

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MORVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 10th November 2025

AT MORVILLE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr K BriggsThomas, Cllr C Bullock, Cllr G Brown, Cllr J Cantrill, Cllr J Davey,
Cllr P Davis-White, Cllr L Moxon-Jones, Cllr A Pitchers, Cllr P Yuille,

In Attendance: Sarah D Skurr - Clerk to the Council
Shropshire Councillor G Hollyhead
Members of the public: 1

25/99 WELCOME - The Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

25/100 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES - Cllr R-L Brown, Cllr G Wilkes

25/101 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - None

25/102 PUBLIC SESSION – No Comments

25/103 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

To receive and agree the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 1st September 2025.
Cllr P Yuille proposed, Cllr C Bullock seconded. All in favour.

25/104 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - None

25/105 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – 10/11/2025 – FULL REPORT ON PAGE 5

General Council Matters - Shropshire Council officially declared a financial emergency in September 2025 which if unresolved could trigger a Section 114 notice.

Morville Parish Specific - Internet Access – Full fibre Internet is now mostly available in Morville running through to Monkhopton with the exception of Aston Ayre.

Tasley Garden Village - Tasley Garden Village is expected to come to Planning Committee soon.

Highways - The new local area Highways technician is in place. There has been a notable increase in the number of Highways issues being resolved locally.

25/106 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Outsourcing - The Chair referred to Shropshire Council trying to outsource some of their services to parish and town councils. It was noted that whilst there are currently four trials going on in Shropshire to see if this can work, nothing is happening locally.

Full fibre broadband – The Chair noted the regrettable situation in Aston Eyre with respect to full fibre broadband as described in the Shropshire Councillor's report.

25/107 CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk advised the council of price increases for the next financial year from Scribe, a further £8.00 per month = an annual fee of £372.00. Payroll Services and The Village Hall also advised of a small increase. These are to be taken into account when setting the budget for 2026/27. An invoice from Shropshire Council Electoral Services will be sent out in January, a cost of £625.00.

25/108 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The council were provided with clerk timesheets, a supplier payments list for September & October invoices, a full statement of accounts to date, a summary of receipts and payments between 01/09/25 – 31/10/25 and a notice of bank reconciliation for September and October. The council were asked to accept the payments, Cllr L Moxon-Jones proposed, Cllr G Brown seconded. All in favour.

The Council agreed to consider neighbourhood projects to benefit the parishes.

25/109 ROAD SAFETY REPORT

- a) **SID's** - Cllr P Yuille advised MPC that Morelock Signs delivered the second SID that MPC has paid for to Cllr L Moxon-Jones, just before the company went into receivership. A suitable site was agreed and the SID can be installed at Weston once a post has been erected.

Cllr J Davey and County Cllr G Hollyhead agreed to apply to Shropshire Council for their consent to erect the post.

Cllr G Brown has found a contractor prepared to install the post, giving a provisional quote of £400 pending a site visit. The council has been unable to obtain a further quote despite advertising on the website. It was agreed the quote be accepted with SC's permission unless a lower quote can be found.

When the SID has been installed, the council will erect a similar post at the Much Wenlock end of Morville, though it is likely to require searches for underground structures.

- b) **White Gates** - It was agreed that MPC consider installing White Gates at Aston Eyre.

25/110 BIODIVERSITY UPDATE – FULL REPORTS ON PAGE 5

- a) Cllr L Moxon-Jones reported progress on the pine marten and dormouse group.
b) Cllr P Yuille reported on SC's RSVP project and other environmental issues.

Cllr K BriggsThomas advised MPC that the white gates in Morville need cleaning. Cllr P Yuille will facilitate this along with the signage.

25/111 MEETING DATES

The council discussed increasing the frequency of meetings to monthly, having assessed the extra cost to MPC in terms of hiring Morville village hall and the extra work for the clerk. It was suggested that it would be advantageous for making sure planning applications are dealt with promptly and avoid the need for extraordinary meetings or a planning committee. Cllr P Yuille proposed, Cllr P Davis-White seconded. All in favour.

25/112 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL OUTSOURCING – No further information at present

25/113 SUB COMMITTEES

- a) **Footpath Committee** – Cllr C Bullock advised the council that a parishioner had been in contact with a view to joining the footpath committee. A broken stile was reported although it was established that there is a clear path to the side; it has been noted. A complaint was received regarding a footpath gate being left open leading to farmland. It was thought a spring attached to the gate might be useful.
Terms of reference still to be decided.
- b) **Planning Committee** – Nothing to report at this time. Terms of reference still to be decided.

25/114 WEBSITE CHANGES

Cllr P Davis-White and Cllr J Davey will decide what is needed for the website and report back to the council at the next meeting.

25/115 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Cllr K BriggsThomas noted that the social media policy sent from SALC was close to what MPC will require. This will be modified in due course.

25/116 IT SERVICES

Cllr J Davey will look into the possibility of obtaining a quote to replace the current IT provider. The clerk has sent a quote obtained from another company in June 2024.

25/117 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

No comments required. It was noted that the SC notes on planning, now that the local plan has been rejected were not very helpful.

25/118 INFORMATION ITEMS - None**25/119 PARISH MATTERS**

Cllr G Brown noted that there are many large lorries parked on Telegraph Lane early in the mornings waiting to get into the quarry to start work. This is causing difficulties for other vehicles trying to manoeuvre around them with limited vision, particularly as they are parked on the wrong side of the road.

25/120 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

NEXT MEETING – Monday January 12th 2026

Meeting ended – 20.30

Signed

Date:12 /01/26

Chairman

SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – 10/11/2025

General Council Matters - Shropshire Council officially declared a financial emergency in September 2025 due to a projected overspend of £35–50 million by March 2026. If unresolved, this could trigger a Section 114 notice, effectively handing control to government-appointed commissioners and forcing drastic service cuts.

The council has requested £64 million in exceptional financial support from the Government to avoid insolvency. Without intervention, libraries, leisure centres, and other non-statutory services could close.

Morville Parish Specific - Internet Access - High Speed Internet is now available in Morville running through to Monkhopton. Unfortunately, Aston Ayre was not included despite the best efforts of myself and Michele from Open Reach. Michelle did push for the area to be included, however it was found that Aston Ayre had already been selected for Open Reach's rural programme that doesn't require government funding. That meant that unfortunately the area could not be included in the current upgrade.

Tasley Garden Village - Tasley Garden Village will likely be coming to Planning Committee soon. As the Parish Council put in an official objection during the planning application they will be able to nominate someone from the PC to represent them at committee. (At this point it was decided that Cllr A Pitchers will represent MPC at future consultations).

Highways - The new local area Highways technician is now in place. This has led to an increase in the number of Highways issues being resolved locally. Please submit any new issues to Fix My Street, if those issues are not resolved within 1 month then please ask the clerk to contact me with the case number and I will chase it up with the relevant department. It may also be worth resubmitting any long term existing issues.

Finally, if there are any new problems locally, please let me know and I will do my utmost to help.

Cllr George Hollyhead - Brown Clew Electoral Division - Shropshire Council

BIODIVERSITY UPDATES

- a) **Cllr L Moxon-Jones** reported that the Pine Marten & Dormice Project Group held a 2nd half day of training at Weston on 17th Oct 2025. There were 7 attendees plus Cllr LMJ the host, and leaders Stuart Edmundson and Lucy Grove. Wet weather curtailed the outdoor work, but they were still able to examine a dormouse tunnel and learn about them on site.

There is an active WhatsApp group where information is shared with interesting clips from the trail cameras.

Cllr LMJ noted that a photograph from the group's first training day is being used by SHLT for publicity purposes on their website homepage - which is good PR for Morville PC - as it shows us going some way towards fulfilling our biodiversity objectives.

Cllr LMJ concluded by saying that it is important that the general public should be aware that the goal of the Group is for monitoring and educational purposes only - there is no question of either mammal being introduced artificially.

- b) **Cllr P Yuille** and a representative of the National Trust responded to SC's Local Nature Recovery Strategy survey by making the case for the A458 and the Mor Brook Catchment to be included in Shropshire 30% Biodiversity area by 2030. Cllr P Yuille will report the outcome when published.

One litter pick took place followed by a cut and collect in 2025. £1,500 of the £4,500 (for three cuts) designated for the RSVP project has been spent so far. The verge was prematurely cut by SC and then the drought during 2025 negated the need for an autumn cut.

It was agreed that the unspent £3,000 be rolled over and further funds be allocated for the next financial year to allow for 3 x cut & collects, possible payment for litter picking if volunteers cannot be found and for signage. Any environmental work will be funded through this project which Cllr P Yuille will continue to lead. This proposal will be considered when setting the budget. Anyone aware of environmental work needed must report to Cllr P Yuille to make the necessary arrangements to rectify. Any costs incurred will be authorised by the Chair.

Cllr P Yuille asked that the following paragraph be included in the report:

"Pam requested that if Sarah, or any of the councillors, became aware of any environmental work that needed doing that they contact her. She would then discuss with them if Chris Rowe or any other contractor were needed, whether volunteers could carry it out or whether "Fix my Street" was more appropriate. If a cost was involved, Pam would get Jonathan's permission before going ahead, unless this was impossible in an emergency situation."

