

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 3rd November 2025 at 7pm

Present at the Meeting:

Cllr R Wesbury *Chairman*
Cllr S Lowe
Cllr E Forty
Cllr S Underwood
Cllr H Darwen
WCC Cllr J Matecki (left 8:01pm)
WDC Cllr K Aizlewood (left at 7.56pm)
WDC Cllr R Hales (left at 8.01pm)

Clerk Eleanor Choudry

Members of the Public: 3 (left at 7:47pm)

296/25 APOLOGIES Cllr G Rollason, Cllr D Lawrie, WDC Cllr D Armstrong.

297/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

298/25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: - Parish Council Meeting – Monday 1st September 2025 - approved with one abstention and signed as a true record.

299/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) – None.

300/25 CLLR VACANCY CO-OPTION – Two residents expressed an initial interest. A resident was invited to attend tonight's meeting but did not respond. Another resident will be eligible to apply at the January meeting. The clerk to invite the applicant to attend.

301/25 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM – Resident Paul Tilley, a representative from Keep Hatton Station Rural (KHSR), said the group had been busy and they had produced a newsletter containing details of the meeting held with WDC regarding the development of B1. The assumption that the train station and one landowner make this development particularly attractive is largely illusory according to KHSR. The brief is from the point of view of the developer; it is an unbalanced situation. Costs are not being discussed until the site has been agreed. A meeting is arranged for the 13th November which will hopefully include Planning Officers and the developers Turley. Thanks were given to the WDC Cllrs for their continued support. Cllr Wesbury advised that a meeting with the planners and portfolio holders, including Budbrooke Parish Council was being arranged. WDC Cllr Hales will confirm the date. Two members of Shrewley parish council will attend, to include Cllr Rollason. It is hoped this meeting will

take place before Christmas. The SWLP consultation results will be published months later than the original December 2025 date.

302/25 PLANNING

W/24/0706 Land Off, Oakdene Crescent, Shrewley, Hatton, Warwick CV35 7BN SPC REFUSED 19/9/25
W/24/1725 The Homestead, Case Lane, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7JD GRANTED 12/9/25
W/25/0698 28 Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7LG SPC has NO OBJECTION 28/7/25
W/25/0526 22 Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7LG GRANTED 9/10/25
W/25/1042 Mousley Hill Heights, Case Lane, Rowington, Warwick, CV35 7JE NO OBJECTION 19/10/25
W/25/1457 Oakhouse Farm, Old Warwick Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AX

303/25 WCC REPORT – WCC C Cllr Matecki

WCC has launched the Kind Communities – Kind Fund, a grant designed to support community-based food projects. The Fire Service is conducting safety awareness campaigns to help reduce seasonal fire risks. Following discussions on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), the Council has voted in favour of creating a single unitary authority. The previously preferred two-county model did not meet the government's requirements. Cllr Matecki will ask whether WCC Highways are carrying out traffic modelling for the SWLP.

304/25 WDC REPORT – WDC Cllr Richard Hales, Kyn Aizlewood, David Armstrong

South Warwickshire Local Plan

At the request of the Keep Hatton Station Rural campaign, a meeting was held on 15 October, on the station platform, with officers and members (including Cllrs Hales, Cllr King – the Portfolio Holder - and myself). The KHRSR group raised several important issues of concern about the suitability of the location for development and a good discussion followed, with a greater appreciation all round of the constraints involved.

District officers have advised members that the SWLP timetable for the Regulation 19 (final) consultation has slipped back from December 2025 and that further guidance will be published on the SWLP website, in due course.

Local Government Reorganisation

The County Council has published a report from consultants indicating support for a single unitary authority covering both North and South Warwickshire, largely based on relative cost savings. WDC will be debating LGR options at its next meeting on 12 November, before making a formal response.

Abbey Fields, Kenilworth

The construction of the new swimming pool is proceeding well, on budget and ahead of timescale. The pool is expected to be open from April 2026.

Support has been given to the creation of a continuous shared use path in Abbey Fields from Bridge Street to Borrowell Lane, connecting the park to Castle Farm and completing the missing section of National Route 52. The project will now proceed to a detailed design stage following agreement from councillors.

Events:

An eye-catching Remembrance Day display of more than 600 ceramic poppies is being held in the medieval courtyard at the Lord Leycester, 60 High Street Warwick, from 4-23 November. Admission is free, with a general ticket.

Remembrance Day services and parades will take place across the district on Remembrance Sunday, from 10.50 on Sunday 9 November.

WDC Cllr Aizlewood is receiving training for his position on the Planning Committee.

305/25 OTHER PARISH BUSINESS

- Thermal imaging camera – Cllr Underwood has emailed people on the waiting list to arrange the loan of the camera. The meeting date to share experiences of the loan scheme had changed.
- South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Discussed under agenda item 301/25.
- Bus shelter. The bus shelter is satisfactory, remove item from agenda.
- Shrewley Common mobile police speed enforcement camera location. Cllr Underwood had spoken to the owner of the Durham Ox and said it is unlikely that he will agree to police checks being carried out outside the premises.

- Dell Paddock, Hatton Station. The landowner had contacted the parish council to advise that they were carrying out maintenance to return the land to pasture. A resident contacted the parish council to highlight the work that was being carried out and the loss of wildlife habitat. Cllr Wesbury said that it is private land so nothing can be done. The Clerk to respond to the resident.

306/25 BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

- Shrewley Common village green maintenance. Cllr Forty to confirm if the WI Oak tree needs to be replaced.
- Cllr Darwen said he was worried about the winter Thrushes from Scandinavia. Fieldfares have declined, Redwings from last year are heavily reduced, the increase in Blackbirds has not happened. The cause could be due to conditions in Scandinavia. There are no birds along the motorway fields, presumably due to winter wheat. Cllr Darwen asked residents to let their grass grow and scatter Yellow Rattle, dig out a patch thoroughly and plant wild seeds for next year. Cllr Darwen to send the Clerk details to add to the newsletter.
- SWEAT report. No report.

307/25 ONGOING ACTION ITEM

- Statutory publication of documents on website.
The web stats for the Parish website are as follows for the past 2 months:
68 Users making 307 viewings

308/25 HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH/TOWPATH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- WCC Fault Reporting System: Register to track and report highway problems
- Highways fault report
VAS by Barn Close Nurseries. Fault has been reported.
- Footpath fault report
Pothole outside Village Hall. The pothole will be filled this Wednesday by NJ Quinn and paid for by the Village Hall Committee.

309/25 CORRESPONDENCE – None.

310/25 VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

- CIL Grant for extension. Cllr Lowe to contact committee member Annie Dixon-Dunn about the extension proposals. The hall sound system is now working correctly.

311/25 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS - None.

312/25 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE

- 312.1 Review of Risk Assessment Policy
- 312.2 Review of Social Media Policy

Cllrs unanimously approved policies 312.1 and 312.2.

313/25 FINANCE –

- 313.1 The two councillors that authorise the online monthly payments to be named in the minutes. Cllrs Rollason and Forty authorised the September payments.
- 313.2 Quarterly finance checks and budget monitoring. Cllr Underwood to carry out the checks.
- 313.3 Ferncumbe Youth Club Grant Application. Cllrs unanimously agreed the application.
- 313.4 2025/2026 Budget and Estimated Final Expenditure and Proposed 2026/27 Budget previously circulated. The budget to be amended and circulated prior to the January meeting for approval. Cllrs to look at the proposed budget prior to the January meeting and consider amendments.
- 313.5 The Clerk ordered the British Legion Remembrance Sunday poppy wreath and is to be reimbursed. Resident John Miers agreed to lay the wreath at Hatton Church on Remembrance

Sunday. Thanks were given to John Miers.

313.6 Permission for items listed below to be paid to be agreed. Payments were approved unanimously.

42	30.11.2025	£24.49	£0.00	£24.49	British Legion Remembrance Poppy Wreath	Eleanor Choudry
41	30.11.2025	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00	Bank Charge	Unity Trust Bank
40	30.11.2025	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00	Bank Charge	Unity Trust Bank
39	30.11.2025				Employers NI	HMRC
38	30.11.2025				PAYE	HMRC
37	30.11.2025				Salaries	Salaries
36	30.11.2025	£199.00	£39.80	£238.80	Scribe Accounts Set Up Fee 2025	Starboard Systems Ltd t/s Scribe Accounts
35	30.11.2025	£37.50	£7.50	£45.00	Grounds maintenance	Gardening & Maintenance by James Ltd
34	30.11.2025	£37.50	£7.50	£45.00	Grounds maintenance	Gardening & Maintenance by James Ltd
33	30.11.2025	£37.50	£7.50	£45.00	Grounds maintenance	Gardening & Maintenance by James Ltd

314/25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Meeting Monday 5th January 2025 at 7pm.

315/25. CLOSURE OF MEETING – The meeting closed at 8.13pm.

2026 Dates:-

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

Signed.....(Chair)

Date.....

Shrewley Parish Council

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: _____ Date: _____
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

	Bank Reconciliation at 30/09/2025		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		14,615.55
	ADD		
	Receipts 01/04/2025 - 30/09/2025		10,143.69
			24,759.24
	SUBTRACT		
	Payments 01/04/2025 - 30/09/2025		5,668.92
A	Cash in Hand 30/09/2025 (per Cash Book)		19,090.32
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 30/09/2025	0.00	
	Unity Trust Current Account 30/09/2025	14,013.13	
	Unity Trust Instant Access Account 30/09/2025	5,077.19	
	Lloyds Bank 232410 30/09/2025	0.00	
	Lloyds Bank 00230140 30/09/2025	0.00	
			19,090.32
	Less unrepresented payments		
			19,090.32
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		19,090.32
	A = B Checks out OK		

Signed.....(Chair)

Date.....

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