

Munslow Parish Council



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Minutes of the Meeting of Munslow Parish Council, on Wednesday 5th March 2025

Attendance: Cllrs Barbara Archer (Chair), Richard Arnold, Nigel Dobson, Val Fotheringham, David Marston, Chris Meeson, Ed Povey and Graham Williams. **In Attendance:** H Coonick (Clerk/RFO).

1. **Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council).
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Public Forum:** Two members of the public were in attendance. A member of the public asked the council to lobby the MP and Shropshire Association of Local Councils regarding the removal of hedgerows as part of agricultural schemes.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th February, 2025:**
RESOLVED: to accept the minutes as an accurate record and they were signed by the chair.
5. **West Mercia Police Community Support Officers Lisa Thomas** reported that Operation Whitebeam had flooded the area with marked and unmarked police vehicles in the late evening to deal with rural crime. Farmers can contact the police re trackers for their vehicles. There have been reports of hare coursing in the Corvedale. If residents are experiencing speeding at particular times of day, please report that to the police so they can monitor the situation and target vehicles. Fly tipping can be reported to the police if the crime is taking place, once the fly tipping has taken place then this needs to be reported to Shropshire Council via Fix My Street. The Council wishes the priorities to remain the same for the Neighbourhood Policing Team: Speeding, Rural Crime, Wildlife Crime.
6. **Correspondence**
 - 6.1. C Prince, re Speed Restrictions on the B4368: The council duly acknowledged receipt of the letter from C Prince.
7. **Reports**
 - 7.1. Chairs Report – Cllr Archer reported that the Caring for Gods Acre team will be working at Munslow Closed Burial Ground on 14th March.
 - 7.2. Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley had sent a report: Shropshire Council had its last council meeting last week before it goes into the pre-election period. They have settled the accounts for this financial year but further savings will need to be made next financial year. The Council has received the Care Quality Commission rating of ‘good’ after the inspection last June. They have been working on the Devolution Agenda. She expects that the review of parish boundaries will restart after the election.
 - 7.3. Munslow Village Hall – Cllr Dobson reported that the hall will have less income this year as Millichope will not be opening the gardens. There is another breakfast in April and they may be organising a guided walk ending at the hall for refreshments. He is encouraging people to organise events that can be held at the hall.
 - 7.4. South Shropshire Area Committee – H Coonick (Clerk) reported that there had been an update on arrangements for the elections. Stanton Lacy Parish Council were concerned about an increase in fly tipping which will hopefully reduce now the booking system at the recycling centre has stopped. Nash Parish Council were concerned about the cost to small councils of the elections. The Committee plan to invite John Campion, Police and Crime Commissioner and a representative of the Planning Enforcement Team to future meetings.
8. **Accounts**
 - 8.1. Agree an Additional Signatory With Online Bank Account Authorisation:
RESOLVED that Cllr Dobson will become an online banking authoriser.

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- 8.2. Decide on Whether to Open a Savings Account with Lloyds Bank@
RESOLVED to open a Lloyds Savings Account and transfer funds into the account keeping only sufficient in the current account for everyday needs.
- 8.3. Authorise Payments
- 8.3.1. D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) inv 705 £121.50
- 8.3.2. H Coonick and HMRC, Clerks Salary Jan – March £933.40 and Travel Expenses £18.90
- 8.3.3. Cllr Archer (reimbursement for Corvedale News) £8
RESOLVED: to make the above payments.
9. **Consider the Arrangements for the Parish Council Elections on 1st May 2025:** Nomination papers are available from Shropshire Council Elections Team for anyone wishing to stand as a parish councillor and they need to be submitted to Shropshire Council by the 2nd April.
10. **Agree Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting:** the meeting will be publicised in the Corvedale News, parish council website and Facebook page. The agenda will be decided upon at the next meeting.
11. **Highways**
- 11.1. New Tasks for the Environmental Maintenance Contractor: ongoing clearance of drains and a monthly check of the drain at Broadstone.
- 11.2. Consider the Environmental Maintenance Grant Application and Hourly Rate for 2025/26: The issue of ditch digging was discussed and it was agreed to check with Shropshire Council what responsibilities they have and whether this will be carried out this year. Deferred to the next meeting.
12. **Update on Agenda 2030:**
RESOLVED: to write to Stuart Anderson, MP and Shropshire Association of Local Councils regarding the removal of hedgerows as part of agricultural schemes.
13. **Update on Trees in Munslow Burial Ground:** the report was considered and it was decided that work on two trees was required as preventative measures
RESOLVED: to obtain three quotes for the work and ensure that any necessary planning applications are made to Shropshire Council.
14. **Update on Community Car Park at Munslow Land Registry Notification:** the Clerk had not had any response from Shropshire Council's solicitor.
RESOLVED: to write to the Solicitor again with a copy to Shropshire Council's leader.
15. **Update on Registration of New Lease for Munslow Village Hall with the Land Registry:** no response from Land Registry. Defer to the next meeting.
16. **Update on Application to Remove the Registration of the Washwell at Land Registry:** No response from Land Registry. Defer to the next meeting.
17. **Items for the Next Meeting at 7.30pm Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at Munslow Village Hall:**
- Consider inviting candidates for the Corvedale Unitary Councillor Election
 - Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting
 - Consider the Environmental Maintenance Grant Application and Hourly Rate for 2025/26
 - Update on Community Car Park at Munslow Land Registry Notification
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Chair:

Date: