

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MORVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11th May 2026

Present: Cllr K BriggsThomas, Cllr G Brown, Cllr R-L Brown Cllr C Bullock, Cllr J Cantrill, Cllr J Davey, Cllr L Moxon-Jones, Cllr A Pitchers, Cllr G Wilkes,

In Attendance: Sarah D Skurr - Clerk to the Council
Members of the public: 0

26/82 WELCOME - The Chairman welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

26/83 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES - Cllr P Davis-White, Cllr P Yuille
The Chair advised the council that Cllr P Davies-White has resigned due to the difficulty of working full time with a long commute.

26/84 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - None

26/85 PUBLIC SESSION - None

26/86 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING
To receive and agree the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 13th April 2026.
Cllr C Bullock proposed, Cllr G Wilkes seconded. All agreed.

26/87 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - None

26/88 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Not at this time

26/89 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr J Davey advised the council that he had received a note from SC asking the PC to update their Register of Interests. He also made reference to the Neighbourhood Governance Pack which was circulated to the council and suggested that councillors use the template to:
"Call on our local Member of Parliament to press the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to:

- *Ensure that parish and town councils are formally recognised as key partners within the emerging neighbourhood governance framework;*
- *Guarantee that the forthcoming regulations and guidance clearly set out how parish and town councils will be integrated into neighbourhood governance structures;*
- *Provide assurance that new neighbourhood governance arrangements will not duplicate functions or undermine the democratic legitimacy of parish and town councils"*

Proposed by Cllr L Moxon-Jones, seconded by Cllr J Cantrill. All in favour.

26/90 CLERK'S REPORT

- The clerk presented the Exemption Certificate to be signed by the chair and sent on to the external auditors. The clerk met with the internal auditor and provided details for the AGAR, she advised the council that there will be no external audit for the 25/26 accounts, nor for the 26/27 accounts as there is no CIL money this year. The clerk has sent off the VAT return for the period 01/10/24 – 31/03/26; total VAT recovery will be £2920.88.
- Council were advised that the pole delivered for the installation of the second SID in Morville was the wrong length but the correct size should arrive shortly.
The further SID/s for Weston and possibly Monkhopton will not be ordered until it is established whether there is a suitable location in Monkhopton. Delivery is from Germany and expensive at £175.00 per delivery. The council wish to avoid paying this twice.
- The clerk informed the council that Chris Rowe had been in touch.
- The village hall was approached to see if they had any objection to MPC replacing the old noticeboard. They are happy to sanction a replacement.

26/91 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The council were provided with clerk timesheets, a supplier payments list for March transactions, and a notice of bank reconciliation for April.

Cllr G Wilkes proposed acceptance, Cllr J Cantrill seconded. All in favour.

Cllr A Pitchers advised the council to look into ways in which the CIL money could be used. The clerk will make enquiries (Salt bins, Footpath bridges, noticeboards).

26/92 ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE

Cllr A Pitchers mentioned that some hedgerows are causing loss of visibility at road junctions and it was generally agreed that although it is the responsibility of SC, they are unlikely to attend at short notice. Cllr L Moxon-Jones asked the clerk why Chris Rowe had not responded to phone calls. The clerk advised the council that he has changed his phone number and cut back on heavy work. He was not averse to doing work in the parishes and the clerk suggested that the previous system had worked well when he was paid an hour per month by MPC to drive around the area and report to the clerk areas that need attention. The council agreed that Chris should report directly to the clerk and that the clerk can sanction work to the value of £100. His hourly rate is £25. Cllr L Moxon-Jones proposed, Cllr G Wilkes seconded. All in favour.

26/93 ROAD SAFETY REPORT

- a) **SIDS** – See clerk report, item 26/90
- b) **White Gates** – Cllr K BriggsThomas noted that grass around the gates in Morville has been strimmed, and despite being cleaned, the gates still look dirty. The clerk will contact the suppliers

26/94 BIODIVERSITY UPDATE – None at this time

26/95 COMMUNITY FLOOD GROUP - No report, there will be an information stand at the MACE.

26/96 FOOTPATH COMMITTEE

Cllr C Bullock was shown an email from a parishioner who complained of a footpath obstruction in Monkhopton. She will investigate.

26/97 MACE

Cllr K BriggsThomas advised the council that shortlisted nominees for the MACE award have been notified and suggested we give them thank you cards on the day, the council agreed. The clerk will produce advertisements for the two vacant councillor posts and order new lanyards.

26/98 IT & WEBSITE - Cllr J Davey will temporarily take over management of the website.

26/99 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

No comments were made on the 3 applications published on the agenda.

Cllr J Davey advised the council that he had attempted to contact the company who wrote proposing a solar farm near Upton Cresset but was unable to engage with anyone.

26/100 PARISH MATTERS - None

25/101 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr L Moxon-Jones suggested a review of the monthly meetings.

Meeting ended – 8.00pm

NEXT MEETING – Monday June 8th 2026

Signed

Date:11/05/26

Chairman