funding from developers in the future.

Following the update of the Policy for Allocation of the Financial Contributions (Commuted sums) in lieu of Affordable Housing funding (copy attached), at the Councils Economy and Growth Committee in November 2022, we are writing to all Town and Parish Councils within the borough, to find out whether you are aware of any local projects or development sites that would meet the priorities within the policy and be suitable to receive Commuted sum funding.

We particularly want to bring forward affordable housing in high priority areas, that have not already been met through the affordable housing provision and will prioritise the housing needs of residents highlighted in the Council's Housing Strategy 2018-2023, including the development of:

- The right mix of affordable housing needed by the community.
- Additional temporary accommodation for people who have become homeless.
- Empty properties to bring them back into use.
- Specialist housing, e.g. for families with disabilities or for older people.
- Rural accommodation to enable people to continue to reside within their local communities.

To ensure the creation of mixed tenure affordable housing meets the needs of the whole community and ensures the appropriate use of the Commuted funds funding.

Please contact me if you have any suitable projects or sites that you think would be appropriate for Commuted sum funding to develop additional affordable housing in your local community.

Your assistance would be much appreciated, as it will help ensure that the Commuted sum contributions are allocated fairly, in-line with the council's priorities for affordable housing to help people in areas of affordable housing need.

Please note: The Policy clarifies the process of administering the Commuted sum funding for future affordable housing provision. It is not within the remit of the policy to determine how and when Commuted sums are accepted, as the decision to receive a financial contribution (Commuted sum) is determined through the planning process.

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