

Wistanstow Parish Council

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**The Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall , Green Room 7pm
Wednesday 18th March 2026**

Parish Council meetings are open to the public and they may address the Council to raise any issues in the public session at the start of each meeting. 15 mins is allowed for this session.

MINUTES

Present ; Andrew Carney (Chair) Mike White , John Morris ,Janet Woodroffe, Phil Powell , Phil Alderson , Owen Jones.

Clive Leworthy (Clerk)

Josh Dickin Ward Cllr

3 Members of the public present who raised concerns about the reliability of 435 Bus Service thru Bushmoor /Wistanstow and reported the unreliability of the service with drivers not sticking to the advertised timetable.

They gave numerous examples of drivers not using the correct route and by passing the village.

Cllr Dickin noted their concerns and advised that himself and Chair Andrew Carney would be requesting an urgent meeting with Minsterley Motors to review the issues raised and he asked that any further issues be reported to him.

- 1. Welcome - Chair**
- 2. Apologies – Andrea Minton Beddoes , Nicky Kershaw**
- 3. Declaration of Interests;** Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate. (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464)
NONE
- 4. Minutes – To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2026.**

Prop P.Powell 2nd J. Morris APPROVED.

5. Matters Arising from the minutes that are not included on the Agenda
NONE

6. Reports -

(a) Chair The Chairs report had been circulated prior to the meeting and included meetings regarding Devolution of services partnership working and the SSALC Meeting held in Ludlow.

(b) Clerk – NONE

(c) Ward Cllr – Joshua Dickin

Cllr Dickin reported the difficult financial situation faced by Shrops Council and the 8.9% Council Tax increase needed to maintain statutory services.

Heating Oil Grant had been award to SC approx £700,000 to assist those facing hardship.

Bushmoor land drainage worked planned and a site meeting would be arranged.

Onibury Bridge repairs should be completed in four weeks

Euro Quality request for speed limit alteration on Grove straight would be referred to Cabinet.

(d) Partnership Working Event Chair & Mike White

Four pilot towns were undertaking partnership working currently.

Devolution of services such as libraries ,parks etc.

Parishes could consider cluster working.

7. Planning Items

a. The Strettons Neighbourhood Plan – To review the circulated plan.

Council noted the detail and quality of the plan.

8. Highway /Amenity /Footpath Items

(a) B4370 Marshbrook to Horderley Road Safety Concerns

Cllr Dickin noted that one set of traffic lights was now in place and some work had been undertaken but serious concerns remained about the safety of the road and land slippage. Approx 20 residents along the route had contacted him expressing concerns with HGV's being sited as a problem. Cllr Dickin said options were being considered including weight restrictions but he was arranging a further meeting with Highways to review and the PC would be invited.

(b) 435 Bus Service

Cllr Dickin & Chair Andrew Carney to meet with Minsterley Motors and Shropshire Council to review the service and complaints.

9. Financial Items ;

To receive the finance reports

a. Accounts to Date – Circulated

b .Bank Balance £24,964.38

c. C.Leworthy Salary March £261.90

C.Leworthy Office Supplies £20.99

HMRC PAYE £65.40

Prop J.Woodroffe 2nd P.Powell APPROVED

10. Shropshire UKSPF Programme

To review funding

Clerk to submit model letter supplied by SALC requesting the funding support be reviewed.

11. Shropshire Hills National Landscape

To consider signing up as Forum Members

The Forum events will now be held twice a year and we are encouraging Town and Parish Councils to sign up as a Forum Member to show your support for the Shropshire Hills National Landscape. There is no charge for this, and you can withdraw at any time. Members will receive additional electronic mailings of information and opportunities to get involved.

Prop M.White 2nd J.Woodroffe APPROVED

Mike White also noted that information on the LNRS strategy had been circulated in advance of the meeting and that the revised strategy would be published in April.

12. To consider any items for next meeting (not for discussion)

435 Bus Service
B4370

Meeting Dates for 2026

Wednesday 20th May Annual Meeting & PC AGM

Wednesday 22nd July

Wednesday 23rd September

Wednesday 18th November

All 7pm.

Clive Leworthy

Clerk to the Council.