

Whixall Parish Council



Chairman: Ian Mercer

Minutes of the Parish Council's Monthly Meeting held on 9 April 2025 at Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors: I Mercer (Chair), B Harris, Claire Weedall, Med Evans,
J Spenser, P Rodenhurst

Unitary Councillors: P Broomall, E Towers

Clerk: A Roberts

Other Organisations: 0

Members of the Public: 0

27/25 Public Session

No members of the public were in attendance.

28/25 Apologies for Absence

Councillors A Rawlinson and M Howard.

29/25 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

Cllr Spenser declared an interest in agenda item 8c (Local Needs Application).

30/25 Reports

- a. A report from Shropshire Councillors was circulated in advance. Its contents were noted.
- b. Cllr Harris reminded members that the Old Burial Ground rear boundary has not been resolved and should remain on the actions list for the new council.
- c. The clerk reported that insufficient quotes had been received for the Moss Cottages Field fencing. Further quotes will be sought for the May meeting.

31/25 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 12th March are an accurate record and should be signed.

The Chair signed the minutes.

32/25 Parish Matters

- a. The Marlot activity report was circulated in advance. Its content was noted
- b. Old Burial Ground Tree
Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That, following a request from the preferred contractor for the work to be awarded elsewhere the Clerk will obtain another competitive quote and in discussion with the Chair, will award the work to the contractor who can remove the tree soonest for a price of £14k or below.

- c. Parish Noticeboards
Councillor Rawlinson will be asked to repair the noticeboards at Hollinwood Green and Dobsons Bridge.
- d. Annual Parish Meeting
The Clerk confirmed that Jason Hawkes will speak at the meeting. No response has been received from Shropshire Council.

33/25 Flooding

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: that the clerk will write to Shropshire Council to express concerns about the impact of flooding, caused by unmaintained drainage, on attendance at Whixall Primary School.

34/25 Planning

- a. To consider applications: None received
- b. To note planning decisions made by Shropshire Council: None received
- c. To respond to a request regarding a Local Needs Dwelling application.
The request is out of the jurisdiction of the Parish Council and will be taken up by Cllrs Broomhall and Edwards at Shropshire Council. The Clerk will write to the applicant to confirm this.

35/25 Financial Matters

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

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
	Current Account	£112.35
	Savings Account	£18,043.22
TOTAL		£18,155.57

The Clerk reported that the £18,155.57 is made up of £6,945.92 in earmarked reserves and a general reserve of £11,209.65. General Reserves will be used to cover the tree works at the Old Burial Ground and fencing at Moss Cottages.

The bank reconciliation, statements and reserve levels 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 March	23.99	80.24
Unity Bank	Bank Charges March	6.00	76.24
Payments to be Approved			
HMRC	PAYE (April)	83.20	1.25
Employee	Salary (April)	333.71	2.25
Employee	Reimbursement	55.00	3.25
NEST	Pension Contribution (April)	82.91	4.25DD
Parish Online	New Website	258.00	5.25
Unity Bank	April Bank Charges	6.00	6.25DD
Hugo Fox	Website April	23.99	7.25DD
G Turnbull	Fuel (Marlot)	9.82	8.25

Scheduled date of next meeting
14th May 2025 (7.30pm)

The meeting closed at 9.01 pm.