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## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Millennium Hall, Cockshutt at 7.30pm

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**Present:**

Councillors: J. Bowers, P. Brewer, P. Griffiths and I. Webb

Members of the Public: None

**01/26 Apologies for absence:**

- a. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Richard Hadley and Cllr. Ms. P. Edwards
- b. Apologies were received from Shropshire Cllr. Sarah Marston

**02/26 Public Participation:** None

**03/26 Shropshire Councillor Report**

Report for January as circulated.

**04/26 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**05/26 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**

- a. Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, whether or not the Interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.
- b. Other Registrable Interests: None
- c. To consider any requests for Dispensations: None

**06/26 Planning:**

- a. **Decisions Received for information:** None
- b. **Applications for Consideration received since the December meeting:** None
- c. **Applications Received after 2<sup>nd</sup> January** - None

**07/26 Financial Matters:**

- a. Balances for information as recorded on the bank reconciliation attached.
- b. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation & financial statement as a correct record.
- c. Outstanding invoices for approval:

HMRC	£23.95
Shropshire Council (Election)	£250.00
	£273.95

- d. Audit preparation – information circulated 2/1/26  
Members discussed new email. Clerk to obtain a price for x6 dedicated addresses.
- e. Budget discussions & Precept for approval  
Members discussed the budget implications.  
RESOLVED: Proposed and seconded, all in agreement, to levy a precept at 0% increase to Council tax being £20,472
- f. Review of Clerks Salary  
Having reached the upper threshold of the salary scale, clerks salary to remain at SCP17 in line with NJC national pay structure from 1st April 2026
- g. Automatic enrolment completed in October 2025. Staff pension enrolment ongoing.

**08/26 Property Maintenance - none**

**09/26 Environmental Maintenance – none**

**10/26 Jubilee & Football Field – no issues to report**

**11/26 Highways**

- a. Requests under SC road safety policy - No new matters currently
- b. Ongoing issues with hedges & highway issues at Park Lane
- c. **Change of Road signs**  
Further research to be done, clerk to investigate costs and implications, and consideration of type of sign to be replaced. X2 with data collection and speed variation warnings.

**12/26 Reports of Meetings attended – for information – none currently**

**13/26 Information & Correspondence**

Shropshire Libraries Expressions of Interest (circulated 4/12/25)

Severn Trent/Shropshire Council Community Flood Resilience Team (circulated 1/12/25)

Launch of Rural Housing Enabler Hub (circulated 4/12/25)

<https://community-resource.org.uk/rhehub/>

**14/26 Consultations**

Shropshire Council Budget Consultation

<https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/budget-consultation/>

Open until 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Draft Destination Management Plan

<https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/help-shape-the-future-of-tourism-inshropshire/>

Open until 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

For information on all Shropshire Council consultations visit

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/>

Including school admission arrangements & supplementary planning documents

**15/26 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda:**

Clerk to write to village hall regarding the heating and request door keys

**16/26 Date of next meeting:** Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 @ 7:30 pm

SALC NS Area Committee - Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Broadband / Mobile phone signal update:

Thursday 15th January and Thursday 22nd January 2026. Details circulated 4/12/25

The Chair, Cllr Griffiths, declared the meeting closed at 8: 25 p.m.

Signed.....(*by the Chairman*) .....

Date.....12<sup>th</sup> February 2026.....