

Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 July 2026, at Welshampton Parish Hall, starting at 6.30pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Karen Bland (Chair), Mike Dinsdale, Kathryn Holland, Jean Sanders, and Sheila Stringer,
Clerk: Carole Warner
Members of Public: One

102/26 Public Participation Period

A member of the public asked about the recent Shropshire Council map of potential development sites around Welshampton which had been circulated on social media. The Clerk explained that Shropshire Council was in the initial stages of reviewing its Local Plan, and it was normal procedure to ask for landowners and potential developers to identify sites for development. The process of renewing the Local Plan would take a couple of years and would include consultation on potential development sites at the appropriate stage. The Clerk assured the resident that the Parish Council would be consulted as part of the process.

103/26 Apologies for absence

Cllr Lawrence Houghton MBE, Chris Symes and Guy Wellsbury (accepted)
Shropshire Councillor Sarah Marston

104/26 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 10 June 2026 were approved and signed.

105/26 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.*
- 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

106/26 Shropshire Council Member's Report

Cllr Marston was absent.

107/26 Development in the Parish

- a. *Decisions Received:*

Clerk: Carole Warner,
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Rowe Lane,
Welshampton,
Ellesmere, SY12 0QB
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- i. 26/01491/FUL Keepers Cottage, Ellesmere, SY12 0NF
Proposed single storey extension
Decision: Permission Granted
- ii. 26/01857/FUL Hampton Grange, Hampton Wood, SY12 0NL
Extension and refurbishment to an existing residential dwelling
Decision: Permission Granted

b. Applications Received:

- i. 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.

108/26 Parish Clerk's Report

a. Parish Council Performance Review

b. Council Statements on website

c. Data Protection Policy and Procedures

The Clerk advised she would provide an update on the documents at the next meeting.

d. Newsletter

The Clerk confirmed the edition focusing on the Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity Working Group had been published.

e. Annual Report

The Chair advised she had prepared the Report and would forward to the Clerk.

109/26 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for information

Noted.

b. Outstanding accounts

The following accounts were approved:

C Warner	£1,208.25
Right Sort Ltd	£559.69
SALC	£165.00
A Russon	£330.00

110/26 Climate Change, Sustainability and Biodiversity

a. Working Group

Cllr Holland confirmed the joint event with Welshampton Church of England Primary School had taken place on Monday 15 June. She updated Councillors on progress with other planned events including the next Farmers meeting, Open Gardens 2027, and working with the Parish Churches

111/26 Parish Strategy and Action Plans

a. Communication with local businesses

General discussion took place on the type of support local businesses required and what the Parish Council could offer. It was agreed to seek advice from other organisations offering business outreach and whether a networking event would be possible.

b. Website

The Clerk confirmed she hoped the new website would be launched before the next meeting.

112/26 Councillor Reports

Cllr Holland reported on the Local Nature Recovery Scheme briefing by Shropshire Council she had attended. Councils had been encouraged to include biodiversity impacts when considering planning applications responses

113/26 Parish Matters

a. Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

Councillors praised the content of the recent newsletter and was pleased to note the lack of speeding within Welshampton.

b. Parish Council Surgery

Discussion took place on Councillor attendance for the next surgery.

114/26 Highways.

Discussion took place on the recent improvements along the A495 at Newton Bends and Ellesmere.

Councillors praised the quality but suggested the re-surfacing at Newton Bends could have been more comprehensive rather than large patches.

115/26 Date of future meeting and agenda items – 12 August 2026

116/26 Resolved: That under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the item of business numbered 16 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the inclusion of the personal and commercial business to be transacted.

117/26 Recent Tender Process

The Clerk updated Councillors on the tender process in connection with the re-surfacing of Welshampton Parish Hall car park and advised 2 companies had replied from the 4 approached. It was agreed that due to the increase of the cost, additional funding would be required.

It was agreed the Clerk would

- **thank both companies who had submitted tenders and advise further funding would be sought, and**
- **seek potential funding through CIL Local.**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed.....

Date.....