

# Whixall Parish Council



Chairman: Med Evans

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
at Whixall Social Centre starting at 7.30pm

## Present

Councillors	SJ Lamb, C Weedall, C Schup M Clorley, J Spenser, P Rodenhurst		
Unitary Councillors	G Groves		
Clerk	A Roberts		
Other Organisations	0	Members of the Public:	0

### 1/26 Election of Meeting Chair

**Resolved:** that Cllr Schup will chair the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

### 2/26 Public Session

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### 3/26 Apologies

Cllr M Evans, Cllr I Mercer, J Hawkes

### 4/26 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other interests or requests for dispensations

None Declared

### 5/26 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Resolved:** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025. They were duly signed by the meeting Chair.

### 6/26 Reports

- Shropshire Councillors - noted
- Parish Councillors

Cllr Weedall reported that a quote for play equipment at Moss Cottages Field would be provided by Ray Parry. There is an inspection regime required and RP can provide this service for a charge. Additionally, the roadside trees are in need of maintenance. The OBG had also been considered but may not be feasible.

The Clerk will contact the diocese about the OBG. Roadside trees will be added to a future agenda

- Clerk's Progress Report – noted

### 7/26 Parish Matters

- Marlot Monthly activity Report

**Resolved:** to note the contents of the Marlot monthly report.

b. Marlot and Hollinwood Green Volunteer Time Reports

**Resolved:** to receive the reports and to agree that time reports are not required in the future.

c. Marlot: Actions to be Taken

**Resolved that:**

1. **Volunteers are not to work on the Marlot without current first aid and power tool certificates.**
2. **The Council will assist in the search for more volunteers and will ask Natural England (NE) to assist with task days and involve the Marlot Conservation Group members.**
3. **The Council will investigate alternatives such as a play area and handing management of the Marlot to NE or Shropshire Wildlife Trust.**

The Clerk will carry out some checks regarding requirements for first aiders and certification for power tool use and report back to Council.

d. Moss Cottages Goal Netting

**Resolved:** to remove the existing netting

Cllr Clorley will remove and dispose of the netting.

e. Facebook Admin

**Resolved:** that Cllr Weedall and Cllr Spenser will be Facebook administrators for the Parish Council.

f. Litterpicking

**Resolved:** to invite neighbouring Councils to take part in a litterpicking day on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and to provide refreshments in the Social Centre.

g. Defibrillator Management

**Resolved:** that the Council will not take any action in relation to defibrillators.

**8/26 Planning**

No planning decisions or applications were received from Shropshire Council

**9/26 Finance**

- a. To receive Monthly Balance Record and reconciliation -

**Resolved:** to note that the reconciliation agrees with the bank statements.

- b. To receive the Quarterly budget and spending record

**Resolved:** to note the report.

- c. Budget and Precept 2026-27

**Resolved:** to set the budget at £15779 and the Parish Precept at £14,208 which represents a monthly increase of 15p for band D properties.

- d. 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.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<b>Payments to be Approved</b>			
A Roberts	Dec Salary	349.97	70.25
A Roberts	Expenses	136.01	71.25
HMRC	PAYE & NI	261.55	72.25
NEST	Pensions	86.97	73.25DD
Unity Bank	Service Charge	6.00	74.25DD
GS & PA Reeves	Fencing materials	966.00	75.25
M Spenser	Machine Parts & Fuel	78.18	76.25

**Income (September)**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Unity Bank	Interest	128.55	R9

**10/26 Items for Next Agenda**

The meeting scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 was noted.

Meeting closed at 20.32 pm

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget 2025-26</b>	<b>Budget 2026-27</b>
<b>Administration</b>		
General Admin	£205.00	£252.00
Bank charges	£75.00	£84.00
Website/gov.uk	£385.00	£400.00
Newsletter	£0.00	£140.00
Audit	£120.00	£190.00
Room Hire	£324.00	£364.00
Training	£220.00	£220.00
Insurance	£690.00	£716.00
Affiliations	£695.00	£648.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>£2,714.00</b>	<b>£3,014.00</b>
<b>Asset Management</b>		
Grass cutting	£1,750.00	£1,280.00
Hollinwood Green	£50.00	£50.00
Marlot routine works	£262.00	£272.00
Contribution to EMR	£975.00	£1,500.00
Noticeboard Repairs*		£1,320.00
<b>Total Asset Management</b>	<b>£3,037.00</b>	<b>£4,422.00</b>
<b>Community</b>		
Grants & Donations	£500.00	£500.00
Events	£440.00	£440.00
<b>Total Community</b>	<b>£940.00</b>	<b>£940.00</b>
<b>Staffing</b>		
Staff - non-salary costs	£460.00	£478.00
Salaries	£6,652.00	£6,925.00
<b>Total Staffing</b>	<b>£7,112.00</b>	<b>£7,403.00</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>£13,803.00</b>	<b>£15,779.00</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
	<b>Est. Income 25-26</b>	<b>Est Income 26-27</b>
<b>Precept</b>	<b>£13,637.00</b>	<b>£14,208.00</b>
<b>Other receipts</b>		
CIL / Neighbourhood Fund	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Interest	£150.00	£250.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	£1.00	£1.00
*Use of Reserves		£1,320.00
<b>Total Other receipts</b>	<b>£151.00</b>	<b>£1,571.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£13,788.00</b>	<b>£15,779.00</b>