



Dear Councillors,

Please find minutes from the Parish Council meeting held at **Condover Village Hall** on **Tuesday 6th of Jan 2026 at 7.30pm.**

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CONDOWER PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES – 6th JAN 2026

0101.26 PUBLIC SESSION:

Several parishioners from Station Road Dorrington attended the meeting to discuss the proposed NHP, specifically the proposed building of houses in the adjacent field.

The overall feelings from the people attending from Station Road were ones of dissatisfaction that there was a proposal to build opposite their properties, which they stated they were unaware of and do not recall seeing any information on the consultation that had taken place in 2024. This was notified to the whole parish by the means of leaflet drops, signage in the area and social media.

Cllr E Marvin gave an overview of the process which first started in 2017 and where we are now. Cllr Marvin stated there is still a further consultation that is to take place in Feb/Mar (dates not yet set) around the parish, which they will have the opportunity to attend make their comments and vote on the matter, together with the rest of the parish.

It was agreed that parishioner of Station Road be given priority when notifications come out, we will email where possible and physically deliver information to them to ensure they are fully aware of venues and dates for the consultations.

Cllr C Naylor mentioned there are benefits for the NHP going forward, for example should the parish receive future CIL payments these would be enhanced from 15% to 25% to be used for the benefit in the Parish. Another benefit of having the NHP passed is this should help with any further speculative planning requests that come in we are in a stronger position to control what building works go on in our Parish (subject to Government guidelines and requirements at that time).

Rob Gough gave a positive update on The Fox that is open for business. They are working on solar panels and getting the kitchen up to speed to be able to have a food offering. So far, they have had good support from locals including Council members.

0201.26 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

Chair Cllr R Wintle formally opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

Cllrs present: Cllr R Wintle, Cllr L Baines, Cllr E Marvin, Cllr G Walker-Prior, Cllr T Cobbe, Cllr R Slee, Cllr S Gill, Cllr J Strtelitz, Cllr S Stringer, Cllr E Thomas, Cllr C Naylor.

0301.26 COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS:

Cllr E Thomas has interest in a planning matter so retired from the meeting during vote and rejoin after decision was made.

0401.26 CONFIRMATION & ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Draft minutes previously distributed of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd December 2025, confirmed to be accurate and signed by Chair Cllr R Wintle.

Strategic Planning

0501.26 CONDOVER PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE: Cllr E Marvin

SCC are still in the process of completing the required stages of the NHP to enable us to arrange the next consultation process, which hopefully will be in Feb/Mar. SCC and Lee Searles our internal consultant are meeting to discuss work needed going forward.

Cllr Marvin will liaise with SCC to push this through as quick as possible at which stage meetings will be held in each parish hall to update interested parishioners. There is still a lot of work to be done prior to this, and Cllr E Marvin will work together with the Parish Clerk to get this done.

Another big thanks to Cllr E Marvin for all the work over the years to get to this point.

0601.26 P3 MAINTENANCE UPDATE: Russell Collard

Russell gave an update of all the good works they have been involved in. He did however ask for support in finding new volunteers to help with the works in the parish as numbers are dwindling restricting the amount of help they can give to maintain pathways. Russell had produced information leaflets for anyone to take to spread the word. The PC said they would help distribute information to gain more support.

0701.26 HIGHWAYS: Simon D'Vali (via Teams video)

Simon introduced himself to the council members, he is in a new position of Head of Service for Traffic and Transport, he has a large number of hurdles to get over in his new position and is looking at introducing more engineers in the areas to enable more works to be carried out in the future. Simon wishes to support as much as he can working within any restrictions that may be imposed on him.

Simon is currently looking into the allocated fund from the quarry (£115,000 approx.) to see if there are enhancements to roads, parking and general safety that can be made around the parish. Simon is meeting with Cllr C Naylor and any other available Cllrs next Thursday at Condover School to look at the traffic situation at drop off times, to get insight on the issues for parents and parishioners.

Cllr S Stringer asked Simon what the chances were to get VAS signs in Stapleton to help with vehicle speeds, Simon said there may be a possibility, and he will try next Thursday to have a look and see what he can do about the situation and update the PC. (Clerk to send Simon an email to make the request formal).

The subject of White Gates was put forward to Simon. Currently there are no government approved white gates and villages that have installed them have no guarantee that they wouldn't be removed as they do not conform to the design guidelines that is required. Simon is keen to support white gates when he can and is willing to review any ideas/designs we come up with to say if these would be suitable for us to use as they are very useful for traffic safety coming into villages.

The overall meeting with Simon was very positive and we look forward with working closer with him going forward.

0801.26 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR REPORT: (Previously distributed)

Cllr C Naylor due to time did not go into detail on his report as all Cllrs have had and read previously and had no further questions.

The subject of grit bins was raised following the recent weather issues, Cllr C Naylor informed us that there are no available SCC funds available to support new bins and some local councils have looked at buying their own, however there is then the issue, will Councils actually keep them filled, this is an ongoing situation which Cllr C Naylor will keep us updated on.

0901.26 CYBER AWARENESS UPDATE: Cllr J Strelitz

The CA meeting will be held at The Fox pub Ryton on the 5/2 at 4pm for businesses that have signed up or want more information. There will be members of Cyber awareness initiative together with support from members of West Mercia Police supporting this venture.

Cllr J Strelitz has requested a little more support from Cllrs to help publicise this over the next few weeks which they have agreed to do. Cllr E Thomas will send local images to help with marketing materials.

Thanks to Cllr J Strelitz for all his work.

1001.26 TRAINING UPDATE: Cllr J Strelitz

Ongoing, Cllr J Strelitz will give updates when available.

1101.26 REPORT FROM FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

It was agreed by the PC that the precept for 26-27 be increased by 6% as discussed at the F&P meeting. Proposed by Cllr L Baines, seconded by Cllr G Walker-Prior.

Payments for the months were detailed:

Date	Method	Invoice Number	Payee	Purpose	Net Amount	VAT	Total
01/01/2026	DD	11311	Scribe	Accounts	£ 37.00	£ 7.40	£ 44.40
01/01/2026	SO	4586	Spark	Web Hosting	£ 42.00	£ -	£ 42.00
08/01/2026	DD		Tesco	Clerks Mobile	£ 10.90	£ 2.18	£ 13.08
02/12/2025	Transfer		Dorrington VH	Office costs/Room Hire/Storage	£ 1,000.00	£ 200.00	£ 1,200.00
02/12/2025	Transfer	1804	DW Maddox	Gate repair	£ 306.91	£ -	£ 306.91
06/01/2026	Transfer		Inland Rev	Tax/NI	£ 869.01	£ -	£ 869.01
30/01/2026	SO		Jason Leighton-Jones	Parish Clerk Wages	£ 805.59	£ -	£ 805.59
31/01/2026	Bank		Bank Charges	Bank Charges	£ 7.20	£ -	£ 7.20
02/10/2025	Transfer		R Betton	Expenses Woodland Park	£ 3.33	£ 0.67	£ 4.00
30/12/2025	Transfer		J Leighton-Jones	Expenses Stamps for Cyber	£ 105.27	£ -	£ 105.27
				Totals	£ 3,187.21	£ 210.25	£ 3,397.46

The budget for next year is nearly complete, it was agreed that the next F&P meeting should start at 6:30 pm to complete for agreement at the full CPC following on. The venue for the next meeting to be changed from Stapleton to Dorrington VH to facilitate this.

1201.26 PLANNING MATTERS:

New Planning Applications published on 05/12/2025 relating to parish of: Condover

Reference: 25/04541/TPO (validated: 02/12/2025)

Address: Condover Church Of England Primary School, Condover, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7AA

Proposal: Selective crown reduction by 2-4m and shape crown to balance (See Report) 1no Scots Pine (T002) protected by the Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (North Condover) Tree Preservation Order 2004 (Ref: SA/396)

Applicant: Sabina Richards

Referred to TPO for decision.

New Planning Applications published on 08/12/2025 relating to parish of: Condover

Reference: 25/04401/FUL (validated: 21/11/2025)

Address: Wheat Hall, Ryton, Dorrington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 7NF

Proposal: Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Thomas

No objections.

1301.26 DORRINGTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION LEASE REVIEW:

As the DRA has been disbanded several years ago there has been an outstanding question regarding the lease held by the association covering the recreation areas in Dorrington which terminates in 2028. It has been decided that the PC who hold the superior lease taken out for 125 years will put procedures in place to look after area until the end of the DRA lease.

It was agreed that a set of T&Cs will be drafted for anyone/any groups using the recreational areas adhere to, to continue using the benefits of the recreational areas. These will be issued to long standing recreational area users and posted on our website for one off users, when details are agreed by the PC.

It was agreed that risk/health and safety assessments, be carried out by anyone using the recreational areas in conjunction to any assessments the PC carry out (see T&C's going forward).

Any periodic checks required which are typically annually be carried out by the PC in line with their insurance requirements and reported at an annual meeting together with any agreed future additional checks.

1401.26 ROAD SPEED SIGNS FOR STAPLETON: Cllr S Stringer

Please see Highways in minutes.

1501.26 URGENT ISSUES REQUIRING DECISION:

None

1601.26 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT & COMMUNICATION:

No urgent matters.

1701.26 VILLAGE UPDATES:

- a) Ryton **No agenda requests**
- b) Stapleton **No agenda requests**
- c) Dorrington **No agenda requests**
- d) Condover **No agenda requests**

1801.26 AOB

Cost of using Dorrington VH as Parish office to be reviewed.

Put forward for discussion at future meeting increasing reserve for P3.

Cllr R Wintle discussed the potential for having new defib in telephone box by shop to be supported and paid for by WI and potential support from PC, PC agreed that this is a good idea and gave their support. Cllr R Wintle will investigate ongoing electrical supply costs moving forward if this goes ahead.

Cllr E Marvin asked PC if they would be happy from time to time to allow a location in the parish for Shrewsbury food bank (Food Share Scheme) to set up to distribute any surplus food to the parish. The PC were in full agreement.

It was determined that trees and maintenance of the pathway between Forge Way and Millfield Place are not the responsibility of the PC but lie with SCC.

Meeting concluded at 10:00 pm.

Signed as accurate:

Cllr _____ Signature _____

Date _____