



Whixall Parish Council

Chairman: Med Evans

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th February 2026
at Whixall Social Centre starting at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors Cllr M Evans (Chair), SJ Lamb, C Weedall, C Schup, P Rodenhurst, M Clorley, J Spenser, , I Mercer, J Hawkes

Unitary Councillors G Groves

Clerk A Roberts

Other Organisations 0 **Members of the Public:** 1

11/26 Public Session

There were no members of the public in attendance.

12/26 Apologies

None

13/26 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other interests or requests for dispensations

The following were declared in relation to agenda item x (Grants):

C Weedall – Member of Social Centre Committee

M Evans – Member of FMAT Trust Board

J Hawkes – Family members employed by FMAT

J Spenser – Family members attend or are employed by FMAT

RESOLVED: Members who declared an interest in agenda item x (Grants) may take part in discussions but may not vote in relation to the organisation for which they declared their interest.

14/26 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2026

Resolved: to approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th January 2026. They were duly signed by the Chair.

15/26 Reports

- a. Shropshire Councillors - noted
- b. Parish Councillors
- c. Clerk's Progress Report – noted

16/26 The Marlot

The monthly activity report was circulated in advance.

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

Following a detailed discussion on the future of the Marlot it was

Resolved:

1. to fund first aid training for Alan Lomas and to permit work to continue at the Marlot once this has been successfully completed.

2. to approach Natural England (NE) to establish if there is a willingness for NE to take on permanent management of the Marlot as a Local Nature Reserve with some form of protection for the role of existing volunteers from the Marlot Conservation Group.

The clerk will contact NE before the next meeting.

The following volunteered to join a task and finish group if it is required: M Evans, I Mercer, SJ Lamb, J Spenser, C Schup, J Hawkes.

17/26 Feasibility of Playground Decision

Following a discussion of potential location and type of playground it was

Resolved: to install a play area within the parish, subject to relevant funding being available.

The clerk will contact Community Resource to invite a speaker to the next meeting.

Cllr Weedall will arrange to meet tree contractors to obtain three quotes for works to the trees along the roadside boundary of Moss Cottages field. The clerk will try to establish ownership of these trees.

18/26 Meeting Venue

Resolved: That the Council will review the arrangements for use of the Social Centre for the forthcoming financial year, will not make a single advance payment for the entirety of the year, and will explore the availability and cost of alternative venues within the parish before making a final decision.

19/26 Litterpicking 15th March

Cllr Hawkes confirmed that the event would take place between 10am and 2pm. The clerk will borrow grabbers from Wem TC.

20/26 Council Logo

Resolved: To adopt the new logo and use it on publications and communications from this date.

21/26 Buckingham Palace Garden Party

Resolved: That Dave Edgerton be nominated to SALC for consideration to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

22/26 Policies

Resolved: To approve the following policies:

- **Planning Policy & Procedure**
- **Local Connections Policy**
- **Scheme of Delegations**
- **Social Media Policy**

Following the adoption of the revised social media policy, the clerk will now set up Cllrs Spenser and Wheedall as administrators on the council's Facebook account.

23/26 Planning

No planning decisions or applications were received from Shropshire Council

24/26 Grant Funding

Following a discussion about the applications received, it was

Resolved: That, to ensure a fully informed decision on grant awards, applicants will be invited to provide additional information for consideration at the March meeting.

25/26 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 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
Payments to be Approved			
Shropshire Council	Election Costs	125.00	77.25
HMRC	NI & Pension	99.60	78.25
A Roberts	Salary	349.77	79.25
A Roberts	Expenses	35.45	80.25
Social Centre	Litterpicking hall hire	28.00	81.25
Unity Bank	Monthly Fee	6.00	83.25 DD
NEST	Pension Contributions	86.97	84.25 DD

26/26 Future Meetings

Resolved: to ask the internal auditor to complete the audit in time for the May meeting of the council.

27/26 Items for Next Agenda

The meeting scheduled for 11th March 2026 was noted.

Meeting closed at 9.02 pm