

Shrewley Parish Council

CLERK: MRS E CHOUDRY
CROSSWAYS, SHREWLEY COMMON
NR WARWICK
CV35 7AU

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shrewley Parish Council held at Shrewley Village Hall on Monday 7th July 2025 at 7pm

Present at the Meeting:

Cllr R Wesbury
Cllr G Rollason
Cllr S Lowe
Cllr S Underwood (arrived 7.58pm)
Cllr H Darwen
WCC Cllr J Matecki
WDC Cllr K Aizlewood

Chairman
Vice Chairman

Clerk Eleanor Choudry

Members of the Public: 4

256/25 APOLOGIES – Cllr Forty, Cllr Lawrie

257/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Garry Rollason advised that he was Treasurer of the volunteer group, Keep Hatton Station Rural (KHSR) and that his property backed onto the land in planning application W/24/0706, agenda item 262/25. The Clerk advised that she was the property owner of planning application W/24/1233 agenda item 262/25.

258/25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: - Parish Council Annual Meeting – Tuesday 6th May 2025 - approved and signed as a true record.

259/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None.

260/25 CLLR RESIGNATION / VACANCY – Cllr Rachel Hinton had resigned as a councillor. Thanks were given to Rachel for her valuable contribution to the council. The Clerk notified WDC and publicised the Notice of Casual Vacancy.

261/25 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM – A resident asked for the councillor's views on the call for sites.

262/25 PLANNING

W/24/0706 Land Off, Oakdene Crescent, Shrewley, Hatton, Warwick CV35 7BN SPC OBJECTS 11/12/24 Cllr Rollason advised that there had been quite a few developments. A revised Housing Needs Assessment had been submitted; there are issues with the accuracy of the report. KHSR (Keep Hatton Station Rural) Karen Rollason and Paul Tilley met with Jeremy Wright, MP, to explain the issues with the application which had been ongoing for a year. Jeremy Wright wrote to WDC Planning who explained that it was a complex application. The Case Officer is awaiting a final set of revisions and once these have been received there will be 14 days to respond. The Case Officer said that the final determination date has been changed to the 9th August, this has

changed several times. Cllr Wesbury proposed that when the revised application has been received, Cllr Rollason will prepare a proposed PC response and circulate the details to all Parish Councillors for agreement. The meeting with Jeremy Wright was to inform him of the delay, there was no expectation that he could affect the decision.

W/24/1233 Crossways, Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AU REFUSED 12/6/25

W/24/1657 Oldmill House, Five Ways Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7HT GRANTED 15/5/25

W/24/1220 High Willows, Shaws Lane, Haseley, Warwick, CV35 7JA REFUSED 9/5/25

W/24/1725 The Homestead, Case Lane, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7JD No SPC Comment

W/25/0245 70 Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 8XJ GRANTED 20/5/25

W/25/0707 High Willows, Shaws Lane, Haseley, Warwick, CV35 7JA SPC has NO OBJECTION 4/6/25

W/25/0134 28 Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AP SPC has NO OBJECTION 4/7/25

263/25 WCC REPORT – WCC C Cllr

The appointed Leader resigned so a new Leader is to be chosen at the next Council meeting on 22 July. Reform UK were the largest party following the elections. The County's Road Safety Education Team, in collaboration with the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership, has launched a new online education portal aimed at supporting the next generation of motorcyclists. The Warwickshire Riders Education Portal provides a wealth of information, advice, and resources tailored for young people aged 16–24 years who are considering learning to ride or who have recently completed their Compulsory Basic Training (CBT). More information on this initiative can be found by visiting <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/6349/supporting-the-next-generation-of-motorcyclists-through-the-rider-education-portal>

For families looking to make the most of the summer holidays, Pooley Country Park in North Warwickshire offers a new Child-Friendly Trail—a fun, interactive way for children to explore the park. The trail is free to use and designed with young adventurers in mind. Visitors can also enjoy a café with hot and cold food and a soft play area for under-fives. There are also other numerous event going on around local Museums etc., some free and some have a small fee - please see the County website for more details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/heritage-and-culture-warwickshire-74671062993>

If your child needs to change schools at the start of the next academic year in September, applications should be submitted at least one week before the end of term. Full details are available on the Warwickshire County Council website and can be found using this link: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/moving-schools-within-school-year The application has been submitted for a two-tier district in the Local Government reform. Central government has not given direction on whether one, two or three tiers are preferred. Cllr Aizlewood said local government should reflect local views.

264/25 WDC REPORT – WDC Cllr Richard Hales, Kyn Aizlewood, David Armstrong

No mow May had been successful with wildflower meadows set aside. St Nicolas Park is looking lovely.

South Warwickshire Local Plan

The third call for sites had concluded. The map has been updated but the sites have not yet been vetted. 30-40% of sites put forward last time were inappropriate, this work is ongoing. In the next couple of months, the WDC website will be updated with the sites that will go forward. Cllr Matecki said that there will not be time to consult on the third call for sites, so it does not appear democratic. Cllr Rollason said the consultation will be in September 2026 so there will not be an option for the public comment.

The Advisory Group continues to meet regularly and received a briefing on the Playing Pitch Strategy, with recommendations for the new facilities required across the plan period, as well as the upgrading of existing playfields.

An update was also received on the new housing requirements, slightly higher than previously advised. The growth strategy was discussed with the process now moving to Stage 2, testing, which will be completed by: consultation analysis, liaison with infrastructure providers, and liaison with promoters.

Masterplans are to be commissioned for South Warwickshire's main towns and this is likely to add a small delay to the start of the next consultation, probably April 2026. The timetable for final submission remaining unchanged from that previously published i.e. December 2026.

Cllr Wesbury suggested that the Parish Assembly in March 2026 could be a good opportunity to update residents regarding the Local Plan.

Free trees for Farmers

Trees play a vital role in our environment e.g. improving air quality, providing shade and cooling during hot weather, reducing surface water runoff and preventing soil erosion.

In addition to planting trees on council-owned land, WDC is working in partnership with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to support tree planting on suitable sites through the Free Trees for Farmers scheme and Community Tree and Hedge Planting scheme. Further information is available here: <https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/treeplanting>

Applications due by 13th July.

What's On This Summer – Local Highlights

You're warmly invited to the launch of A Different View: Women Artists at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum on Thursday 10 July, 6pm–8pm. This exciting new exhibition celebrates the work and perspectives of women artists and offers a fresh take on the gallery's collection.

The Lillington Community Fun Day takes place at The Holt Recreation Ground and adjoining Free Church on Saturday 13 July, from 1:30pm–5:00pm. Now in its ninth year, this free, family-friendly event is packed with entertainment – including live music, children's rides, climbing wall, bouncy castles, cycling groups, and stalls from local organisations.

The Warwick Folk Festival returns for its 45th year from 25–28 July, in the picturesque Warwick Park next to Warwick Castle. With a world-class line-up of folk artists, it promises four days of music, culture, and community spirit in a stunning setting.

The Kenilworth Food Festival takes place on Sunday 27 July, from 11am–5pm at Abbey Fields, Kenilworth (CV8 1BP). A mouth-watering celebration of local and regional food and drink, this free event offers a tempting mix of street food, artisan produce, and family fun.

Finally, the 12th Art in the Park Festival rounds off the month at Jephson Gardens and Mill Gardens, Leamington Spa. A celebration of creativity and community, the event features over 200 artists, workshops, performances, food and drink, and much more – all in a beautiful riverside setting.

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Please feel free to contact us with any issues.

265/25 OTHER PARISH BUSINESS

- Thermal imaging camera. The Clerk will add the publicity flyers to the notice boards before September.
- South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP). Discussed under agenda item 264/25.
- Notice board website address headers. The new headers have been installed on the parish notice boards.
- Bus shelter. Cllr Underwood and Lowe will tidy the bus shelter. Minor roof maintenance may be required.
- Shrewley Common mobile police speed enforcement camera location. Cllr Underwood had tried to contact the Durham Ox but had not received a reply. Cllr Underwood to chase.
- Graffiti on railway bridge update. Cllr Darwen had reported the graffiti, but it will not be

removed unless it is offensive. The item to be removed from the agenda.

266/25 BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

- Shrewley Common village green maintenance. Cllr Underwood will donate a small Oak tree from the trees she is due to receive from WDC. This will be planted at the crossroads. Cllrs agreed that Shrewley crossroads will be mown mid-July and mowing continue until the grass stops growing in winter. Next year an extra area will be left unmown. Resident Camille Newton had sent a list of the identified grasses on the crossroads. Cllr Darwen had mentioned the loss of bird flocks previously but said there has been a massive increase in the butterfly population and the motorway fields have 'tons' of wildflowers on the side paths. Twelve different species of butterflies were spotted in large numbers. Green Finches can be heard all around. The Green Finch population was decimated by 9/10ths due to a parasite, and they were nearly lost altogether.
- Cllr Underwood advised that there were many swallows at Tunnel Barn Farm.
- SWEAT report.
The SWEAT group will be holding a couple of events at Wren Hall in the Autumn (dates to be confirmed):

1. Screening of the film "Six Inches of Soil" <https://www.sixinchesofsoil.org/story-of-the-film> which tells the inspiring story of British farmers standing up against the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food - to heal the soil, benefit our health and provide for local communities.

2. A cookery class for families and children, following on from our successful Halloween Pumpkin event last October, led by Anne Marie Lambert from Get Cooking! <https://get-cooking.co.uk>.

To find out more about these events and to join our email list contact:
martinwood.fiveways@gmail.com

267/25 ONGOING ACTION ITEM

- Statutory publication of documents on website. The documents are up to date including the AGAR and year end documents.

268/25 HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH/TOWPATH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- WCC Fault Reporting System: Register to track and report highway problems
- Highways fault report
Cllr Forty reported overhanging trees in the layby on Shrewley Common.
- Footpath fault report
A resident had requested support to install a gate to the entrance of a footpath that runs through his garden. Cllr Wesbury met the resident and advised him to seek further advice from WCC.

269/25 CORRESPONDENCE – A WALC Devolution training session is on Zoom on 8th July. Applications for councillor grants close on 20th July.

270/25 VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

- CIL Grant for extension. To be discussed in September due to Cllr Lawrie's absence.

271/25 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS – None.

272/25 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE

- 272.1 Review of the Code of Conduct
- 272.2 Review of Data Breach Policy

- 272.3 Review of Data Protection Policy
272.4 Review of Fixed Asset Register

Councillors unanimously approved the policies 272.1 to 272.4 above.

273/25 FINANCE –

- 273.1 The two councillors that authorise the online monthly payments to be named in the minutes.
Cllr Wesbury and Cllr Rollason authorised the May payments.
273.2 Quarterly checks 1st April and 31st May to be completed. The Clerk to contact Cllr Forty.
273.3 Permission for items listed below to be paid was proposed by Cllr Underwood and seconded by Cllr Darwen.

Date	Payee	Amount £
08/06/25	June Salaries	345.85
08/06/25	HMRC June Income tax	86.40
08/06/25	July Salaries	345.85
08/06/25	HMRC July Income Tax	86.40
08/06/25	Gardening by James Inv 7371	180.00
08/06/25	Parish Online	76.80
	Total	1,121.30

Councillors are reminded of their duty to consider all aspects of equal opportunities, crime prevention, unlawful discrimination, biodiversity of the natural habitat, and other best practice when making decisions at the meeting

274/25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Meeting Monday 1st September 2025 at 7pm.

275/25. CLOSURE OF MEETING – The meeting closed at 8.29pm.

2025 Dates:-

Monday November 3rd

2026 Dates:-

Monday January 5th
Monday March 2nd
Monday March 23rd – Annual Assembly 7pm
Tuesday May 5th – Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday July 6th
Monday September 7th
Monday November 2nd

Start times 7pm

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