

MYNDTOWN COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL

Grouping: MYNDTOWN, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR Parishes.

MINUTES OF 13th JANUARY 2026

Present: P Owen, P Rogers-Coltman, S Edwards, S Gurle, M Sankey, T Betton, T Jones

In Attendance: Cllr Rep' R Houghton (Left after Item 4a)

1. Apologies: NP Away Working, RL Prior Commitment, MU Away working. Apologies Accepted & **Resolved**
2. Minutes of: 4.11.25 Wording on Item 6iv edited. Signed & **Resolved**
3. Declarations of Interest/DPI: SE under 6iv

4. Matters Arising:

- Transfer of a further £687.39 to savings account to give total of £4,099.77 NF Balance
- HMRC/VAT Reclaim £1,028.45 by Bacs 31.10.25
- Roadside hedge @ Wentnor junction will be cut back asap
- MoU (Memorandum of Understanding is a formal agreement of working together to understand local priorities and the potential for delivering easier & cheaper services by T&PC's) – to be signed with covenant that the pc will consider delivering only certain services should they be affordable, relevant and of benefit to the community of the four parishes.

4a. Shropshire Councillor Representative Report:

- RH reported that a £70mil Gov^t Grant has been applied for by SC. Only essential spending has been approved. Highways had responded well to recent weather problems on the roads. Replacement Grit for the bins can be reported on SC Fix my Street portal. She would report back to SC the lack of updates on Planning Enforcement decisions and that there is no planning enforcement search engine on the portal.

5. Finance:

Statement of Funds as at 6/1/26: Community Acc-£9,256.61 BMM Acc-£4,109.08 (+£9.31 Int)

Allocated out of combined accounts for 2025/26: £1000 PM Budget, De-Fib Maintenance Remaining Budget £470.35, NF Available: £4,099.77 (Earmarked for school carpark improvements due to the PC having serious child safety concerns. The PC are willing to contribute further funding subject to receiving the estimated project cost). Norbury CP carpark improvements has been added as an infrastructure project to the Annual Place Plan Review for this area under Ref No: 1097.

LG Act 1972, S.137(4a) Limit for donations per elector per parish for 2025/26 is £11.10.

Yearly Honorary Payments due each May: Village Hall Premises Licence £70 & Toddlers PL Insurance £100

Precept 2026-27: To show a 0% increase the requirement for 26/27 would be £4,759 compared to previous £4,859, a deficit of £100. Discussed. P) SE, S) PR-C, AIF to request £4,759

Resolved

(a) Donation/Funding/NF Grant Requests:

- None

(b) Bacs Payments, Standing Orders & D/D:

- L.Thomas-£180, 8.12.25 SO
- CPRE Annual Renewal: £36, 6.1.26 BP
- L.Thomas-£180, 8.1.26 SO
- AIF to pay Election Costs of £500 by BP

6. Housing & Building Control: **Bold** Type to be read as Updates. Newest applications listed first.

- Shepherds Huts @ The Old Rectory. **Discussed.** It was reported that the field was not part of the recent sale agreement of The Old Rectory despite the Covenant. Planning Enforcement have issued Notice that the 3 Shepherds huts be removed from site, however it was thought that the owners intend to retain one hut to be used for agricultural purposes. **Agreed Action: LT contact the Diocese Solicitors - Gabbs for an Update.**
- 25/04858/F-Proposed livestock housing & handling building @ The Coates Farm, R'hope. **Agreed: To submit N/O**
- 25/04604/F-Retrospective planning for the erection of a storage building @ The Oaklands, Ny. **Comments submitted: 12.1.26**
- 25/04476/F-Proposed new highway access and bio-diversity net gain provision @ The Green Caravan Park, Wr. **N/O with Support comments submitted: 19.12.25**
- 25/04313/TCA: Fell x1 Ash within Norbury Conservation area. **Noted**
- 25/01945/F- Holiday cabin @ Nr Gatten Fm, R'hope. N/O with comments submitted 9.7.25. Refused: 15.7.25. Planning Appeal Lodged 1.10.25. **Appeal Decision: Refused 2.12.25**

7. Village Hall:

- SE has raised concerns with the Committee as to some equipment in the Storage Room facility being inaccessible to users.

8. Parish Plan & Environment:

- N T R

9. Roads:

- Road Closure: Upper Criften to Asterton. 16.2.26, 8am-5pm
- Road Closure: The Bog to Bridges, Resurfacing. 9.3.26-13.3.26 M-F-7am-5pm
- Hills Ford Stages Rally 20.9.26. **Discussed & Agreed:** All the affected residents and businesses had received relevant prior notice and consultation. The area is sparsely populated, and the impact would be minimal. The residents have had advanced warning should they wish to make alternate plans for the proposed weekend closure. The PC has received no complaints to the staging of the event, this in particular was from residents and businesses within the RED road closure stages within Wentnor parish. There is No Objection to the organisers applying to Shropshire Highways Dept for the road closures.

{Road reports www.fixmystreet.com/reports/shropshire

10. Communication/Correspondence:

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Please note there may be further items of correspondence.

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12. Other Items/Public Session:

- Norbury Carpark Improvement Scheme: MS reported that a meeting was held with SC Reps in late Nov. Draft Plans for the improvements are in progress and a list of costings will be available in the near future.
- **Myndtown Parish Land Payments:** Waterplus: 4.12.25-£13.72 (E) 8.1.26-£13.45 (E)

Meeting Dates 2026:

10th March, 14th April – APM's, 12th May – AM, 7th July, 8th Sept & 3rd Nov