

# Melverley Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of **Melverley Parish Council** held at the Melverley Village Hall on **11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Sally Herbert-Jones, Linda Bennett, Cath Jones, Roger Jones, Sarah Richards, Cty Cllr D Barrowman

Apologies : None

Also Present : Heather Kidd

- 25.21 Apologies as above
- 25.22 Council reaffirmed Declarations of Interest(s) - none
- 25.23 Public session: Members of the public raised the following concerns :
- a) The closure of Llandrinio Bridge has resulted in a huge increase in traffic some traveling at significant speeds. Request for temporary speed signs and also to ensure flood signs are repaired and in place at appropriate times
  - b) Melverley Hall – Two big gouges down side of road. Clerk to report
- 25.24 Council confirmed the minutes of the meetings on 8<sup>th</sup> September and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (CJ, SHJ)
- 25.25 Shropshire Councillor Report - HK provided information regarding the financial situation with Shropshire County Council. Priority is being given to maintain good services. An Improvement Board has been appointed with a range of people creating a financial plan. Exceptional Financial support has been requested and this will be invested in people and IT. SCC need to increase income and reduce spending, this will take two-three years. There is capital available and SCC will bring in a company to run leisure centres. There will also be funds for flooding. Local people are being brought in to work on highways.
- DB – sits on the audit committee. Planning applications are more likely to succeed to save funds in appeals. The recently planning application for an agricultural shed is based on agricultural land and will therefore most likely be granted.
- 25.26 Flooding –The Flood Forum met with John Bellis, flood signs will be upgraded. SJH and DB to chase this. Clerk to respond regarding concern raised
- 25.27 IDB – Met 15<sup>th</sup> October. Outstanding funds of £8,000. ‘Sims’ not cleared for six years, needs annual clearance. Culvert being replaced – LB to chase. Pooling on land near Hendre is unlikely to be covered by IDB. Minutes have recently been added to website
- 25.28 Police Report – no reported crimes in October. Three local churches recently burgled
- 25.29 OAC – Meeting planned for 17<sup>th</sup> November.

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25.30 Footpath Officer – Clerk to invite to next meeting to further discuss. SCC have a programme of assistance including equipment, training, grants and insurance available

25.31 Finance  
Balance £5,198.56  
Income £82.78 VAT  
Payments  
£266.42 Clerk November  
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£26 Clerk November  
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£31 HMRC November  
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£143.86 Hugo Fox  
£300 SCC  
Payments approved

Fine received from HMRC for non-submission when laptop was being repaired – Clerk to appeal again.

Cllrs discussed budget for this year, spend so far and spend last year. Agreed to set precept at £6,400. To be confirmed at January meeting following release of information from SCC

25.32 Parish Matters for Discussion

- Footpath Officer – MOP would like to set up a volunteer group for repairing pathways in the village. PC wholly support this and are happy to advertise for volunteers, just requesting the group is sensitive to landowners and target some areas above others such as Severn way near The Old Rectory. MOP will provide update reports for meetings
- Bridge – weight restriction not being adhered to. DB to keep pressure on SCC and requested HK to communicate with Powys regarding this
- Floodboat Boundaries – SJH to liaise and draw up parameters for review at a future meeting

25.33 Items for discussion at next meeting: (not for debate or decision)  
Bridge update  
Heather Kidd will be attending

Proposed date of next meeting: **13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm**

Meeting Closed at 20.56  
Jennifer Turner, Parish Clerk – Melverley Parish Council