



Whixall Parish Council

Chairman: Med Evans

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2026
at Welshend Methodist Church Hall starting at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors I Mercer , C Weedall, SJ Lamb, J Spenser, J Hawkes, M Evans;
P Rodenhurst, C Schup, M Clorley

Unitary Councillors Cllr G Groves
Clerk A Roberts

Other Organisations 0

Members of the Public: 1

78/26 Public Session
No issues raised

79/26 Apologies for Absence
None

80/26 Election of Vice Chair

Resolved: Cllr Hawkes is elected as Vice Chair of the Council for the current municipal year.

81/26 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other interests or requests for dispensations
None declared

82/26 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th May 2026

Resolved: to approve as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th May 2026. They were duly signed by the Chair.

83/26 Planning
a. Planning Applications from Shropshire Council. – none received.
b. Planning Decisions from Shropshire Council. – none received.

84/26 Finance
a. Monthly balance record and reconciliation
b. Quarter 1 budget and spending report
c. Internal control checks

Resolved to note receipt of the balance record and reconciliation checked by Cllr Hawkes, the Quarter 1 budget and spending report, and to note that internal control checks were carried out by Cllr Hawkes on 8th July 2026.

d. **Resolved: That the schedule of payments and supporting invoices be approved, and that the payments listed be authorised**

Recipient	Reason for Payment	Amount	Reference
Payments Made Between Meetings			
A Roberts	Salary June	266.96	22.26a
HMRC	NI & PAYE June	190.83	23.26
NEST	Pension June	88.40	24.26 DD
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Fee June	7.00	25.26 DD
New Payments			
HMRC	Ni & PAYE	190.83	26.26
A Roberts	Salary July	266.96	27.26
M Spenser	Reimbursement	15.85	28.26
A Roberts	Expenses / Goal Nets	139.00	29.26
Welshend Methodists	Room Hire July	22.50	30.26
NEST	Pension Contributions	88.40	31.26DD
Unity Bank	Monthly Charges	7.00	32.26DD

85/26 Reports

- a. Shropshire Councillors – circulated in advance of the meeting
- b. Parish Councillors – Cllr Hawkes noted that there will be a showing of the Climate Emergency Briefing at Clive Village Hall on 13th July.
- c. Clerk's Progress Report – noted.

86/26 Shropshire Local Plan Consultation

Resolved: due to the very short timescale, under delegated powers the Clerk will complete the consultation incorporating any comments received from members and will circulate the draft response prior to submission.

87/26 Policing Priorities

Resolved: that the Council's three priorities are anti social road use (all users), thefts from farms and thefts from outbuildings.

88/26 Newsletter

Resolved that Cllr Weedall will obtain information and work with the Clerk on a draft newsletter to be agreed at the September meeting.

It was noted that delivering the newsletter may be the opportunity to knock on doors and build relationships between the council and residents.

89/26 Annual Parish Meeting

Resolved: to introduce Whixall Community Awards for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in March 2027 and each March thereafter. The categories will be

- **Community Spirit: Going above and beyond to help neighbours or improve local facilities.**
- **Environmental Stewardship: Efforts to protect or enhance the rural landscape and biodiversity of Whixall.**
- **Volunteerism: Commitment to local groups, youth initiatives, or community events.**

Recipients will be presented with a small trophy and a commemorative certificate. The total annual cost for these materials will be no more than £100. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the evening.

The Clerk will draft a nomination form for the September meeting.

90/26 Shropshire Councillor Ward Walks

Resolved to defer this item until more information is known.

91/26 Parish Matters

- a. Marlot and Hollinwood Green updates were noted
- b. Marlot and Natural England – it was noted that matters are currently with NE
- c. Playground proposal – it was noted that Cllr Hawkes, Cllr Spenser and the Clerk met with Louise Allmark to discuss the possibility of Whixall Marina providing a play area for the parish.

92/26 Items for Next Agenda

The meeting scheduled for 9th September 2026 was noted.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm