Councillors were **summoned** to the meeting of Wheathill Parish Council, held on **Tuesday 1st July 2025** at the Annex Room of The Three Horseshoes commenced at **7.00pm**

**MINUTES**

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Odell along with Unitary Cllr Davies tendered their apologies.

1. Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting of any matter in which they have a pecuniary interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.
2. **Public open session to last no more than 15 minutes.**

No comments were shared.

1. **Approve the minutes of the last meeting 13th May 2025.**

Minutes from 3rd June were approved and sanctioned to be posted to the website

1. **Nature Recovery Initiative**

Chairman Crichton spokethe Shropshire Hills National Landscape to appro 80-90 people sharing Wheathill’s Pine Marten project. The cameras around the Parish have been reviewd 6 times this year and there’s been a huge drop in wildlife activity.

Cllr Watton suggested that Far Fields Nature Reserve be harvested for wild flowers via a small round bale which can be purchased by parishioners. A cost of £20 per bale was suggested but further details needed before confirming price.

1. **Highway Items**
2. Update on Speed Strips

Nick Newton has been in touch and the plans have gone to formal consultation for the speed strips.

1. Lengthsman Activities
* Nothing of note.
1. FiMyStreet Update

The bridge at Wheathill Court Farm has been reported to outdoor recreation who will assess the site and repair as necessary.

Accidents at Loughton at Besom Farm due to the lack of white markings has been reported.

1. **Litter Bin**

Clerk contacted Juan Hernandez, Shropshire Council’s head of Street Scene, he suggested that the Council aren’t able to support the emptying of bins but may be able to supply one if the Parish can empty it into domestic waste.

1. **War Memorial Grants**

Clerk contacted 3 different builders’ merchants, Tippers, TG Builders, Travis Perkins who all quoted for the goods required. Now the Council need to get quotes for labour to complete the work. Then these details can be passed to the War Memorial Grant to determine the funding available, usually 50-75% covered.

1. **Planning -** No new applications
2. **Local News**

Boden & Sons Grocers said that they would be able to deliver to the area if at least 4 households ordered weekly. Councillor Crichton to put on social media to advertise.

1. **Place Plan / Neighbourhood Plan (CIL)**
* Phone reception – Particularly in Silvington Update.

After speaking with Shropshire Council they confirmed that it isn’t possible to put a mast up due to the sparsity of the population.

* After reviewing the parish plan questionnaire, the Council would like to further support small businesses by having a directory on the website so if anyone in Wheathill would like to enter their details please contact the Clerk.
* Speed signs for the new limit on the B4364 will come out of CIL funds so needs entering on Place Plan. Clerk to action.
1. **Notice Board Maintenance/Purchase**

Councillor Watton offered to repair when possible – thank you.

1. **Correspondence –** None Received.
2. **Donation requests -** None Received

**16. Finance**

1**. Bank Reconciliation**

 Treasurers Account @ 26/06/2025 £19,316.50

2. **Payment of Invoices**

a) Clerk Salary £374.00

b) SLCC CiLCA Qualification (50%) £225.00 to be paid to Farlow PC

Approved and sanctioned to be paid by BACS

1. **Meetings and Training attended**

Clerk supplied the training schedule for the CiLCA qualification for all Councillors to review – quite extensive with over 240 hours of training and an A-level equivalent.

1. **Items to be put on the Meeting of the next meeting.**

Polite notice on bonfires.

1. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllrs Sutcliffe and Howells nominated and seconded Cllr Watton as Vice Chairman

1. **Date of next meeting****.**

**5th August 2025.**

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