

Whixall Parish Council



Chairman: Ian Mercer

Minutes of the Parish Council's Monthly Meeting held on 15 January 2025 at Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors: A Rawlinson (Chair), B Harris, J Spenser, P Rodenhurst, D Edgerton, M Howard

Shropshire Councillors: P Broomhall,

Clerk: A Roberts

Other Organisations 1 (Social Centre)

Members of the Public:11

1/25 Public Session

The majority of members of the public attended to raise concerns about the impact of recurrent flooding across the parish. Particular concerns were raised about an area at Hollinwood Green. All were asked to let the clerk know specific details so that Shropshire Council and Severn Trent could be contacted as appropriate.

The Social Centre enquired about plans for the remainder of the fallen tree.

A request was made for confirmation of compliance with Local Needs criteria for a future planning application.

2/25 Apologies for Absence

I Mercer, C Weedall, Med Evans, E Towers (Shropshire Council)

3/25 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Cllr Spenser in relation to planning item c.

4/25 Parish Matters

a. The Marlot activity report was circulated in advance. Its content was noted.

b. Assets. Following a verbal report it was agreed that the Clerk will obtain prices for replacing the front fencing at Moss Cottages Field.

c. Smart Meter mast and sundries. The Clerk reported that ancillary equipment is covered by the planning permission.

d. Newsletter. The clerk reported that only one survey response had been received.

e. Green Spaces and Active Travel Fund

Resolved: To submit an expression of interest for the provision of three benches at a cost of £100 each to be located at Hollinwood Green, Marlot and Natural England, subject to further feasibility work.

5/25 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th November 2024 should be signed.

The meeting chair signed the minutes.

6/25 Reports

Reports from the Shropshire Councillors were circulated in advance. The clerk gave a verbal report concerning the cost of removing the fallen part of the Old Burial Ground tree and proposals for removing the remainder of the tree. Quotations are being sought.

7/25 Planning

- a. To consider applications: None received
- b. To note planning decisions made by Shropshire Council

23/05480/FUL Moss View, Moss Lane, SY13 2RX.
Proposed single storey side extension.
Permission Granted

- c. Local Needs Dwelling Hollinwood
Cllr Spenser did not discuss or vote on this item.

Resolved: The Council can confirm Mr and Mrs Spenser's strong local connection.

8/25 Financial Matters

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

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
31 December	Current Account (Working Budget)	180.46
	Savings Account (Reserves)	23,319.89
TOTAL		23,500.35

The bank reconciliation and statements were noted.

- b. To receive the financial report for Q3
The contents of the report were noted.
- c. To resolve budget setting and precept for financial year 2025-26

Resolved: The budget for 2025-26 is approved and the precept is set at £13,637 which represents a monthly increase of 22p for band D properties within the Parish.

Expenditure	2025/26 Budget
Staff Costs	£7112
General Administration	£770
Room Hire	£324
Training	£220
Insurance	£690
Affiliations	£695
Grass Cutting	£1750
Marlot (Routine)	£262
Hollinwood Green (Routine)	£50
Asset Management (EM Reserves)	£975
Chairmans Fund	£500
Events	440
Total Expenditure Budget	£13,738

Income	
Bank Interest (Estimated)	£150
Rents	£1
Total Income	£151

d. 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
Payments Made Before the Meeting			
NEST	Pension Contribution Dec	82.91	49.24 DD
Hugo Fox	Website Costs (Dec)	23.99	50.24 DD
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge (Dec)	6.00	51.24 DD
Employee	Salary (Dec)	333.71	52.24
Hugo Fox	Website Costs (Nov)	23.99	53.24 DD
New Payments to be approved			
HMRC	PAYE (Dec)	83.20	54.24
HMRC	PAYE (Jan)	83.40	55.24
Employee	Salary (Jan)	333.11	56.24 DD
NEST	Pension Contributions January	82.91	57.24
Employee	Reimbursement (Nov & Dec)	84.40	58.24
Julie Ankers	Over 66s Christmas Meals	440.00	59.24
J Higgins	Tree removal	1440.00	60.24
Whixall Social Centre	Room Hire	216.00	611.24
G Turnbull	Reimbursement (Marlot)	15.30	62.24 DD
Hugo Fox	Website Charge (January)	23.99	63.24 DD
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge (January)	6.00	64.24DD

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

The meeting closed at 8.17 pm.