

MINUTES OF MORETON CORBET AND LEE BROCKHURST PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE PRESTON BROCKHURST VILLAGE HALL ON
TUESDAY 24 MARCH AT 7.30 PM

Present:

Mr C Mackley	Chairman
Mr K Evans	Vice Chairman
Mrs J Embrey	
Mr J Lester	
Mr D Maddock	
Mr J Plaskett	
Mrs Z Ryder	
Brigadier A Hedley	Clerk

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. The minutes of the last meetings, held on 11 November were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

2. a Progress over PC assistance in gaining dedicated school transport of Preston Brockhurst resident's children. The clerk had further contacted the resident but had so far not received any feedback any progress made.

b Update on the installation of new doors for Lee Brockhurst Village Hall. The clerk confirmed that the work had been completed and payment using part of the CIL grant had been received.

c. Road maintenance work on Harcourt Mill Lane. The Clerk had contacted Shropshire Highways over the priority given to this very minor road in comparison to poorly maintained roads with greater use needing urgent repairs over several year. He was informed that this work was done after a survey revealed the poor state of the road and that the survey was completed in accordance with current guidelines.

d. Road repairs to section of road near Keeper's Cottage Acton Reynald. After over 3 years of continuous pressure from the PC a proper repair job had now been completed.

e. Retirement of Parish Clerk. The Clerk reminded the meeting that he wished to stand down after 29 years at the end of May 26, once the audit process was completed. Notices had been sent via email to all those residents on the Lee Brockhurst list and Councillors had also been asked to help but, so far, no volunteers had been forthcoming. Discussions took place over whether it might be possible to find a replacement who would take on the role for a small honorarium rather than the payment of approx. £14 per hour which the PC could not afford. The clerk undertook to contact SALC to see if they had any suggestions.

FINANCE

3. The precept bid for £3300 had been acknowledged by Shropshire Council. It was understood that some residents had concerns over the percentage increase in the Parish Council precept being raised by a larger percentage than normal. The clerk explained that the extra £700 (approved by the PC on 11 Nov 25) was needed to fund the uncontested election fees (£250), website/email account charges (£180) increase in insurance, audit and SALC charges (£200). As the election charges occurred only every 4 years it was hoped that the precept rate for FY 27/28 would remain unchanged.