	MINUTES OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held in the Village Hall on 12 <sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the year 2024
	<b>Present:</b> Val Jones (Chair), Louise Hutton (Vice-Chair), Karen Metcalfe, John Stinton, Dave Bates, Carole Warren, David Belfield and Jean Hammond.
	In attendance: Two District Councillors, two members of the public and the clerk.
6.1	Apologies: Laura Taylor (accepted).
6.2	Declaration of Interest:  1. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
	2. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.  3. To declare any other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.  Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or another Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4)b of the code of conduct must leave the room for the relevant items.  Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.  None declared.
6.3	<b>Minutes:</b> The minutes of January 9 <sup>th</sup> 2024 were proposed and seconded and were agreed as a true record. The minutes were then signed by the Chairwoman.
	Public Question Time: No questions.
6.4	MAC: No relevant information received and no representative in attendance.
6.5	District and County Councillor Reports:  The District Councillors Pam and Paul Cummings had sent written reports. They answered questions on housing sites and clarification on the allocation of affordable housing properties.  Food waste boxes will be included in household collections from next year in an effort to both make use of and reduce wastage.  The District Councillor reports will be available on the WCC website.
6.6	Highways Footpaths and Lengthsman: Lengthsman's Report, there was no report, the worksheets for December and January were accepted for payment. Highways matters are still causing concern There has been no progress with the broken and silted culvert at Shelsley Walsh despite numerous reports to WCC. The clerk has been provided with photographic evidence and will ask the County Councillor David Chambers to assist in prioritising the problem  Camp Lane. The damaged lane resulting from Severn Trent works has been promptly but poorly filled.  There was a suggestion that information regarding the depth of water when flooding occurs between New Mill Bridge and All Saints' be placed by the roadside to prevent cars driving through and becoming stuck.

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	The Parish Council has been informed of the dates the Midland Automobile Club has applied for temporary footpath closures in 2024. The amount numbers 48, the clerk is to enquire why so many are needed.				
	The drain by the airfield is also blocked – clerk to report.				
	Councillors are still urged to report any drainage and highways matters on the WCC website.				
6.7	<b>Insurance:</b> Pre-renewal form. The clerk to complete before the final year of the fixed term contract.				
6.8	<b>Biodiversity:</b> The draft plan produced by councillors was circulated prior to the meeting. As some members were still unfamiliar with the details, it will be adopted at the meeting in May.				
6.9	Urgent Decisions: There were none.				
6.10	<b>Planning:</b> No outstanding planning applications or Malvern Hills District Council decisions.				
6.11	<b>Reports: Parish Footpaths Warden.</b> The poor state of the footbridge on the Wilderness Farm path will be reported to Worcester County Council. There has been a report of vandalism to shrubbery along a footpath. It is believed that this has now been resolved. <b>Village Hall Management Committee representative.</b> The committee has delivered a questionnaire to 180 households to see how the village wishes to proceed. The deadline for responses is March 22 <sup>nd</sup> and the findings will be reported in the April edition of the Teme Triangle.  There is very little local support for events organised by either the Village Hall Management Committee or the Social Club.				
6.12	Correspondence and Consultations:  All relevant items were circulated via email or are available at the meeting.  MHDC Security Event. The clerk to find out more details.  The Local Aggregate Assessment. No comment.  Hedgehog Highways. No comment.  Elan Speed Device. Not required.  Members agreed to apply for the portrait of King Charles.				
6.13	Finance:  Village Hall hire. £165.00  Lengthsman invoice £252.00  Total £417.00  Bank Balance as at March 12 <sup>th</sup> 2024. This was unavailable but will be emailed to councillors.				
6.14	<b>Village Fete:</b> It was agreed that there was insufficient time to organise an event this summer but hopefully a fete will be held in 2025.				

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6.15	County Association of Local Councils (CALC): Training course details are available on the CALC website.
6.16	Councillors' reports and items for future agenda: Village Drains Roadside speed signage.
6.17	Date of the next meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting May 14th at 7pm Followed by the Annual Meeting of The Parish Council May 14th in the Village Hall. The next Ordinary Meeting is on July 9th at 7pm in the Village Hall The meeting concluded at 20.10
	Jan Speyer Clerk and RFO March 13th 2024

