

MYNDTOWN COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL

Grouping: MYNDTOWN, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR Parishes.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING of TUESDAY 12th MAY 2026

Present: P Owen, P Rogers-Coltman, S Edwards, M Unwin, T Betton, R Lancaster

In Attendance: None

1. Apologies: N Pritchard (Away working) S Gurl (Illness) M Sankey (Meeting clash) T Jones (Appointment)
Cllr R Houghton (Meeting clash)

**Apologies Accepted & Resolved
Signed & Resolved**

2. Minutes of: 10.3.26

3. Declarations of Interest/DPI: None

4. Matters Arising:

- Precept 26/27 £4,759 Received by BP 23.4.26
- D/D Mandate for SC/JES completed & returned

4a. SC Cllr Rep Annual Report:

- A challenging year with finances still in a difficult position. Over £100 mil EFS from central Govt to alleviate pressure however the rural aspect Grant has been removed. This loan must be paid back. Difficult decisions must be made to reduce costs. SpArC improvements are progressing with £600k of CIL funding, £500k Capital, £250k raised by the community and with a large decarbonisation grant will make the centre more sustainable. The PC were thanked for their financial contributions. Library Services will be kept under review. Road matters are still concerning from service provider Kier. RH will continue to pursue local highway issues. Fix My Street has been a popular service. Housing Dev within the River Clun catchment area is still delayed. Alternate means to manage sewage need to be developed. Food waste collection has been delayed with no additional funding to deliver the scheme. RH thanked the PC for their support and will continue to make representations to SC and to fight hard for local services.

5. Finance:

Statement of Funds as at 10/5/26: Community Acc-£12,309.03 BMM Acc-£4,122.58

Allocated out of the current account for 2026/27: £1000 PM Budget, De-Fib Maintenance Remaining Budget £470.35, NF Available in BMM Acc: £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 2026/27 is £11.10.

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

Clerks Pay Increase: After Discussion it was Proposed by TB, Seconded by PO to raise the clerks salary from £180 p/m to £200 p/m AIF **Resolved**

(a) Donation/Funding/NF Grant Requests:

- Norbury Baby & Toddler Group/Rent of Hall Fees: £400 P) PR-C S) RL AIF
- Dial-a-Ride: £250 P) SE S) RL AIF

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

- L.Thomas-£180, 8.4.26 SO
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- SC/JES-Energy costs £180.77 (VAT value £30.13) BP 16.3.26

(c) BPs for Approval:

- Norbury CP, Library Donation: £200
- AW Corfield Parish Maintenance: £1,450
- NVH Meeting Hire and Premises Licence: £52.50 + £70 = £122.50
- Toddlers Public Liability Ins: £100
- Clear Council's Ins: £ TBC
- Havenstoke Communications/AED Yearly Fee £118.80 (VAT Value £19.80) **All Approved**

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

- Pre-planning consultation for building plot at Fold Farm House, Wentnor. Following Discussion the following comments were recorded: The proposed property is modest in size & height and would not intrude into the skyline above present dwellings. It is situated between the Fold Farm House and a substantial workshop housing a small business and could be construed as infill which would not extend the village envelope to the east into undeveloped land. Complies with the PC's objectives within the current BC Place Plan. Falls in line with Rose Cottage to the south. The existing track to the side of the Crown Inn is used for permanent access to two properties, the old village 'pound', the small business

and a ROW to the field owners to the east, the ROW of which also benefits the applicants as field owners. Minimal traffic increase. There were no plans produced to say how sewage or waste water would be managed so no comments could be made. **Agreed:** That should the proposal be submitted to SC Planning Authority for consideration, the parish council would have No Objection to the application.

- 26/01144/F-Erection of extension to existing Ag' building @ Coates Fm, R'hope: N/O submitted 4.4.26. **LPA: 6.5.26**
- 26/00761/F-Retrospective siting of Shepherds hut for occasional holiday accommodation and continued ancillary domestic use @ Clapper Farm, Ny. N/O submitted 16.3.26 **LPA: 26.3.26**
- 26/00725/F-Extension to dwelling, carport addition to existing garage, alterations & addition of greenhouse to existing building @ The Old Rectory, Wentnor N/O submitted 16.3.26 **LPA: 8.4.26**
- 26/00281/F-Barn Conversion @ Brow Farm, Ny. N/O submitted 26.2.26 **LPA: 25.3.26**

7. Village Hall:

- SE attended the recent AGM. Funds are healthy; however, some costly maintenance is likely to be required in the future. 5 weddings have been booked for the year. The Baby & Toddler Group supplied comments to report back to the committee: Storage room – this continues to be a problem when hall users, particularly nonlocal weddings/events and parties do not replace equipment correctly resulting in costly time spent moving chairs/tables etc. Despite signage, the toys are being used by attendees of hall events. The toys are not part of the Hall Hire Agreement terms, and a potential PL risk should anyone be injured using them also a possible H&S risk should any be returned broken and not reported. Permission was requested for security gates to be installed at the expense of the B&TG to cage off the toys for safety reasons.

8. Parish Plan & Environment:

- Diversion of water course on land near New Leasowes, Norbury. The Severn Rivers Trust anti-flood scheme is currently producing plans to divert the water course for the applicant Linley Hall Estate. The water course currently provides essential water for stock on fields not owned by the applicant. Diverting the small 'brooke' would have very little impact to alleviate flooding in a low-risk flood area. It was unsure whether an Environmental Evaluation Impact Assessment had been completed. It was suggested that diversion of a water course was not a legal practise and would not be permitted.

9. Roads:

- Road Closure: Unnamed road Horseshoe Inn, R'hope, 19.5.26 (BT pole)
 - Road Closure: Unnamed road Lea Fm, Ny, 26.5.26 (BT pole)
 - Road Closure: Unnamed road Bridges to Ratlinghope for bridge repairs. 24.8.26 – 4.9.26
- {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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11. Other Items/Public Session:

- Myndtown Parish Land Payments: Waterplus: 7.4.26-£12.92 (E) 5.5.26-£21.59 in credit (A)

Meeting Dates 2026:

14th July (changed from 7th) 8th Sept & 3rd Nov.

Closed 8.45pm