

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 February 2026, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 6.30pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Mike Dinsdale, Kathryn Holland, Sheila Stringer, and Chris Symes
Shropshire Councillor: Sarah Marston
Clerk: Carole Warner
Members of Public: Three

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Cllr Holland was elected Chair of the meeting.

16/26 Public Participation Period

Dr Daniels spoke regarding the planning application agenda item 6bv. She explained her response was hydrology based where Natural England had highlighted the lack of a habitat assessment. General discussion took place on the different approaches. The Clerk confirmed a holding response had been submitted and would liaise with Cllr Marston regarding the application being determined at Shropshire Council Planning Committee level.

A resident reminded Councillors of a road traffic accident in Spring 2023 which had resulted in a fatality. He was disappointed that the agreed improvements to the Spunhill junction on A528 were still to be implemented. The Clerk confirmed she was monitoring the situation and would provide an update.

17/26 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Karen Bland, Lawrence Houghton MBE and Guy Wellsbury (accepted)

18/26 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2026 were approved and signed.

19/26 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

a. Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, whether or not the Interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

None

b. To consider any requests for Dispensation

None

c. Members were reminded that they are required to declare any acceptance of gifts and hospitality.

None

It was agreed to bring forward item Agenda 10.a

20/26 Parish Strategy and Action Plans

a. Parish Council Social Media

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The appointed resident Social Media moderator updated Councillors on progress made with the Council's Facebook page. He and Cllr Stringer had attended a consultation session with Breakthrough Communications, and a 'test' page had been set up. The resident moderator agreed to forward a training video to Councillors. Discussion took place on the required quality of posts and editorial control. No comments would be allowed, the purpose of the page was to disseminate information. It was suggested that posts be uploaded fortnightly on an agreed topic. Topics would be agreed at Council meetings. A standing agenda item would be required. It was hoped to launch the Facebook page at the same time as the next newsletter

21/26 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Marston's report was noted. Discussion took place on the future of Shirehall and the outstanding highways maintenance and improvements on A528, Spunhill junction and A495.

22/26 Development in the Parish

a. Decisions Received - none

b. Applications Received

- i. 25/04903/FUL The Church House, Welshampton, SY12 0PH

Formation of dropped kerb.

It was resolved that although there were no objections in principle to the application all highways and safety issues should be considered due to the proximity of the school and church.

- ii. 26/00046/FUL Equestrian Facility At, Northwood Grove, Northwood, Ellesmere
Construction of equestrian turnout and exercise area and associated works (retrospective)

It was resolved there were no objections to the application.

- iii. 25/04654/FUL and 25/04655/LBC Old Breaden Hall, Breaden Heath, SY13 2LF
Conversion of existing storage outbuilding to ancillary accommodation and associated works

It was resolved there were no objections to the applications.

- iv. 25/04281/FUL Balmer House, Balmer, Welshampton, SY12 0PP
Proposed field access

It was resolved to continue to object to the application. The Council was concerned that issues regarding highways safety and drainage were still on-going and the feasibility of the proposal due to ownership of land had still not been addressed. The Council was concerned that it appeared no formal consultee opinion on drainage was being sought due to it being a 'Minor Development'.

- v. 25/02655/EIA Zone 5, Wood Lane Quarry, Spunhill, Ellesmere
South-easterly extension to Wood Lane Quarry (Zone 5)

It was agreed not to submit a response at this time.

- vi. 25/01813/FUL Land Adjacent, Juniper Drive, Welshampton, Ellesmere,
Erection of 3no dwellings including the formation of access

It was agreed not to submit a response at this time.

23/26 Parish Clerk's Report

a. LCAS renewal March 2027

It was agreed Councillors would review the criteria for the Award and discuss at the next meeting.

b. Proposed Base Station Upgrade at Holmer Pits Farm

The upgrade was noted.

c. Local Policing

The 3 Policing priorities for the next period for the Parish were not changed. The positive comments about the Police response to a recent incident to Cllr Wellsbury were noted. It was agreed to forward these onto the Local Police Team.

24/26 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted.

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	£1,038.62
Aubergine	£1,017.60
Right Sort Ltd	566.58
SLCC	£102.00
Shropshire Council	£250.00
Lyneal cum Colemere WI	£900.00
PCC St Michael and All Angels	£350.00
St John the Evangelist	£300.00

c. Appointment of Internal Auditor 2025/26

The Clerk advised that Jo Butterworth was unable to act as Internal Auditor for the year 2025/2026.

Richard Harper was appointed as Internal Auditor.

25/26 Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity

a. Working Group

Cllr Holland advised the Working Group would be meeting the following week and discussing projects for the year.

26/26 Parish Strategy and Action Plans

The Clerk advised the new website was being progressed.

Cllr Stringer advised the Questionnaire and Parish Resilience and Emergency Planning Guidance were being reviewed.

27/26 Councillor Reports

None.

28/26 Parish Matters

a. Colemere Liaison Group

The Clerk confirmed the next meeting would be held on 30 March 2026.

29/26 Highways.

a. Trees at A495 Copes Lane junction

The Clerk advised the trees had been pruned.

b. Maintenance of highways

General discussion took place about the poor quality of roads and lanes in the Parish, in particular, A495, A528 and the lanes accessing villages and hamlets. Cllr Marston agreed to follow up with Shropshire Council Officers..

30/26 Date of future meeting and agenda items – 11 March 2026

The Chair of the meeting, Cllr Holland, declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed.....

Date.....