

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SHERIFFHALES PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 22nd JULY 2025 AT 7.00PM AT
SHERIFFHALES VILLAGE HALL**

Present Councillors: Mr J Horne (Vice-Chairman), N Pulker, Mrs S Whittam, Mr Alan Edwards, Mrs A Sutcliffe, Mrs L Edwards, Mr P Bradburn.

Also, in attendance Clerk to the Council – Mrs Jennifer Cree.

77/25. Apologies for Absence and to note 1 casual vacancy

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts (Chairman), and it was noted that there is still 1 councillor vacancy on the Parish Council.

Unitary Councillor Mrs E Barker sent her apologies also.

78/25. Declaration of Councillors' Pecuniary Interests.

None were declared.

79/25. To receive for confirmation and adoption and agree the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th May and 10th June 2025.

The minutes of the above meetings were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

80/25. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

81/25. Unitary Councillor feedback and questions

Unitary Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Barker sent her apologies for the meeting so this was deferred but she has asked if we could you please consult with our parishioners and residents to identify the top three priorities in your area concerning outstanding Fix My Street issues. She asked for this by the end of August.

- Signs need to be cleared so they can be read from warning signs and replaced where damaged around the parish including a utilities post – eg Crackley Bank traffic lights – signs damaged by the A5 junction.
- Draining cleansing and maintenance around the parish – for example B4379 Marsh Lane culvert is full of mud, we need the roads swept in the village particularly from the Rock through to the end of the village, flooding on Church Lane also.
- Road surfaces on the lanes around the Parish are unacceptable.

The above responses were agreed to send back.

82/25. Planning applications received, Decisions and Enforcement matters made by Shropshire Council

PLANNING REFERENCE - 25/02110/FUL
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Extension and refurbishment
LOCATION: - 5 The Evergreens, Sheriffhales,

Enforcement – land at Crackley Bank

The above were noted.

83/25. To receive an update on outstanding items from the list from the roles and responsibilities

Public Rights Of Way / Bridle Paths - Cllr A Sutcliffe – There is a formal diversion coming forward for a fp in the parish.

Speed-watch – A session on Saturday took place with the Unitary Councillor , there were 2 groups undertaking recording of the vehicles. It was noted that 120 cars went through in an hour. All the vetting has now taken place and there are now 15 people trained.

Community Events – Playing field event was very successful. The defib training is taking place tomorrow.

Highways issues – As above in item 81/25. Church Road has been inspected following the recent rains, and the iron work covers were raised and the tarmac around the edges. This has been marked out for repair.

Tree Wardens –Cllr J Horne – There is a dead tree on Church Lane between properties that is being sorted by the land owner. A large vehicle has come through the village and has damaged some branches that were brought down by this vehicle delivering.

Village Maintenance noticeboards, grit bins, moles, litter bins, sight mirrors – Green Space maintenance – Cllr A Edwards Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts. We need to discuss the additional EMG work in September.

The Orchards – Cllr Mrs L Edwards – there is a crop of fruit this year, but it is been eaten by the wasps and the trees will need to be pruned this year.

School Liaison –Cllr Mrs P Hodgetts will report.

Community Solar Panel liaison –Cllr S Whittam , she has submitted the invoice for the grant for the playing field development. Any ideas to come forward for a future claim.

Grants and Finance – Cllr N Pulker – We need to send the invoice for the new play area to the insurance.

Play area development – Cllr A Sutcliffe – members thanked Cllr Mrs A Sutcliffe for her hard work in getting the project this far, the time capsule needs to be recorded, wild flowers are to be planted shortly, along with Gordons plaque.

84/25. Clerks report including

The following items were noted:-

Litter along Chatwell Lane Gorsey Bank

Hospitals Transformation Programme update - 10th June

Call for Information from Shropshire Council to Town and Parishes

Letter from The Rt Hon Mark Pritchard MP re A41 Average Speed Cameras

Post elections survey

ROSPA report on older area of play area, there is a loose bolt on the big swing, and the football net has a hole in it. Cllr P Bradburn will try to get a replacement net, and Alison will try to get some cable ties for the top of the swings.

Shropshire Together Conference - 25th July 2025

85/25. Accounts for payment and accounts to the 30th June 2025

The accounts for payment were detailed below:-

26/06/2025	472.46	15	Clerks salary
26/06/2025	144.02	16	Inland revenue
01/06/2025	23.60	17	J Cree expenses
06/06/2025	162.00	18	Ditton's
01/06/2025	31.26	19	J Cree expenses
19/06/2025	4.25	20	interest charged
06/04/2025	162.00	21	Ditton's
06/05/2025	162.00	22	Ditton's
26/06/2025	33480.00	23	Ray Parry
01/07/2025	4440.00	24	Jamie Watts

It was proposed by Cllr J Horne, seconded by Cllr A Edwards to agree the principal of the payment of Watts Agricultural subject to receiving the additional information on the breakdown. This will exceed the budget set for the EMG projects, so to balance the budget line we will reduce the Elections budget line by £450 and move it to the EMG line. On a vote this was agreed.

It was proposed by Cllr J Horne and seconded by Cllr A Edwards to accept the accounts for payment. On a vote these were agreed.

The account to the 30th June 2025 are attached as appendix 1 to these minutes and were noted.

86/25. Future Agenda

Police survey; Grass cutting; appraisal clerk.

87/25. Dates and Times of next meeting 9th September 2025 – Cllr Mrs A Sutcliffe apologies.

SHERIFFHALES PARISH COUNCIL			
BANK RECONCILIATION			
2025/6			
		Date	31/03/2025
Accounts	£	£	
Opening Balance Treasurer as at 01/04/25		34,988.63	
Business account		4,142.20	
Unpresented cheques		-	
		-	
		<u>39,130.83</u>	
Receipts 2025/6	22,121.35		
Payments 2025/6	<u>37,268.75</u>		
		- 15,147.40	
		<u>23,983.43</u>	
Treasurers Account		19,832.23	
Business Account		4,151.20	
Unpresented cheques		-	
<u>Unpresented receipts</u>		-	
		<u>23,983.43</u>	
Balance date:	30/06/2025		
Signed:..... J S Cree		30/06/2025	

BUDGET COMPARISON TO 30th June 2025					
INCOME	PROPOSED			Projected	This years comments
	Budget	inc to date	Balance	Inc to 31/3/26	
	2025/26	30/06/2025			
Precept	£20,146.00	£20,146.00	£0.00	£20,146.00	Received in full
Interest	£60.00	£9.00	-£51.00	£27.00	Based on 3 months inc so far
EMG Grant	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£750.00	Applied for not received yet
Total	£20,206.00	£20,155.00	-£51.00	£20,923.00	
Other Income	£0.00	£1,966.35	£1,966.35	£0.00	VAT 2024-25
EXPENDITURE	Budget	Actual	Balance	Projected Exp	This years comments
	2025/26	Expenditure 30/06/2025	Remaining	to Y/End 31/03/2026	
Salaries	£7,356.00	£1,849.44	£5,506.56	£7,398.00	
Stationery/postage/printing /exp./ mobile phone	£540.00	£181.33	£358.67	£540.00	
Transport Expenses	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00	£0.00	
Parish Mag this is S137 expen	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Audit	£100.00	£120.00	-£20.00	£450.00	Ext audit 2024-5 req
elections	£550.00	£0.00	£550.00	£0.00	Bill awaited
Cllr / Clerks training	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	£65.00	
Subscriptions	£600.00	£432.71	£167.29	£368.00	SALC Payment
Insurance	£650.00	£0.00	£650.00	£650.00	
hire of venues	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00	£300.00	
Community Grants This is S137 expenditure	£500.00	£43.59	£456.41	£191.00	
Playing field maintenance	£2,000.00	£985.00	£1,015.00	£2,000.00	
Playing Field Loan	£3,240.00	£0.00	£3,240.00	£3,240.00	
Funding to deliver new prioritised programme for EMG (match funding)	£2,950.00	£0.00	£2,950.00	£3,700.00	£2950 Parish funds £750 EMG Grant
Christmas Lights	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	
Specialist Services inc. Legal and professional advice	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	£0.00	
War Memorial / Remembrance	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	
Website	£150.00	£79.73	£70.27	£80.00	
Chairman's Discretionary exp.	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	
Grant received exp / reserves	£0.00	£21,255.50	-£21,255.50	£21,256.00	New play equipment
Total Expenditure	£20,206.00	£24,947.30	-£4,741.30	£40,838.00	
Lightsource exp	£0.00	£6,644.50	-£6,644.50	£6,645.00	New children's play area

