

MYNDTOWN COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL

Grouping: MYNDTOWN, NORBURY, RATLINGHOPE & WENTNOR Parishes.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING 14th July 2026

Present: P Owen, S Edwards, S Gurl, T Betton, T Jones.

In Attendance: Simon & Sarah Rowson. Cllr R Houghton (arrived later)

1. Apologies: P R-C (Holiday) NP (Away working) MU (Away working) MS (Meeting) RL (Holiday) Accepted & **Resolved**

2. Minutes of: 12.5.26 Signed & **Resolved**

3. Declarations of Interest/DPI: None

4. Matters Arising:

- Naturalising Norbury Project – Proposed watercourse diversion on land at Norbury and Hardwick. A meeting was held on 2nd June between the affected landowners and Cllr SE with Sophie Bloor & a colleague from the Severn Rivers Trust. SE had previously reported that the intention is to create a wet land area and pools for wildlife on land owned by The Linley Estate and for which Grants are available. However, adjacent landowners had not previously been consulted. Concerns by them had since been raised that the re-routing of the stream would cut off the water supply to their land causing catastrophic effect on the present wildlife and the natural water supply to their stock. Following discussion at the meeting, SRT compromised by agreeing to instal a sluice gate system that would only discharge when peak water flow allowed, thus only flooding the wet land when water levels were high enough. All other times the stream would flow normally. All parties had agreed this was the best compromise and solution.
- De-Fib pads replaced at Wentnor
- SH0126- Notification of Exempt Status for 2026 Received from PKF Littlejohn LLP
- At the Annual Meeting of 12th May, Claire Leggott of Ratlinghope with her agreement, was appointed as the new internal auditor.
- The AGAR Certificate of Exemption submitted to the External Auditors on 16.5.26 and all paperwork inc. The Notice for Electors Rights, published on the website.
- WPL Rent Received & Banked: 29.5.26
- MPL Rents Received by Bacs: 21.5.26
- All Approved payments of 12.5.26 have been made
- Dial-a-Ride Donation- A letter of Thanks Received 6.7.26

4a. SC Cllr Rep Report:

- (Deferred until RH arrived.) She reported on the following: NCPS – The road is not suitable for a permanent 20mph restriction, however a permanent 30mph will be introduced and enforceable. New 20mph flashing lights will be installed and enforceable during pick-up/drop-off times. # A walk-in Meningitis vaccine programme is available at pharmacies for 17/18 yrs. # After extensive upgrades, the SpArC pool re-opens on 17.7.26. An official opening will take place on 4.9.26 # More local support for Early Years support. # Planning Application @ Brooks Fm, R'hope. RH has requested it to be determined by Committee rather than the planning officer. # Activities for children @ BC Library throughout the holidays and # More support for Cost-of-Living expenses.

5. Finance:

Statement of Funds as at 14/7/26: Community Acc-£9,860.97 BMM Acc-£4,135.79 (+ 13.21 Int)

Allocated out of the current account for 2026/27: £1000 PM Budget, De-Fib Maintenance Remaining Budget £371.41, 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 have 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

(a) Donation/Funding/NF Grant Requests:

- Acton Scott Heritage Farm - **Deferred**

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

- L.Thomas-£200, 8.6.26 SO
- Clear Councils Ins-£692.44 BP 8.6.26
- SC/JES-£189.48 BP 8.6.26 (VAT Value £31.58)
- L.Thomas-£200, 8.7.26 SO

- D. Gore-De-Fib pads, £95.94 BP 10.7.26 (VAT Value
- (c) BP's for Approval:
- N Hirst, De-Fib battery replacement kit @ NVH - £184.19 (VAT Value £30.70)
6. Housing & Building Control: **Bold Type** to be read as Updates. Newest applications listed first.
- Shepherds Huts on Glebe @ Wentnor. Still in situ. **Action:** LT to chase up Enforcement.
 - 26/02442/TCA-Reduce walnut tree @ Hall Farm Barns, Ny. **No Objection submitted 10.7.26**
 - 26/01899/CPE-Lawful Dev' Certificate for existing use of dwelling as C3 residential use @ Handless Cot, Asterton. **FIO**
 - 26/01464/F-Retrospective application for the erection of Ag' building for fodder & machinery store @ Brooks Farm, R'hope. **No Objection submitted: 8.6.26**
 - Pre-planning consultation for building plot at The Fold Farm House, Wentnor. A letter detailing the Parish Council's considerations after discussion and to agree to submit No Objection once the application has been formally submitted to the LPA. Letter emailed to the applicants on 15.5.26.
7. Village Hall:
- The pads & battery have been replaced on the De-Fib.
8. Parish Plan & Environment:
- X2 Fridges dumped @ The Bridges **Action:** LT to report
9. Roads:
- Rock road to Wentnor. Some potholes have been repaired, others have not. **Action:** LT to report
 - Hills Ford Rally stages. This has been approved by SC to proceed on Sun 20th Sept. Further information will be sent to affected residents by the organisers.
 - 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:
- Email received from Richard Lancaster: Due to a move closer to family, RL will be resigning as a Wentnor Cllr in Autumn. (N)
- Please note there may be further items of correspondence.
- [website address www.myndtown.org.uk Police non-emergency number is **101**. Call **111** for non-emergency medical advice. Call **112** from a mobile phone to report rural accidents/emergencies. Scam text messages can be forwarded to 7726 to help phone providers take early action and block numbers. Fake emails can be forwarded to report@phishing.gov.uk
11. Other Items/Public Session:
- Myndtown Parish Land Payments: Waterplus: 5.6.26-£13.18 in credit, 6.7.26-£1.81 in credit

Meeting Dates:

2026: 8th Sept & 3rd Nov

2027: 12th Jan, 9th March, 13th April – APM's, 11th May – AM, 6th July, 7th Sept & 9th Nov

Closed: 8.30pm