

# Whixall Parish Council



Chairman: Ian Mercer

Minutes of the Parish Council's Monthly Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
at Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:30pm

**Present:**

**Councillors:** I Mercer (Chair), A Rawlinson J Spenser, P Rodenhurst, M Evans, C Weedall

**Shropshire Councillors:** P Broomhall, E Towers

**Clerk:** A Roberts

**Other Organisations** 0

**Members of the Public:**0

**9/25 Public Session**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**10/25 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr B Harris, Cllr D Edgerton, Cllr M Howard

**11/25 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest**

Cllr Spenser in relation to a grant application from WURC Graveyard Trust (Non-pecuniary).  
Cllrs Evans in relation to a grant application from Whixall CE Primary School (Non-pecuniary).

**12/25 Reports**

Reports from Shropshire Councillors and the Clerk were circulated in advance. Their contents were noted.

**13/25 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 are accurate and should be signed.**

The Chair signed the minutes.

**14/25 Parish Matters**

- a. The Marlot activity report was circulated in advance. Its content was noted.
- b. Assets. The Clerk was provided with details of contractors who can price for the work at Moss Cottages Field.
- c. Flooding: Cllr Spenser provided an update of a recent Whixall Flooding Resilience meeting she attended as a local resident. Following a discussion members expressed support for the work of the group, potentially through the Annual Parish Meeting.
- d. Old Burial Ground. The Clerk presented two quotes for removal of the damaged tree. The tree works are not covered by insurance.

**Resolved: To suspend standing orders in order to appoint a contractor based on two competitive quotes.**

**Resolved: To appoint Via Della Amelia to remove the damaged tree at a cost of £1100**

- e. Grass cutting The clerk reported that the current contract expires at the end of March and should be re-let.

**Resolved: to advertise a new grass cutting contract to commence in April 2025.**

f. Website and Emails

**Resolved:**

To move the Parish Website over to a Gov.Uk domain as soon as practically possible with Parish Online as the website Provider.

To use the domain name 'whixallparish.gov.uk'

To provide all Councillors with Gov.Uk email addresses following the elections in May 2025.

**15/25 Planning**

a. To consider applications: None received

b. To note planning decisions made by Shropshire Council – None received

**16/25 Financial Matters**

a. To receive monthly bank balance record and bank reconciliation.

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
30 January	Current Account (Working Budget)	1372.15
	Savings Account (Reserves)	19,319.89
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20,692.04</b>

The bank reconciliation and statements were noted.

b. To resolve to distribute grant funding

**RESOLVED: To distribute grant funding of £50 to Whixall URC Graveyard Trust**

**RESOLVED: That Cllr Evans may remain in the meeting and take part in discussions.**

**RESOLVED: To distribute grant funding of £340 to Whixall CE Primary School**

Grant payments will be made in March 2025.

c. To resolve to approve outstanding accounts

**Resolved: All payments are authorised. Outstanding accounts should be paid and the payment transactions authorised by two nominated councillors.**

Recipient	Reason for Payment	Amount	Reference
<b>New Payments to be approved</b>			
HMRC	PAYE (February)	83.40	65.24
Employee	Salary (February)	333.51	66.24
Employee	Reimbursement	26.00	67.24
NEST	Pension Contribution (February)	82.91	68.24DD
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Charge	6.00	69.24DD
Hugo Fox	Website (February)	23.99	70.24DD

Scheduled date of next meeting  
**12th March 2025 (7.30pm)**

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm.