

Leebotwood & Longnor Parish Council Meeting

Monday 12th January 2026

Minutes

1. Chairmans Welcome, the chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. Present – Councillor R Reynolds-Chairman, Councillor P Pardoe, Councillor A Holt, Councillor E Williams, Councillor O Williams. Also, Present Shropshire Councillor C Naylor, L Pardoe clerk to the council and Natalie Medicott. Apologies were received from Councillor S Willocks who was on leave and Councillor R Lawrence who was unavoidably detained.
3. Council to Co-Opt New Councillor After discussion it was agreed to Co-Opt Natalie Medicott on to the Parish Council. Proposed by Councillor P Pardoe, seconded by Councillor A Holt and agreed by all members present.
4. Councillor to sign declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor Medicott signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the members.
5. Council to Agree the minutes from the November 2025 meeting. It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor O Williams, seconded by Councillor E Willaims and agreed by all members present.
6. Public Session. There were no members of the public present.
7. Shropshire Councillor to report. Councillor Naylor reported.
 - *A49 street lights have at last been fixed and now all working*
 - *I have been liaising with Adrian regarding VAS sites. We have emailed National Highways with proposed locations, and have now chased. Joe there has to check on whether we can use an existing pole. However it appears National Highways lost our first email.*
 - *I haven't heard any more re the pedestrian crossing, so have chased Stuart Anderson who had said he was making high level enquiries. I have also suggested it might be time for another photo opp with him.*
 - *Regarding the Longnor roadway, SC Highways tell me they've just had their drainage guy visit. We agreed it was best to get the drains sorted before any resurfacing. I will try to get an update Monday.*
 - *If this doesn't progress matters I have the new Highways Head of Service in Condover next Thursday and I'm trying to get him to Longnor too.*
 - *I've been asked to join several 'Task and Finish review groups as follows:*
 - *Gyratory – status complete – we concluded this had been very badly handled by the Council, but very little could now be done as funds/plans had been signed off 2023/4 and Council has no spare cash*
 - *Community Infrastructure Levy – status ongoing – £16m unspent; allocations currently decided by officers with little councillor input; strategy/criteria so far unclear. We are trying to ensure more spending decisions need Cabinet approval*
 - *Shirehall – status starts soon – we are reviewing Council's recent decision to demolish, and exploring other ways to bring in money for repair*

8. Councillor A Holt to report on Teams meetings with Highways England to discuss Traffic calming measures. From this meeting he was told that it would cost £7,000 to start to process off. There would then be costs for the foundation's designs. It was felt that these would be a long-term project although Councillor Holt hoped that we might get one up this year. Clerk to contact Condover Parish Council to see where they got their designs for their VAS in Dorrington from.

9. Highways -Members to report any Highways Matters. Councillor P Pardoe reported that he had been approached by a member of the public over a footpath where a bridge had been removed and also some signage was missing. It was agreed that Councillor Pardoe would walk the footpath and report it on Fix my footpath on Shropshire Council website.

Grit bins were spoken of. Councillor Hot asked where they were and how we could check that there was sufficient grit in them.

Councillor Naylor said that on Shropshire Councils interactive layered highways map the position of grit bins were marked up.

10. Planning Applications;

Previous applications.

- Reference: 25/03900/FUL (validated: 23/10/2025)
Address: Cherry Mynd, Longnor, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7PP
Proposal: Erection of garage with living accommodation above.
Decision: Refuse

New Applications. At the time of writing there were no new applications.

- Reference: 25/04586/FUL (validated: 16/12/2025)
Address: 1 Longnor Park Barns, Longnor, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7PP
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension.
After discussion it was agreed to support this application.
- Reference: 25/04748/TPO (validated: 16/12/2025)
Address: Longnor Hall Farm, Longnor, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7PZ
Proposal: Various works to trees (as per report) protected by The Salop County Council (Longnor) Tree Preservation Order 1965 (SA/3)
After discussion it was agreed to support this application
- Reference: 25/04599/FUL (validated: 05/12/2025)
Address: Day House, Leebotwood, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 6LZ
Proposal: Conversion of first floor (and ground floor access bay) of a detached Garage & Store to residential annex accommodation, and (retrospective) amendments to design previously approved under application 11/03599/FUL)
- After discussion it was agreed to support this application.

- Reference: 25/04588/FUL (validated: 11/12/2025)
Address: Oakfield, Leebotwood, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 6LU
Proposal: Erection of agricultural machinery store.
- After discussion it was agreed to support this application.

Applications received after Agenda was prepared.

There were none received after the agenda was drawn up.

11. Clerks Report- Verbal to cover items not covered on the agenda All items were covered on the agenda.
12. Report on status of the Defibrillator at Leebotwood Village Hall. This was checked by Councillor R Reynolds
13. Financial Report
 - a. Council to agree to pay the invoices as presented by the clerk. It was agreed to pay the invoices as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor R Reynolds, seconded by Councillor A Holt and agreed by all members present.
 - b. Council to accept Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk It was agreed to accept the Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk. Proposed by Councillor A Holt, seconded by Councillor E Williams and agreed by all members present.
 - c. Council to set the Budget for financial year 2026/2027. It was agreed to set the budget as presented by the clerk. Proposed By Councillor R Reynolds, seconded by Councillor P Pardoe and agreed by all members present.
 - d. Council to set the precept for the forthcoming financial year. After discussion it was agreed to set the precept figure at £10,000 for the forthcoming year. This would be £49.66 per Band D household.
14. Parish Matters -Members to report any Parish matters. Wi-Fi for the village halls was discussed. It was agreed that Wi-Fi with 3 should be taken out for Leebotwood Village Hall and see if it was possible to get a signal for Longnor Village Hall. If this was possible then Wi-Fi would also be installed in Longnor Village Hall.
The clerk to find out the number of properties in both villages for the distribution of a Council Newsletter.
The Parish Council wish to have a regular news item in the Steeplewood Fold Magazine.
15. Date and time of next meeting It was agreed that this would be held on Monday 9th March 2026 at Longnor Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.
16. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 21.15pm