MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING | 23rd September, 2026

Present: Cllrs J Hull (Chair), Cllr E Morfett, Cllr C Easter, Cllr J Morris, Cllr L Lewis and Cllr L Moraweicka

Others in attendance: L Law, Clerk. There was one member of the public in attendance and two officers from SNT West Mercia Police.

26.103 Apologies for absence. To receive apologies for absence. Apologies had been received from Ward Cllr Taylor and FPO John Wade. **Noted.**

26.104 Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation. Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI) and any other registerable interests in items on the agenda. Requests for dispensation must be in writing to the Clerk as soon as possible before the meeting. No declarations or written requests for dispensation were received.

26.105 To approve the minutes of the Council.

To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Meeting of the Council, held on 22nd July, 2026. The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July were **approved** as a correct record and the Chairman duly signed a copy.

26.106 Ward Councillor Report. For members to receive a report from the Ward Councillor. No report available.

26.107 Public Open Session. To receive any comments from the public on parish matters.

The West Mercia Police Officers in attendance reported that there had been two calls for the Breinton parish but there were no concerns and no crimes to report. Wildfires set during the summer are part of an ongoing arson investigations in the county.

Work has commenced on a new vehicular entrance to the SAS camp.

Noted.

The two members of West Mercia Police left the meeting at 19.22pm

26.108 Herefordshire Local Plan. For members to receive an update on the Local Plan, if available. No update available.

26.109 Planning.

1. **For members to consider the following planning applications received by Herefordshire Council.**
    - **P262370/FH 145 Kings Acre Road, Hereford. HR4 0SP.** Summer house in rear garden. Comments by 5th October. Members **resolved** to make a comment on the application to raise concerns over lack surface water drainage in the application given the size and location to neighbouring properties.
2. **For members to note the following planning applications determined by Herefordshire Council:**
    - **P261870/XA2 Upper Hill Farm, Breinton. HR4 7PQ.** Application for approval of details reserved by condition 6 attached to listed building consent 210543. **Approved. Noted.**
3. **For members to consider any planning enforcement cases.** Currently no cases pending. **Noted.**
4. **For members to consider a response from Herefordshire Council on planning application P222138 and any actions needed.** Members considered the response that the Planning Authority was not currently aware of any published Environment Agency groundwater modelling. Uncertainty remains over whether future Reserved Matters applications would be considered by Planning Committee due to the National Scheme of Delegation and the phased nature of the wider development. The draft Section 106 Agreement will be publicised for at least 10 days prior to any decision being issued. It was **resolved** that no further action be taken at this time, but that it be kept under review.

26.110 S106 monies for Breinton. For members to consider the use of available section 106 funds for appropriate schemes.
After discussion it was **approved** that Breinton Parish Council would support resurfacing the pavement up to a maximum width of 3 metres from the kerb, from the Kings Acre Road signalised crossing, across the entrance to the industrial site as far East as the funding permits.

26.111 Biodiversity Action Plan. For members to receive an update and consider any actions.

Cllr Morfett reported that he had become the Council's volunteer Parish Council Tree Warden and had applied for grant funding for bat detectors. An update meeting had been held on 1 September, where initial hydrology findings were shared. The bat survey had concluded, with all data had been submitted for analysis and a final report awaited. **Noted.**

Member of the public left the meeting at 20.28pm

26.112 Hydrology Report for Breinton Parish. For members to receive an update, if available. No update available, awaiting final report.

26.113 Parish Footpath Officer. To receive a report and consider any actions. Broken gate at the junction of SS11b and SS11a. Clerk to report to PROW. **Noted.**

26.114 Lengthsman. To receive a report and consider any actions.

The HGV signage has been fitted and the two new noticeboards have been installed. The drainage grant from Herefordshire council has been approved for £1,690.00. To confirm work with Lengthsman to cut back Summer vegetation. **Noted.**

26.114 (a) Village Hall Committee. To receive a report from Cllr Lewis and consider any actions. Last meeting was on 7th September. Discussed:

- future coffee mornings will be themed French, Italian, cream tea as well as regular fundraising for charities and the village hall.
- The line dancing event supported by the Parish Council is on 10th October.
- A new flag for the flagpole and refurbishment.
- Village Hall magazine. Discussions are ongoing.
- Next meeting 9th November. **Noted.**

26.115 Finance.

1. **For members to consider the payment of the following:**

- **Clerk's salary September £667.92**
- **BVH hall hire 603 £18.00**
- **Richard Mills 3848 £60.00 3845 £866.00**

All invoices were **approved** for payment, hard copies were scrutinised and signed.

2. **For members to note the following payments made between meetings:** Bank Charges £8.50, FMS Hereford £90.84, Ionos £18.00, Clerk's salary August £667.92, ICO £47.00, HMRC £286.14, W Watson 1920 £360.00, Herefordshire Earth Heritage Trust £350.00 **Noted.**

3. Bank Reconciliation. For members to approve the bank reconciliation dated 15th September, 2026. See finance report. The bank reconciliation dated 15th September 2026 was **approved**. It was further **approved** that £2,600 be moved from Earmarked NDP reserves to the Hydrology budget line.

4. Year-to-date Expenditure. For members to review and approve the year-to-date expenditure. The Year-to-date expenditure was **approved**.

5. Budget review 27-28. For members to consider budget lines in preparation for budget-setting. Members considered the budget lines with no additional lines being added. **Noted.**

6. Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2026/27. To note that The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached an agreement on new rates of pay applicable from 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027. The revised pay scales, as per contractual obligations, will be implemented in the October 2026 payroll and backdated to 1st April 2026. **Noted.**

7. Donation. To consider the payment of £500.00 donation to the Village Hall for the Line Dancing community event in October. (26.66 refers) Members **approved** the payment of £500.00 to the Village Hall for the Community event in October.

26.116 Town and Parish Council Survey 2026. For members to consider a

response to the Town and Parish Survey 2026 from the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia John Campion. Closes 14th October. Members **resolved** that the Parish Council would not send a response.

26.117 Correspondence. For members to note correspondence received and consider any actions.

- Dog waste. An increase in dog faeces around Wyevale Wood, Church Lane and Green Lane. To consider a request for the Parish Council to install dog waste bins on behalf of residents. Members expressed concern regarding dog fouling within the parish. It was noted that Herefordshire Council was not currently replacing dog waste bins and that the cost of the Parish Council providing and arranging the emptying of additional bins would represent a significant financial commitment. **Noted.**
- A request to place bollards in front of the new noticeboard in Green Lane for its protection. The previous noticeboard had been reversed into on several occasions. Members **noted** that the noticeboard was mounted on new posts giving greater stability, and that any further works would need permission from Highways. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

26.118 To consider items for the next agenda. Local Plan, Hydrology report,

Meeting ended at 9.20pm

Signed: Dated: