

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th March at 7pm in the year 2025	
	Present: Val Jones Chairwoman, Louise Hutton (Vice-Chair), Laura Taylor, John Stinton, Dave Bates, David Belfield, Karen Metcalfe and Jean Hammond.
	In attendance: District Councillors Pam and Paul Cumming and the clerk Mrs J Speyer.
6.1	Apologies: Carole Warren (accepted).
6.2	Declaration of Interest: None. There were no Dispensation requests.
	Public Question Time: The question referred to highways and was dealt with under that heading. None.
6.3	Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on January 14 th 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairwoman.
6.4	District and County Councillors' Reports: A written report from the County Councillor David Chambers was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. District Councillors reported on the plans for Worcestershire to become a unitary authority. The District Council will no longer exist and Parish Councils' workload is expected to increase. There is a plan for Worcestershire to combine with Gloucestershire and Warwickshire in order to be represented by a Mayor. There was discussion on the number of homes being built in the villages locally and the effect on local infrastructure particularly with regard to education and medical services.
6.5	Midland Automobile Club: Midland Automobile Club: The agenda had been sent to the MAC, there was no report.
6.6	Highways and Footpaths: The landowners who cleared fallen trees from the Worcestershire Way were thanked. The annual Shelsley Walsh footpath closure notification was circulated, no comment. Concern was noted that a spring above the Manor Lane exit is causing problems with freezing. WCC to be contacted for advice. The Lengthsman's Report regarding the clearing of the culvert near Brockhill Court was noted and worksheets for January and February accepted. Village Walk reminder April 6 th . Flood warning signs and depth indicators. The clerk to write again to WCC. The road closure near All Saints' will be closed on April 14 th for one day. Road flooding at Shelsley Walsh is causing problems again, the Brockhill Estate to be notified.
6.7	Urgent Decisions: None.

Signed by the Chairwoman

6.8	<p>Planning: M/25/00113/FUL the bridge Hotel two storey extension. The plans for the planning application were discussed, no objection.</p>				
6.9	<p>Correspondence for Information and Circulation: All correspondence for information delivered via email has been circulated. Devolution and its impact. Circulated and further reported on by Councillor Cumming. Minerals and Waste Development information 2025-2027. No comment. From Councillor Bowden re flood camera. Members could see no benefit to having a webcam. WCC will be contacted (see 6.5) Consultation on Extension of Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) for dog control. Malvern Hills will be contacted to report on the problem of roaming dogs fouling without the owner's knowledge. Police Charter Q2 Circulated, the clerk to complete as before. Heart Health, MHDC presentation https://youtu.be/tOOw6dCthXs Circulated. Members were disappointed that there was very short notice for this event.</p>				
6.10	<p>Village Fete: The cake competition's theme is the Natural environment. There will be three categories for various age groups. As part of its biodiversity plan it was suggested that the PC might sponsor this and provide first and second prizes. It was agreed that £45 would be allocated. The date of the Fete is June 29th Prop LT sec KM</p>				
6.11	<p>Insurance: The clerk to seek quotation.</p>				
6.12	<p>Finance: The following payment was agreed.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="225 1216 1493 1283"> <tr> <td>Rob Wilks</td> <td>£306.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£306.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Current Bank balance £6203 as at March 11th 2025</p>	Rob Wilks	£306.00	Total	£306.00
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6.13	<p>County Association of Local Councils: Forthcoming training events and information received will be forwarded to Councillors. Those expressing an interest to attend any training courses should contact the clerk who will forward their details.</p>				
6.14	<p>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda The clerk to remind WCC Highways about the agreed pedestrian signage.</p>				
6.15	<p>Date of next meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on May 13th preceding the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on May 13th 2025 at 7pm May 13th apologies from Councillors Cummings were received in advance.</p>				
	<p>The meeting concluded at 20.00 J Speyer March 12th 2025</p>				