

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 2nd March 2026 at 7pm

Present at the Meeting:

Cllr R Wesbury *Chair*
Cllr D Lawrie
Cllr E Forty
Cllr S Underwood
Cllr H Darwen
WCC Cllr J Matecki
WDC Cllr R Hales (left 8.16pm)
WDC Cllr K Aizlewood (left 8.19pm)

Clerk Eleanor Choudry

Members of the Public: 2

335/25 APOLOGIES Cllr Rollason, Cllr Lowe.

336/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS The Clerk advised that she was the property owner of planning application W/26/0075 agenda item 341/25.

337/25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: - Parish Council Meeting – Monday 5th January 2026 - approved and signed as a true record.

338/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES None.

339/25 CLLR VACANCY CO-OPTION The resident interested in the vacancy will be attending the May meeting.

340/25 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM Cllr Wesbury agreed that Hatton Station resident and member of Keep Hatton Station Rural (KHSR) could speak under the agenda items 344/25 regarding the SWLP and Joint Parishes Liaison Group instead of the open forum.

341/25 PLANNING

W/25/1471 12 Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7LG GRANTED 29/1/26
W/25/0977 Pools Cottage, Five Ways Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7HZ SPC NO OBJECTION 24/11/25
W/25/1701 Red Robins, 18 Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7LG GRANTED 28/1/25
W/25/1692 Oakhouse Farm, Old Warwick Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AX GRANTED 10/2/26
W/25/1754 76 Station Road, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 8XJ SPC NO OBJECTION 8/2/26
W/26/0075 Crossways, Shrewley Common, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7AU SPC NO OBJECTION 8/2/26
W/26/0067 7 Ash Close, Shrewley, Warwick, CV35 7BL SPC NO OBJECTION 18/2/26
W/26/0114 High Willows, Shaws Lane, Haseley, Warwick, CV35 7JA SPC NO OBJECTION 18/2/26

Signed.....(Chair)

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Date.....

Council Tax Update for 2026/27

After a day and a half of debate, Warwickshire County Council has now passed its budget for the coming year. The County Council element of your Council Tax bill will rise by 4.44%, with 2% ring-fenced for adult social care. This remains below the maximum permitted increase of 4.99%.

The aim is to strike a balance between maintaining the high standard of public services residents expect and keeping the burden on taxpayers as manageable as possible. As always, pressures remain significant in areas such as adult social care, special educational needs, and home-to-school transport.

Services Secured in the Budget

As part of the negotiations, a number of positive outcomes were secured that will directly benefit rural areas. These include: Support Through the Warwickshire Rural Hub

Together with colleagues, I secured additional funding within the County Council budget to strengthen support for rural communities via the Warwickshire Rural Hub. This complements the funding we also secured at District level to help provide some of the essential services previously delivered by the Warwickshire Rural Community Council, prior to its sudden collapse. These funds will ensure that vital support for rural residents continues.

Improved Gulley Clearance

We also secured further investment to increase the frequency of gulley clearance across rural areas in the county, an important step in reducing localised flooding and improving drainage resilience.

Targeted Gulley Cleaning and Jetting

In addition to the countywide funding, I have allocated part of my County Councillor delegated highways budget to secure a dedicated gulley-cleaning team for one week. They will focus on the main problem areas across the division I represent. This work is scheduled for the first week of March and should help reduce the frequent flooding issues experienced in several parts of our rural community.

On-Street Parking Charges

I was also pleased to lead the recent debate at County Council opposing proposals to substantially increase on-street parking charges. During my time as Portfolio Holder in the previous administration, I introduced reduced short-stay fees to support town centre businesses that rely on passing trade and to assist residents making quick visits.

The new proposals would have significantly raised these short-stay charges, so I am pleased they have now been reconsidered. The revised plan retains the pro-business approach of the existing policy and reduces the proposed 15-minute charge from 45p to 35p, compared with the current 30p rate.

Secondary School offer day

Today, Monday 2 March, is National Offer Day for secondary school places for all families who submitted their applications by the deadline of 31 October 2025.

Ahead of the deadline, the Education Team contacted parents who had not applied by 24 October to offer support and ensure applications were completed on time.

In total, 6,939 applications were submitted by the deadline.

5,771 children, just over 83%, received an offer for their first-choice school.

Almost 96% were offered a place at one of their top three preferences.

If anyone is unhappy with the offer they have received, please contact me as soon as possible and I will do everything I can to assist.

343/25 WDC REPORT – WDC Cllr Kyn Aizlewood, David Armstrong, Richard Hales

The budget was agreed at the council's last meeting. A new planning application is to be submitted regarding Back Lane, Rowington. Developer Turley held a meeting regarding the B1 proposed development but all WDC Cllrs were attending a committee meeting so could not attend.

344/25 OTHER PARISH BUSINESS

Thermal imaging camera. The camera will still be useful for the next couple of months before the weather warms up. There has been some interest in borrowing the camera with two more people requesting it. Cllr Underwood said that she is meeting with WDC to discuss ways of promoting the camera. Cllr Rollason has added details to the KHSR group.

Shrewley Common mobile police speed enforcement camera location. The Clerk was informed by Warwickshire Police that neither of the laybys on Shrewley Common are suitable for the speed camera. The police suggested forming a community speed watch group. A group had been formed previously and the problems encountered were discussed and the idea dismissed.

South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Cllr Wesbury and Cllr Rollason attended the developer Turleys meeting regarding the proposed Hatton villages project for 5,250 homes. Senior staff from WDC attended the meeting. Only one site has been consulted on in B1 and Turley have not had any response from other landowners. Development of the three villages around Hatton station would start in 2029. It would create a new town partly within the Shrewley parish boundary.

It was questioned whether the parish boundary would have to be moved. Hatton parish would be impacted more than Shrewley. A rural parish is defined as a small settlement in open area of green belt. Handouts were distributed showing maps of B1. Discussion took place with the following comments being made. Hatton station is unable to support proposed commuter traffic, there are no road reports and it goes against key objectives. The planned entrance is at Tittertons Farm on the Warwick Road through the Arkwright Estate. The farm has not had its lease renewed. Only updates regarding the number of houses and the start date were shared at the meeting with Turleys. The KHSR newsletter contains all the details. The development at the back of Hatton Station for 34 homes which was refused will now be a buffer between the Hatton station and the proposed Arkwrights development.

The Turley invitation to join a Joint Parishes Liaison Group was rejected by the parishes. A member of KHSR said that the meeting was a 'showboat' to say that they have consulted with Parish Councils and KHSR. KHSR will be meeting with a planning solicitor regarding the regulation 19 consultation in June. Documents will be released in late April/May. It was felt that the Arkwright development would be included but there was confidence that this goes against WDC policies. KHSR may start fundraising to pay for the solicitor to fight the case. Hatton parish has already set aside funds and every house in all the affected parishes will receive a leaflet setting out the impact on our communities. KHSR will also be arranging meetings with parish councils and residents and giving advice regarding responding to the consultation.

It is not feasible that Hatton station is a transport hub and Turley have not provided any detail from Network Rail/Chiltern Railways (Great British Railways). Infrastructure will be needed for 10,000/12,000 people and WDC cannot give infrastructure changes beforehand. KHSR carried out projected traffic flows using national data and the results were totally infeasible. Turley have not modelled this data.

Cllr Matecki said that a plan needs to be brought forward that can be supported. The WCC Overview and Scrutiny Committee met last week and needs to make sure that the LTP4 Active Travel is compliant as there is no footpath and only a towpath to Warwick and this needs to fit in with the WCC Transport plan.

KHSR Funding request – Application form circulated prior to the meeting. Cllrs agreed unanimously to grant the funding.

Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Meeting. This year the Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on the same day as the Annual Parish Assembly. The Clerk to organise the agenda. Reports to be requested from local organisations. Chair Cllr Robert Wesbury advised he will be standing down at the May meeting. The Vice Chair Cllr Garry Rollason is prepared to stand for election as Chair if nominated.

345/25 BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

- Shrewley Common village green maintenance. The contractor will begin mowing tomorrow. A request was made to leave a strip unmown to increase biodiversity if possible. Cllr Underwood to ask the contractor about washing the speed gates on Shrewley Common.
- SWEAT report. Previous report circulated. The group is still active.
- Item for Newsletter. Cllr Darwen to send the Clerk details for publication.

346/25 ONGOING ACTION ITEM

- Statutory publication of documents on website. The Clerk will be adding the financial documents after year end.

347/25 HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH/TOWPATH MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Fault Reporting System: Register to track and report highway problems

- Highways fault report
VAS by Barn Close Nurseries. WCC Cllr Matecki to chase response. Two reported potholes had been promptly repaired in Little Shrewley.
- Footpath fault report. Cllr Darwen reported a sink hole on canal towpath by bridge 59, the first bridge past the tunnel.

348/25 CORRESPONDENCE – None.

349/25 VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

- CIL Grant for extension. The Clerk is awaiting the updated Grant Application Form.

350/25 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS The Clerk attended a CALC Creating and Publishing Accessible Website Documents session.

351/25 GOVERNANCE IT Policy and website accessibility. The Clerk advised regarding AGAR Assertion 10. Cllrs unanimously approved the policy.

352/25 FINANCE –

352.1 The two councillors that authorise the online monthly payments to be named in the minutes. Cllr Wesbury and Cllr Rollason had authorised the January payments.

352.2 Quarterly finance checks and budget monitoring. Cllr Underwood had carried out the quarterly checks to the end of December. Cllr Forty will carry out the quarterly checks after the financial year end.

352.3 Bank Reconciliation as at 31st January 2026. Page 4. To be noted.

352.4 Receipt of VAT reclaim 1.4.25 to 31.12.25. To be noted.

352.5 Receipt of draft Internal Audit Report, attached. To be noted.

352.6 Permission for items listed below to be paid to be agreed: Payments were proposed by Cllr Forty and seconded by Cllr Underwood and approved unanimously.

65	31.03.2026	£123.60	£24.72	£148.32	Microsoft Licence 10.24 to 10.25	Real Point Media Ltd
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64	31.03.2026	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00	Bank Charge	Unity Trust Bank
63	28.02.2026	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00	Bank Charge	Unity Trust Bank
62	31.03.2026				Employers NI	HMRC
61	31.03.2026				PAYE	HMRC
60	31.03.2026				Salaries	Salaries
59	31.03.2026	£166.00	£0.00	£166.00	Hall Hire	Shrewley Village Hall
58	31.03.2026	£24.00	£4.80	£28.80	Scribe monthly fee	Starboard Systems Ltd t/s Scribe Accounts
57	31.03.2026	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	Clerk Home Working Allowance	Eleanor Choudry
56	31.01.2026	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00	Bank Charge	Unity Trust Bank
55	31.03.2026	£36.00	£0.00	£36.00	CPRE Membership	CPRE

54	31.12.2025	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00	Bank Charge	Unity Trust Bank
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Income received January 2026

7	31.01.2026	£0.00	£425.16	£425.16	31.01.2026	VAT Reclaim 1.4.25 to 31.12.25	HMRC
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353/25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Meeting Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7pm.

354/25. CLOSURE OF MEETING – The meeting closed at 8.36pm.

2026 Dates:-

Tuesday May 5th – Annual Parish Assembly followed by 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 31/01/2026		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		14,615.55
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/01/2026		10,596.83
			25,212.38
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/01/2026		8,560.93
A	Cash in Hand 31/01/2026 (per Cash Book)		16,651.45
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash	31/01/2026	0.00
	Unity Trust Current Account	31/01/2026	11,546.28
	Unity Trust Instant Access Account	31/01/2026	5,105.17
	Lloyds Bank 232410	31/01/2026	0.00
	Lloyds Bank 00230140	31/01/2026	0.00
			16,651.45
	Less unrepresented payments		
			16,651.45
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		16,651.45
	A = B Checks out OK		

Signed.....(Chair)

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