

# Whixall Parish Council



Chairman: Med Evans

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Whixall Social Centre starting at 7.30pm

### Present

<b>Councillors</b>	M Evans (Chair) I Mercer SJ Lamb, C Weedall, J Spenser, J Hawkes M Clorley (joined at 19.47).	
<b>Unitary Councillors</b>	A Holford	
<b>Clerk</b>	A Roberts	
<b>Other Organisations</b>	MCG (2)	<b>Members of the Public:</b> 4

### **78/25 Chairman's welcome, announcements and public session**

One member of the public spoke about a proposed planning application in Welshend.

### **79/25 Apologies**

Cllr C Schup, Cllr Groves (Unitary Councillor)

### **80/25 Squirrel Management Presentation**

The Council received a presentation from Matthew Dutton (British Association for Shooting and Conservation).

### **81/25 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other interests or requests for dispensations**

None Declared

### **82/25 Squirrel Traps** brought forward.

ii Squirrel Management – to receive a recommendation from the Marlot Liaison Group.  
Brought forward to follow Dpi. \resolved to bring forward.  
Following a lengthy discussion it was

**Resolved: To defer a decision until next April and monitor any further damage to trees.**

### **83/25 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**Resolved: to approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025. They were duly signed by the Chair.**

### **84/25 Reports**

- Shropshire Councillors - noted
- Parish Councillors – Cllrs Hawkes and Weedall reported on their recent attendance at the North Shropshire Area Committee and the Possible delegation of Street Scene Services to Town & Parish Councils. This was noted.
- Clerk's Progress Report – noted

## 85/25 Parish Matters

### a. Marlot

- i. Monthly and Quarterly reports

**Resolved: to note the contents of the Marlot monthly and quarterly reports and to write to Graham Turnbull thanking him for the work he has carried out at the Marlot.**

- iii Willow Tree – to agree a course of action

**Resolved: to suspend financial regulations and accept the quotation from J Higgins for the removing the damaged limbs and then re-open the small gate to the Marlot..**

- iv. Marlot Liaison Group – to review the purpose, roles and terms of reference. Cllr Spenser, who requested this item, explained that this was no longer required.

**Resolved to take no further action at present**

### b. Hollinwood Green

- i. Quarterly Report

**Resolved: to note the contents of the Hollinwood Green quarterly report**

- ii. To consider a request for tree removal

**Resolved: to defer this matter until the resident has provided clarification about the reason for wishing to remove the tree.**

- c. Asset Inspection Reports – to agree a course of action

Insufficient information was received from Councillors and it was

**Resolved: defer to the November meeting.**

- d. Newsletters – to agree content

**Resolved: The Clerk is to compile the final version and circulate to members.**

- e. Moss Cottages Field Fencing – to appoint a contractor  
The Clerk tabled three quotes for this work, however it was

**Resolved: to seek 2 additional quotes and make a decision at the next meeting.**

It was noted that a local resident has cut back the hedge at the junction.

## 86/25 Action Planning Meeting

**Resolved: to hold an action planning session for all councillors on 21 October at 7pm Bull & Dog.**

The Clerk will circulate information.

## 87/25 Policies

**Resolved: to approve the following policies:**

- **Business Risk Assessment**
- **Grants and Donations**
- **Reserves**
- **Statement of Internal Controls**

## 88/25 Correspondence

- a. SALC AGM

**Resolved: that Cllr Weedall will attend the SALC AGM.**

- b. SALC Data Protection Training

**Resolved: that Jason Hawkes will attend Data Protection Training for Councillors.**

The Clerk will arrange the training date with Cllr Hawkes.

- c. SALC Area Committee Review

**Resolved: to support the recommendations of the review.**

## 89/25 Consultations

**Resolved: Cllr Hawkes will pull together a response to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation if an extension is granted.**

## 90/25 Planning

No planning decisions or applications were received from Shropshire Council

## 91/25 Finance

- a. To receive Monthly Balance Record and reconciliation -

**Resolved: to note that Cllr Hawkes has confirmed that the reconciliation agrees with the bank statements.**

- b. To receive the Quarterly budget and spending record

**Resolved: to note the report.**

- c. To resolve to approve outstanding invoices and payments

**Resolved: The outstanding accounts should be paid, and the online payment transactions authorised by two approved signatories.**

Recipient	Reason for Payment	Amount	Reference
<b>Payments to be Approved</b>			
SJF Design & Print	Marlot Leaflets	107.00	45.25
A Roberts	Salary October	349.47	46.25
HMRC	PAYE and NI Jul – September	94.49	47.25
A Roberts	Expenses	76.14	48.25
NEST	October Pension Contributions	86.97	49.25DD
Unity Bank	Monthly Fee	6.00	50.25DD
SLCC	Membership Renewal	110.00	51.25
SALC	Training	82.00	52.25
<b>Income (September)</b>			
Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount	Reference
Unity Bank	Interest	150.26	R7

## 92/25 Items for Next Agenda

The meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> November was noted.

Meeting closed at 9.26 pm