

**Wistanstow Parish Council**  
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**The Annual meeting of the Parish Council held at the Village Hall 7pm  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**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**

**Guest Speaker -  
Andy Boak - Onny Preservation Society  
Update on the Save the Onny Campaign.**

Andy Boak updated the meeting on the groups work to protect the Onny. A very successful campaign had been led by the group with a large amount of press,TV and social media coverage. Currently they have been advised by Severn Trent that they are now reconsidering their proposal for a pipe . The Vice Chair thanked Mr Boak for all his and the groups excellent work and asked that the PC be kept informed .

**Public Session**

Three members of the public attended to speak to Planning Item 25/01370/Full Sylvia Anslow , Sandra Foxcroft both addressed Council with their objections to this application and Council had received an email which had also been sent to Shropshire Council planning Dept.

The Vice Chair thanked them for the detailed input and their attendance.

**Annual Parish Council Meeting**

**Present ; Andrea Minton-Beddoes – John Morris – Mike White – Nicky Kershaw – Paul Alderson -  
Mike Flannagan (retiring Chair)  
Clive Leworthy Clerk**

**Apologies ; Andrew Carney – Janet Woodruff OBE**

Mike Flannagan opened the meeting and it was agreed to suspend the Election of a new Chair as Andrew Carney had expressed a keen interest but was not able to attend

due to illness.

Andrea Minton-Beddoes was elected as Vice Chair and then took over the Chair.

1. **Election of Chair for 2025/26** – Suspended until July Meeting
2. **Election of Vice Chair for 2025/26** – Prop J.Morris 2<sup>nd</sup> N.Kershaw  
Andrea Mindton-Beddoes - Carried
3. **Appointment of representative(s) to South Shropshire Area Committee (Two reps allowed)** Mike White
4. **Appointment of representative to Village Hall Committee**  
Phil Powell
5. **Appointment of Footpaths Officer** – Phil Clarke
6. **Declaration of Interests;** Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Dis closable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate. (Dis closable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012/1464)  
**NONE**
7. **Minutes** – To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.  
**APPROVED**
8. **Matters Arising that are not included on the Agenda**  
**NONE**
9. **Co-Options** – To consider any co-options for vacancy  
One expression of interest which the Clerk would follow up for July meeting.
10. **Reports -**
  - (a) **Chair**
  - (b) **Clerk** – Handover with Eric Williams had gone smoothly, awaiting bank change over but Eric Williams would ensure transactions completed until complete.
  - (c) **Unitary Cllr-** Clerk would ensure Cllr Dickin invited to all meetings.
11. **Planning Items**
  - (1) **PLANNING REFERENCE** - 25/01077/VAR

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Variation of Condition No. 2 attached to permission  
17/04770/FUL dated 19 February 2018

LOCATION: - Border Holdings (UK) Ltd, Grove Drive, The Grove, Craven Arms,

**Council SUPPORT this application.**

**(2) PLANNING REFERENCE – 25/01370/FUL Mr & Mrs Trachonitis**

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Proposed glamping cabins

LOCATION: - Proposed Glamping Site To The South Of, Hamperley,

**Council would refer this application back to SC Planning for clarification on issues raised at the meeting and which had been submitted to SC.**

**(3) PLANNING REFERENCE - 25/01561/TCA**

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Fell 1no Conifer (T2) within Strefford Conservation Area

LOCATION: - Strefford House, Strefford, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 8DE.

**Council SUPPORT this application.**

**12. Highway /Amenity /Footpath Items –**

**a.** Pot holes repair remained an issue

and it was agreed to continue to report all issues to Fix My Street.

**b.** Green Lane Bridge – Previous Clerk Eric Williams had logged the safety issues on Fix My Street and had various email exchanges with Craig Massey Highways Shropshire Council. The current Clerk had also corresponded with him. Shropshire Council state that the bridge is the responsibility of the land owner and not themselves. The landowner disputes this.

**13. BT Phone-box -**To discuss the consultation document sent from BT regarding the phone box in Wistanstow.

Council agreed that currently no group or individual had approached the Council with any expressions of interest to take over or maintain the phone box for any other purpose. Council agreed to inform Shropshire Council that currently if the phone box was disconnected they would not wish to adopt it.

**14. Financial Items ; To approve the following accounts for payment**

- a. Clerks Salary
- b. To agree the AGAR Exemption Certificate for accounts 2024/25
- c .gov emails £9.99 per month

**APPROVED.**

**15. Stop The Pipe Campaign – To discuss the Severn Trent proposals**

Council supported the work of the Campaign and asked to be kept informed.

**16.AOB – Council asked the Clerk to write to David Evans thanking him for his service over many years.**

The grave yard appeared to be overgrown but Council suggested the Clerk contact Cllr Woodruff to check as some areas had been left to support wildlife.

**Meeting Dates for 2025/26 ;**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Change to 30<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

**All 7pm.**

Meeting Closed 8pm

**Clive Leworthy**

**Clerk to the Council.**