



MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD on 8th July 2025 HILLSIDE MEETING ROOM, LILLESBALL, 6:30PM

Members present Cllrs: Taylor (Chairman), Binnington, Challenor, Hoof, Harvey and Clayton.

In attendance: Mrs W Tonge (Parish Clerk), Cllr Andrew Eade (T&WC Borough Councillor).

56/25 Apologies and declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Cllr Parker (holiday).

57/25 Public Session

2 members of the public were present. Cllr Taylor invited residents to raise any matters. A resident from Barrack Lane raised concern that despite communications with Telford & Wrekin Council's Planning Enforcement Team the waste land remains in a poor condition and in her view is becoming a dumping ground for waste. Cllr Eade agreed to speak directly to the developer regarding the matter and confirmed he had previously requested for Barrack Lane to become a 20MPH speeding zone.

A resident from Hillside requested the parish council consider the adoption of the Stone Parish Gateway signs. Cllr Taylor confirmed the matter was an agenda item and would be discussed later in the meeting.

58/25 Minutes of the last Council meeting held 10th of June 2025

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th of June 2025 had been previously circulated and were **RESOLVED** to be accepted as a true record.

59/25 Matters arising, for information, from the minutes

Information on actions taken arising from the last meeting. No matters raised.

60/25 Correspondence

The following correspondence was shared with members:

- a) T&WC and SALC training schedules.
The Chair invited members to contact the parish office if they wished to attend the training sessions outlined during the meeting.
- b) SALC Neighbourhood Planning
Cllr Taylor put forward a motion to send a letter to MP Mark Pritchard requesting he opposes the proposals to stop funding Town & Parish Councils to develop Neighbourhood Plans. Agreed.
- c) T&WC Traffic Survey Report
No actions required.
- d) T&WC Village Gateways
Members considered the adoption of the Village Gateways.
Cllr Taylor provided members with a brief history of how the Gateway came to be installed in the village. The Clerk agreed to explore the implications further and provide members with further details at a future meeting.

61/25 Reports from West Mercia Police

Cllr Taylor welcomed Sgt Edward and PC Rolls. PC Rolls has recently been appointed to assist the SNT in covering North Telford. Sgt Edward provided members with an overview on the complications involved in combatting 'Cash for Crash' incidents specifically along the A518 and A41. Members requested further speeding surveillance needs to be carried out along Limekiln Lane and the Wellington Road/Honnington Grange area. Cllr Taylor thanked officers for their attendance.

62/25 Reports from Parish Councillors and Ward Member present

Cllr Eade updated members on planned meetings with the T&WC Rights of Way Officer and a local resident to review the poor state of 2 Styles. Following meetings with the Housing Development Company involved in the proposal of 74 houses at the end of Church Road/Abby Road, as outlined in The Local Plan he was delighted to report they have agreed to reduce the number of properties to 46.

63/25 Clerks Report

The Clerk provided members with a brief insight into local issues parish staff have reported and dealt with recently and provided members with the following information:

- Details of work to support the Parish Events.
- T&WC reduction in the cutting of local grass verges.

64/25 T&WC Local Plan Review

The publication version of the Local Plan Review is now closed for comments.

65/25 T&WC Community Governance Review

Cllr Taylor confirmed he has sent a submission which states that Lilleshall Parish Council agree with the draft proposals for Lilleshall Parish Council boundary to remain in its current form.

66/25 Road Safety Scheme

The Traffic and Road Safety Update 2025 had been circulated to councillors before the meeting. Councillors await the full report from the road traffic safety review which was recently undertaken on the A518.

67/25 Events

Councillors were provided with the following update:

Summer Trip: Friday 27th June trip to Llandudno. The trip was a resounding success.

Summer Sizzler: Saturday 5th July held on the grounds of Lilleshall Cricket Club and the Playing Fields. The event went very well with local families enjoying the free activities. Member agreed next year's event should be organised in partnership with local groups, the Clerk agreed to develop a Community Working Group in January 2026.

Scarecrow Festival: Cllr Binnington agreed to support the Clerk to make a Parish Council Scarecrow for this year's event.

68/25 Planning

Council considered the following Planning Applications received from Telford & Wrekin Council:

- TWC/2025/0433 Site of former 17 & 18 Donnington Drive, The Humbers, Telford, Shropshire
Erection of 4no. dwellings and associated garages and landscaping

Agreed: No Objection

69/25 Financial Reports

a). Councillors reviewed the latest bank reconciliation up to 30th June 2025, bringing the accounts to a balance of £60,420.80p and the payments made since the last meeting and their corresponding invoices/receipts. All reports were signed by Cllr Taylor & Cllr Hoof; all invoices were signed by Cllr Binnington.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to accept the bank reconciliation as an accurate report and approved the list of payments made since the last meeting:

Payments made during June since the last meeting

Payment made to	Details	Amount
British Gas	Electricity for Talbot Centre	£28.52
Lilleshall WI	VE Day catering	£7.53
Lilleshall Memorial Hall	Room hire	£1,262.00
Fantasy Castles	Balloon Modelling for Summer Event	£190.00
Neesdes Landscaping	Parish Planters	£450.00

Nobridge Nursery Ltd	Grounds maintenance	£687.42
W Tonge	Reimbursement for office dongle and underpayment of May salary.	£95.00
Parkman Handyman Services	SiD's maintenance	£120.00
Midland Computers	IT Support	£119.76
Hugo Fox	Parish website fee	£11.99
WMAS Newport Responders	Defibrillator battery	£305.00
Longmynd Travel	Coach to Llandudno	£740.00
Staff Salary	June Salary payments	£1,316.40
K Goodwin	Ink	£21.00
Tree Man Specialist Ltd	Tree removal in Cemetery	£3186.00
Parkman Handyman services	Cleaning of bus shelter	£25.00
Parish Staff	Salary underpayments for June	£38.54
HMRC	NI & Tax June	£329.22
Shropshire County Pension Scheme	Pension contribution	£266.52

b) Parish Grant: **Resolved** to Grant Lilleshall Pre-School £500.

Noted: Cllr Hoof abstained from voting.

70/25 Parish Assets

- a) **Allotments:** Members were provided with details of 4 quotes obtained from local companies invited for the repairs and improvements to the allotment pathways.
Resolved: that the quote from Nailed it Retirement for £ 4645.00 be accepted. The Clerk was granted permission to request the specification for pink gravel be altered to type 1 MOT, Granite dust and the work be scheduled for completion by the end of September.

Members granted the Clerk permission to request the cutting of the grass on the entrance to the allotments be added to the Grounds Maintenance list at an additional cost.

- b) **Lilleshall Tennis Club/ Talbot Centre:** Cllr Clayton was delighted to inform members that the parish council are finally in receipt of income for the Solar Panels energy generated at The Talbot Centre. Council thanked Cllr Clayton for his hard work in sorting out the ongoing issue.
- c) **Bus Shelters:** No matters raised.
- d) **Churchyard:** No matter raised.
- e) **Planters:** No matters raised.

Date of next meeting: The next Parish meeting which will be held on Tuesday 9th of September 2025 6.30pm at the Memorial Hall Office, Hillside, Lilleshall.
Cllr Taylor wished everyone a very pleasant summer break.

This meeting closed at 8.20 pm

These minutes are to be considered as a draft form until signed at the next appropriate meeting, the signed copy will be retained by the Parish Council.

Signed: *Dated:*/...../.....