

Whixall Parish Council



Chairman: Ian Mercer

Minutes of the Parish Council's Monthly Meeting held on 12th March 2025 at Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors: I Mercer (Chair), A Rawlinson J Spenser, P Rodenhurst, M Evans,
C Weedall, B Harris, M Howard (arrived 19.38).

Shropshire Councillors: P Broomhall, E Towers

Clerk: A Roberts

Other Organisations 0

Members of the Public:0

17/25 Public Session

No members of the public were in attendance.

18/25 Apologies for Absence

None

19/25 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

None declared

20/25 Reports

Reports from Shropshire Councillors and the Clerk were circulated in advance. Their contents were noted.

21/25 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th February 2025 are accurate and should be signed.

The Chair signed the minutes.

22/25 Parish Matters

- a. The Marlot activity report was circulated in advance. Its content was noted. The Chair thanked the MCG for their ongoing work at the Marlot.
- b. Flooding: Cllr Mercer raised concerns about the blocked culvert under the road at Abbeygreen.
- c. Waggoners Crossroads. Following a discussion about safety concerns at this location it was agreed that the Clerk will raise the issue of signing and lining on Fix My Street.
- d. Annual Parish Meeting. The clerk will follow up initial requests to Shropshire Council and the EA and will invite Jason Hawkes to take part.

23/25 Planning

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

24/25 Financial Matters

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

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
28 February	Current Account (Working Budget)	£781.34
	Savings Account (Reserves)	£19,319.89
TOTAL		£20,101.23

The bank reconciliation and statements were noted.

b. 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 Taken Before the Meeting			
Hugo Fox	Website February	23.99	70.24DD
ICO	Information Protection Fee	35.00	79.24DD
New Payments to be approved			
HMRC	PAYE (March)	83.40	71.24
Employee	Salary (March)	333.51	72.24
Employee	Reimbursement	46.60	73.24
NEST	Pension Contribution (March)	82.91	74.24DD
C Jones	Grass Cutting	980.00	75.24
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Charge	6.00	76.24DD
WURC Graveyard Trust	Grant (Agreed Feb 25)	50.00	77.24
Whixall Primary School	Grant (Agreed Feb 25)	340.00	78.24
Hugo Fox	Website (March)	23.99	80.24
G Turnbull	Reimbursement (MCG)	8.29	81.24
M Spenser	Reimbursement (Scarifier hire)	50.40	82.24

c. Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: To appoint Graham Murphy to act as internal auditor for 2024-25 financial year.

25/25 RESOLVED: That by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, disclosure of which would be prejudicial to the public interest the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item.

Shropshire Councillors left the meeting.

26/25 Grass Cutting Contract

After reviewing the competitive quotes submitted by four contractors it was

RESOLVED to award the grass cutting contract to Mr C Jones for a period of 3 years with an optional two-year extension to be awarded on the basis of good performance.

Scheduled date of next meeting
9th April 2025 (7.30pm)

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.