

Whixall Parish Council



Chairman: Ian Mercer

Minutes of the Parish Council's Monthly Meeting held on 12 April 2023 at Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors: I Mercer (Chair); J Spenser; P Rodenhurst; A Rawlinson; M Evans; B Harris

Shropshire Councillors: Cllr E Towers

Clerk: A Roberts

Other Organisations 0

Members of the Public 0

29/23 Public Session

No members of the public were in attendance.

30/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Howard; Cllr C Weedall; Cllr P Broomhall (Shropshire Council).

31/23 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

32/23 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed Cllr Spenser, seconded Cllr Rawlinson and agreed by all present.

Resolved: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 March 2023 are an accurate record.

The Chair signed the minutes.

33/23 Planning

a. To Consider Applications

23/01098/FUL	Demolition and rebuilding of former shippon to provide ancillary residential accommodation. The Fields Farm, Dobsons Bridge
23/01325/FUL	Erection of a local needs dwelling including access and garage. Land Adjacent to 14 Waterloo, SY13 2PX

Resolved: The Parish Council supports applications 23/01098/FUL and 23/01325/FUL.

b. Planning decisions received

None.

34/23 Reports

a. Shropshire Councillors

The report from Cllrs Broomhall and Towers (Shropshire Council) was circulated report prior to the meeting. The content was noted.

b. Parish Councillors

Cllr Mercer reported that Vic Ratcliffe of Whixall Hall had recently died. Funeral arrangements are to be announced. Also, following an approach made by a resident of Waterloo regarding Broadband, Helen Morgan MP has undertaken to arrange a meeting with local residents.

Cllr Spenser reported that an approach had been made regarding rainwater drainage problems on Hollinwood Green. This may link to the recent highway drainage work. The Details have been provided to the Clerk who will contact the resident concerned.

c. Clerk

In addition to the circulated report, the Clerk reported that a request for dog bins in the area around the Marina had been received and would be logged with Shropshire Council.

35/23 Parish Matters

a. The Marlot

i. The content of the Marlot Activity Report was noted. Cllr Spenser corrected two points:

- The pump used on the Marlot is petrol not electric
- A bench was installed, not a table.

ii. Cllrs Rawlinson and Edgerton were unable to carry out the planned site visit, but Cllr Mercer had visited the Marlot and confirmed that the water level needs to drop before an inspection of the culvert can be carried out and a solution found.

b. Hollinwood Green

The Clerk will re-draft the letter to include all residents adjacent to Hollinwood Common and will include background information about the Common.

c. Annual Parish Meeting

Shropshire Council has confirmed attendance. The agenda has been drafted and a poster will be produced and distributed.

36/23 Financial Matters

a. To receive monthly bank balance record.

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
31 March 2023	Current Account (Working Budget)	£784.31
	Savings Account (Reserves)	£1,1976.30
TOTAL		£12,706.61

The bank reconciliation and statements were checked and approved by Cllr Evans.

b. To resolve to approve outstanding accounts

Orders for the payment of outstanding invoices and all payments approved remotely (under "Power to Spend" LGA1972 s.112(2) and 124(1). Proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Rawlinson and agreed by all.

Resolved: The outstanding accounts should be paid and the payment transactions authorised by two nominated councillors.

Recipient	Reason for Payment	Amount £	Ref.	Power of Expenditure
HMRC	PAYE	74.20	1.23	LGA 1972 s112(2)
Employee	Salary	297.42	2.23	LGA 1972 s112(2)
Employee	Reimbursement	9.63	3.23	LG(FP)A 1963 s5
NEST	Pension Contributions	58.27	4.23DD	LGS(DP)R 1961 s1
M Spenser	Expenses: Hollinwood Green	31.01	5.23	LGA 1972 s137
SJF Print	Marlot Leaflet	95.00	6.23	OSA 1906 s9-10
Currys Business	Laminator Purchase	67.98	7.23	LGA 1972 s112(2)

c. To receive a verbal report on Neighbourhood Funding

SALC has notified the Council that it will receive £1,777 at the end of April. This will bring the total Neighbourhood Funding held by the Council to £3,934.

Scheduled date of next meeting (Annual Parish Council Meeting):

10 May 2023 (7.30pm)

The meeting closed at 9.04pm.