Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 10th September 2026 Millennium Hall, Cockshutt at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors:	J. Bowers, Mrs. P. Edwards, P. Griffiths, & I. Webb
Shropshire Councillor:	Sarah Marston
Members of the Public:	One

103/26 Apologies for absence: None

104/26 Public Participation:

A member of the Village Hall Committee attended the meeting to explain the Committee's financial position and the reasons for maintaining its current level of reserves.

105/26 Shropshire Councillor Report – circulated 9/9/26

A Best Value Notice has been issued to Shropshire Council (SC) in relation to its financial position.

As part of the financial measures being considered, SC is likely to need to sell assets that are no longer required. The current position is, however, there was around £2 million less borrowing this year than was previously anticipated.

106/26 Approval of minutes of the last meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th July 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

107/26 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

108/26 Planning:

a. Decisions Received for information:

Reference:	26/02431/AG1 (validated: 29/6/26)
Address:	Land North East Of, English Frankton, Ellesmere, Shropshire
Proposal:	Proposed a new mono-pitched machinery store A concrete pad to prevent machinery poaching and to store hay and straw bales upon measuring 15m x 37.5m to give an area of 563m2. Please note the concrete will not be used for the handling or housing of any livestock.
Decision:	Prior Approval Not Required

Reference: 25/04083/FUL (validated: 12/11/2025)
Address: Proposed Residential Development Land West of Crosemere Crescent
Proposal: Development of 14 Residential Dwellings, relocation and upgrade of existing access
Decision: SC Northern Planning Committee resolved to delegate authority to officers to grant planning permission, subject to further investigation for options to improve pedestrian safety

b. Applications received since the July meeting:

Reference: 26/02992/FUL (validated: 18/08/2026)
Address: Proposed Dwelling To The East Of, English Frankton, Ellesmere
Proposal: Renovation and extension of former cottage
Comment: Support

View online at: http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=TJEVI3TDKG100

c. Applications Received after 3rd September: None

109/26 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 payments approved: ISB Contracting £45,630.00

d. Request for financial assistance to install a new intruder alarm & consumer unit at the Millennium Hall.
Quotes circulated 3/9/26
RESOLVED: In principle members support the grant application subject to obtaining a second quotation for the fitting of the consumer unit. It was noted that only one quotation has been received to date for this work.

110/26 Property Maintenance
The Streetlight on the corner of Kenwick Close, was reported to the electrical contractors and the adjacent housing association in July. To date this work has not been carried out. Clerk to contact the contractors.

111/26 Environmental Maintenance
a. Highway visibility near the flash has improved since the hedge has been cut
b. The brambles on Shrewsbury Road near the donkey field need cutting back

112/26 Jubilee & Football Field

a. Work on the new parking area has been 97% completed awaiting suitable weather for reseeding the surface.
Members to make enquiries re grounds maintenance and planting of a buffer zone between the new car parking area and the adjacent cottages

The Council's current grass-cutting contractor has confirmed that they will not be available to continue the contract from October onwards. The Clerk to advertise the contract and source a suitable new contractor.

b. Following a request from the Village Hall Committee in respect of the play area, that the Parish Council considered the ROSPA report and procedure for inspections. There were no issues highlighted as urgent with regard to repairs.
RESOLVED: Taking into consideration this is an important facility for the Village, it was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council adopt the fixtures thereon including the play equipment, fences & gates and play surfaces from 1st October

c. Play Equipment inspections
The Clerk will contact volunteers to arrange weekly inspections and liaise with a local contractor to arrange quarterly inspections.

d. Request for assistance with regard to ongoing maintenance of other outside spaces in VH Charity ownership.
There was a degree of discussion and uncertainty regarding responsibility for various boundaries adjacent to Church Green. Members deferred a decision to the next meeting subject to clarification regarding responsibility for the hedges and trees

113/26 Highways

a. Requests under SC road safety policy: None

b. Willowbrook Manor:
The installation of the 30 mph speed limit is still in progress. Cllr. Marston reported that this had been incorrectly recorded as completed due to a mix-up with a site in Ellesmere.

114/26 Reports of Meetings attended – for information – none currently

115/26 Information & Correspondence

a. News items from SALC including, NPPF, Civility & Respect Agenda, NJC pay award, AGM, PCC letter to Town and Parish Councils circulated for information

b. Shropshire Council pre-consultation information Local Transport Plan and invitation to briefing session unfortunately scheduled for this evening Thursday, 10 September

c. Circulated request from Shropshire Council for out of hours' number for emergency works to street lighting. Clerk to take up the matter with SALC & Cllr. Marston will speak with Highways

d. Breakthrough communications are running more Data Protection for Councillors courses on 5th October, 30th November or 15th December. All online at 6:30 pm

116/26 Consultations

https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-great-outdoors-annual-survey-2026/

For information on all Shropshire Council consultations visit
https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/

Police and Crime Commissioner Annual Survey
https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/91120453/Town-and-Parish-Council-Survey-2026

117/26 Parish Matters & Items for the next agenda:
None not already addressed at this meeting

118/26 Date of next meeting: Thursday, 8th October 2026 @ 7:30 pm

Other dates for the diary:

- SALC area committee – Monday, 14th September 2026 @ 7:00 pm in Wem Town Council meeting room
- SALC AGM: Tuesday, 3rd November from 4:00 pm at The Croud Meadow (Shrewsbury Town Football Club)
- LNRS conference - on Friday, 20th November 2026 @ 10:00 am – 4:00pm in Telford

The Chair, Cllr Griffiths, declared the meeting closed at 8: 44 p.m.

Signed……(*by the Chairman*) …….. Date…8th October 2026.……