Councillors were **summoned** to the meeting of Wheathill Parish Council, held on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025** at the Cleobury North Village Hall commenced at **7.00pm**

**MINUTES**

1. **Apologies –** None
2. Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting of any matter in which they have a pecuniary or personal interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.
3. Clerk asked all Councillors if they approved of the meeting being recorded. The Council unanimously agreed and then the Clerk proceeded to address the public to let them know any comments made would be recorded and stored securely by the PC.
4. **Policy reviews and approvals – Councillors please review these in advance.**

Social Media Policy V1.0

Disciplinary Policy V1.0

Complaints Policy V1.0

Grievance Policy V1.0

Chairman Crichton deferred this agenda item to an extraordinary meeting to be discussed later in the agenda. Clerk requested that these be reviewed and approved as appropriate in the current meeting as to not delay compliance and risk governance issues. The matter proceeded to be deferred.

1. **Public open session to last no more than 15 minutes.**

12 members of the public were in attendance.

Public comments were of issues accessing the speed consultation documents for the B4364 to become a 40mph zone. Another comment shared their desire for speed signs to reduce the speed along the B4364.

1. **Approve the minutes of the last meeting 12th August 2025.**

Minutes were approved and sanctioned to be posted to the website.

1. **Unitary Councillors Report**

The August 2025 report will be shared on the Wheathill website.

1. **Nature Recovery Initiative**

Amount raised checked and confirmed – an additional £25 was given to the Clerk for the shortfall that was given at the last meeting. Total raised (with the additional money) £415.00.

Ideas on how to spend fundraising from seed bale initiative – Bird boxes was a suggestion to support swifts, house martins and swallows. Also, a suggestion of bug and insect houses on each notice board. Hedgehog boxes were also mentioned. Chairman Crichton had researched the cost of these boxes and proposed £455.90 cost. Local resident offered to make the boxes to save funds for other wildlife projects.

Cherry trees in churchyards – 2 per churchyards (Silvington, Loughton and Wheathill) Clerk to get in touch with Church Wardens about agreeing to these.

The 7 Pine Marten cameras need to be removed from the site due to local game shoot needs. It was proposed that 1 camera go to Brown Clee school and 1 to Farlow Primary School to assist with education of wildlife. The remaining 5 cameras to go to Stuart to give to Shropshire Hills on loan (Clerk to draw up an agreement).

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

No update since the consultation went live.

1. Lengthsman Activities

Move a SmartWater sign on the east side of Newton Lane closer to the Bromdon junction. This still needs doing – Chairman Crichton to chase the Lengthsman.

1. FizMyStreet Update – None
2. **War Memorial Grants**

The repair works needed are to the 15m2 wall. Cllr Watton agreed to obtain 3 quotes for labour and material supply. This will then be provided to the Grants for decision on funding.

1. **Litter Bin**

No support offered from Shropshire Council, but Wheathill PC agreed to supply a 60litre bin and then empty this into the domestic household waste bins.

1. **Wesbite Maintenance**

Suggested name of someone to help was Richard Holmes.

1. **Correspondence -** Clerks’ correspondence with SALC, NALC and LGA on best practice and legal statute when dealing with planning where there is a predetermined attitude or bias. Also, discussions around voting and the legal statute for not being quorate for specific agenda items.

Chairman Crichton did not address this agenda item and moved on.

1. **Planning**
2. **25/03380/REF**

Erection of permanent agricultural worker's dwelling house, new access and farm track, and all associated works Proposed Temporary Agricultural Workers Dwelling North Of B4364 Wheathill Shropshire

Cllrs Odell (Applicant), Sutcliffe (Declared an interest) and Howells (Refrained from voting) left the room leaving this planning item not quorate to discuss.

1. **25/02504/VAR**

Application under section 73a of the Town And Country Planning Act 1990 to remove condition numbers 2 and 3 of Application Reference Number SS/1/1467/P Condition Number(s): 2 & 3 Conditions(s) Removal: See Full Statement - barn conversion have complied with policy since 1980 in Shropshire there is no justification for any special restriction especially an occupancy restriction. Both removed Bromdon Bank Farm Wheathill Bridgnorth Shropshire WV16 6QT

After deliberation of the plans the Parish Council would like to keep the agricultural tie on for 2 years if they intend to sell it so it would be supported by family/agricultural and local residency. Shropshire Council to reconsider this after the 2 years is what Wheahill PC suggested.

1. **25/02726/FUL**

Erection of single storey rear extension Bromdon Bank Farm Wheathill Bridgnorth Shropshire WV16 6QT

After review of plans, the Parish Council voted unanimously in support of this application.

1. **Local News**

The local fun day raised £182.50, the organiser would have liked more support in the running of the event on the day from Councillors.

There is a pub quiz on the 25th October at 7.30, teams of 4. Fish and Chips food option.

1. **Place Plan / Neighbourhood Plan (CIL)**

Nothing of note this month.

1. **Donation requests**

Reserve funds for community events donation and to whom? (£150 per annum)

£70 to Kerry Godfrey for previous events. A separate committee would be beneficial.

1. **Finance**

1**. Bank Reconciliation**

Treasurers Account @ 30/07/2025 £18,513.25

2. **Payment of Invoices**

a) Clerk Salary £178.00

b) Cleobury North Village Hall £25.00

c) Clerk SLCC Membership (Clerk Reimbursement) £118.00

d) Zurich Insurance Renewal £259.00

e) Chris Bargman (Website Hosting) 2 year invoice £74.00

All payments approved and sanctioned to be paid by BACS.

1. **Meetings and Training attended**

Cllr Odell requested that she attend the Fundamentals for Councillor training on the 7th October 2025.

1. **Schedule date and venue for extraordinary meeting/s.**

Chairman Crichton addressed the public and handed out 3 resignation letters, 1 to Cllr Odell, 1 to Cllr Howells and 1 to the Clerk. She explained, in summary, her reason for resignation is due to the grievance raised and named the individual along with her disliking to the way the council has changed recently.

Cllr Sutcliffe then addressed the public and handed out 3 resignation letters, 1 to Cllr Odell, 1 to Cllr Howells and 1 to the Clerk. He proceeded to read from the resignation letter explaining that, in summary, it was due to changes he didn’t like in the Council.

Vice Chairman Watton then addressed the public to declare his resignation. No letters of resignation were handed out or received by any member of the Council. There was no reason for resignation described.

Public response was volatile and directed at the Clerk.

**Since the meeting now became not quorate, no further items discussed. Meeting closed informally by the Clerk.**

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