

Melverley Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of **Melverley Parish Council** held at the Melverley Village Hall on **13th January 2025 at 7.30pm**

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

Apologies : None

- 25.34 Apologies as above
- 25.35 Council reaffirmed Declarations of Interest(s) - none
- 25.36 Public session: There were no members of the public in attendance
- 25.37 Council confirmed the minutes of the meetings on 11th November 2025 (CJ, SHJ)
- 25.38 Shropshire Councillor Report - DB reported that the number of planning officers has increased. New signs have been chased by DB with John Bellis. SJH also to chase. DB asked if 20mph restrictions would help with speeding, Councillors felt this would not help as the roads are unsuitable for travelling at more than 30mph and therefore the difference would be minimal and a 20mph limit would not assist with this issue. Recent planning applications have been refused. There is no update from SCC regarding The Bridge, suggested invite neighbouring CC at attend meetings at 7.15 for collaborative working. Attendance to be confirmed.
- 25.39 Flooding –SVWMS meeting well attended, but no new information provided. No significant flooding so far this winter.
- 25.40 IDB – Meeting 14th January. Weir Brook cleared. Culvert at Clewy Road will be re-piped and resurfaced with stone. LB to ask for ditch maps, which could be displayed in Village Hall.
- 25.41 Police Report – no reported crimes in October and November. Three priorities to be provided to Police. Speeding, Monitoring of weight restriction on Bridge, More Police presence in village. Clerk to send to Police
- 25.42 OAC – Meeting planned for 17th November was cancelled. Clerk to request dates for 2026
- 25.43 Footpath Officer – Request for assistance advertised on website and noticeboard. Clerk to ask footpath officer for response levels in the Spring
- 25.44 Finance
Balance £4,107.86
Income None
Payments
£266.42 Clerk January
£499.98 Clerk February (including backpay of payrise)

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£26 Clerk January
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£31 HMRC January
£155.97 HMRC February
£125 Shropshire Council Election
£150 Melverley Village Hall
Payments approved.

Cllrs reviewed budget proposed in November for 2026-27 with Band D Tax Change information. Cllrs also reviewed Clerks payrise. Agreed to increase hourly rate to SCP 13 at £15.06 per hour, back paid as per NALC guidelines to April 25. New monthly rate £327.18. Agreed to set precept at £6,500.

25.45 Parish Matters for Discussion

- Bridge – weight restriction not being adhered to. DB to keep pressure on SCC for repair. Clerk to request Police to make this one of Melverley priorities. Clerk to invite neighbouring CC to meet at 7.15 prior to future meetings.
- Floodboat Boundaries – SJH to liaise and draw up parameters for review at a future meeting.
- Clerk to request signage to say “Road Closed – Access to Properties Only” at the following locations (*depths.social.monitors* and *cork.beaks.remix*)

25.46 Items for discussion at next meeting: (not for debate or decision)
Training (LB and SR to be booked on Fundamentals for Councillors and JT to be booked on CILCA) Cost £45 per session

Proposed date of next meeting: **10th March 2026 at 7.30pm**

Meeting Closed at 20.27
Jennifer Turner, Parish Clerk – Melverley Parish Council