Minutes of the **Meeting of** **Kinnerley Parish Council** on **24th February 2025 at** **Maesbrook Village** **Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Nicholas Barclay, Amanda Chapman (part), Mark Cuthbert-Brown, Charles Green (chair), Desmond Hudson. Lorraine Jones, Maurice Jones, Alan Lewis, James Peto, Sharon Quayle

**In attendance**: 5 members of the public and Ian Cruise-Taylor, Parish Clerk

1. **To note apologies for absence:** Cllr Richard Greening, Cllr Vince Hunt (Shropshire Council)
2. **To note declarations of interest and consider requests for dispensation**: Cllr Alan Lewis in respect of planning application 24/04120/OUT
3. **Minutes:** Council approved by majority (with 3 abstentions) the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th January 2025, for signature by the Chairman.
4. **Public participation session**

* One member of the public drew attention to the proposal to erect a mobile telephone mast in Plasau, which it is understood will not proceed as the landowner has withdrawn consent, and invited the Parish Council to continue to work to achieve improve the mobile signal in the Parish.
* Two members of the public drew attention to the latest plans for Kinnerley Shop and Post Office and proposals to build 21 dwellings. The developer stated his intention to retain the shop as a commercial operation, if at all possible. The plans indicated alterations to the access and egress from the site and the layout of the proposed properties. A full planning application will be submitted in the near future, with a proposed condition that the shop cannot be converted into residential accommodation. The developer also confirmed that he had taken ownership of the BT phone box on his land and was keen for this to have public use. The Parish Council was invited to consider lowering the wall between the shop car park and village green to improve the ease of use of the parking area.

1. **Parish matters**
2. **To receive a report from Unitary Councillor –** Cllr Vince Hunt (Shropshire Council) – none
3. **To receive a report from Clerk, to include action log – and agree any next steps.** Report noted. Parish Clerk to pursue possible insurance claim for tree work carried out in connection with damage to zipwire
4. **To receive a report back on any developments regarding flooding and agree any next steps:** Report attached (Appendix C)
5. **To receive a Police report – circulated.** It was agreed that the police should be complimented on the useful report provided
6. **To report any Highways or other parish matters**
   1. To consider and determine next steps in respect of 30 mph speed limit and further roadside footpaths for Maesbrook: It was agreed that, in the light of increased traffic, increased risk from the impact of flooding and the weight limits on the Crew Green Bridge, steps should be taken urgently to engage with Shropshire Council and the Police to bring in a 30 mph speed limit, replacing the current 40 mph limit through Maesbrook. It was also agreed that improvements to the footpaths along the same road should be sought and that a councillor/public working group be set up to take the proposals forward.
   2. To receive an update regarding Freedom Fibre: work continues (agreed to delete this item from future agendas)
   3. To approve the Terms of Reference for a Kinnerley Shop/Post Office community working group: Council approved the terms of reference
   4. Play area inspections for information – Council noted the areas of concern, Parish Clerk to bring forward proposals to rectify issues identified where possible
   5. Next steps if any in respect of Kinnerley Phone box: no further action
   6. Next steps in respect of Keep Britain Tidy campaign – email circulated: no further action
   7. To consider correspondence from RBLI about VE Day 80 bunting and flags: agreed to purchase flag and bunting and to bring to the attention of the school, Church, pub and Village/Parish Halls
   8. To review policies – Item listed at January meeting: none brought forward
   9. Parish Clerk to advise Highways regarding poor pothole repairs on the Edgerley to Kinnerley Road.
7. **Planning – see appendix A**
8. **To receive and consider an update on the proposal to erect a mobile phone signal mast:** Council agreed to continue to work towards improvement in mobile signals in the parish
9. **Planning decisions for information:** noted
10. **Planning applications/appeals for decision - To consider and determine response(s):** Council determined to make no comment
11. **To note receipt of notice of statutory consultation from 19 February to 16 April 2025 about the Green GEN Cymru Vyrnwy Frankton Project and to determine necessary steps for any response:** Council noted the consultation and agreed to consider a draft response at its next meeting.
12. **Financial Matters**
    1. Council noted Receipts in January 2025: £426.04
    2. Council approved Payments for January and February 2025 – see appendix B
    3. Council approved Bank Reconciliation, see appendix B
    4. Council considered and agreed to the grant application by Crucial Crew - £100
    5. Council noted the report and changed priorities proposed by the CIL Working Group and noted that quarterly meetings would be held, inviting members of the public to join the working group, which would be promoted through the website and Facebook.
13. **Items for consideration at the March meeting –** not for discussion or debate at this meeting: none other than those noted elsewhere
14. **Date and time of next meeting –** 24th March 2025, 7 p.m., **Kinnerley Parish Hall** – to include Annual Parish Meeting

I.F. Cruise-Taylor

Parish Clerk, Kinnerley Parish Council

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1. Council confirmed the action taken in respect of local needs application
2. Council considered a planning pre-application and determined its response.

**Appendix A**

* 1. **Planning Decisions for information:**

1. 24/04120/OUT: Proposed Residential Development Land South Of B4398 Maesbrook Shropshire - O[utline application for the erection of 4No. detached dwellings](https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SLXBFITDL9O00&activeTab=summary)

**Decision 13/02/25: Granted**

1. 24/04820/TEL: Land Near Plasau Oak Kinnerley Oswestry Shropshire SY10 8EE - Installation of a 25m lattice tower, 6 no. antenna apertures, 2 no. 600mm microwave transmission dishes and equipment cabinets inside a 6m x 10m compound enclosed by a 1.8m high close board timber fence with a 3m wide gate and development ancillary thereto.

**Decision 14/2/25: Prior Approval Required and Approved**

1. 24/04846/DIS: Post Office and Stores Kinnerley SY10 8DF – Discharge of Condition 4 (b) Notification of tree protection measures, Condition 6 Archaeology, Condition 14 Pointing/mortar and Condition 19 Ventilation Brick infill Images of tree protection measures installed relating to 23/02248/FUL for the conversion of barns to three dwellings, alterations to a previous access, and ancillary works.

**Decision 31/1/25: Discharge Conditions Part Approved**

**b) Planning applications for decision:**

1. 25/00525/VAR: Mulberry Cottage Chapel Lane Knockin Heath Oswestry Shropshire SY10 8ED - Variation of condition no. 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission ref 23/03781/FUL to alter plan references to reflect the new plans which show additional cat pens.

**Appendix B**

* 1. **Known payments for approval at the February Meeting**

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| KPH |  | room hire | 40.00 |
| Unity |  | bank charges | 6.00 |
| HMRC |  | tax | 340.40 |
| Clerk |  | pay | 510.84 |
| Total |  |  | 897.24 |

* 1. **Bank Reconciliation to 31st January 2025**

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| Financial year ending 31st March 2025 | | |
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|  | **£** | **£** |
| **CASH BOOK** |  |  |
| Opening balance 1 April 2024 |  | 51,366.31 |
| Add: Receipts to date |  | 43,814.92 |
| Less: Payments to date |  | -27,825.26 |
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| Closing balance per accounts to date |  | **67,355.97** |
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| Balance per Unity Trust bank statement as at 31/1/25 |  | 67,355.97 |
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| Less: any unpresented cheques |  |  |
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|  |  | 0.00 |
| Add: any un-banked cheques |  |  |
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|  |  | 0.00 |
| Total reconciled balances |  | **67,355.97** |

**Appendix C**

**5.c) Report re flooding**

1. After yesterday’s rain the roads from Maesbrook to Melverley and to Wernlas are cut off by flooding, and tracts of farmland are under water, even though no flood warnings appear to have been issued by the EA – only a flood alert for the Severn/Vyrnwy confluence.
2. The last Severn Valley Water Management Scheme drop in event, to learn about their current proposals, was at the Shropshire Wildlife Trust’s HQ in Shrewsbury on 29 Jan. People spoken to including National Flood Forum, who reinforced their view that we could not sit in on other Flood Forum groups meetings. The SVWMS feedback from the session (posted on 4 February) concluded by stating that *“a programme of public information and technical engagement sessions is now being planned as part of the next consultation on our proposals. This is scheduled for late Spring/early Summer 2025”*. This next round of consultation is expected to be towards the end of May and should include some concrete proposals.
3. Along with other members of the North Shropshire Farmers group run by Kate Mayne, Cllr Green attended a session at the Royal Hill on 3 February about grant schemes available for environmental works including flood mitigation measures. Kate Mayne may be helping Melverley Internal Drainage Board with an Environment Agency proposal for environmental and flood mitigation works along the River Morda, including in our parish.
4. In association with that meeting, seven of us were copied into the written submission to the Environmental Audit Committee inquiry on Flood resilience in England made by Siobhan Connor of Shrewsbury Quarry Flood Action Group last month, with help from Flooded People UK. The inquiry is focusing on how flood resilience can be strengthened in response to increasing risks from extreme weather, rising sea levels, and evolving flood hazards.

The Shrewsbury Group’s evidence included testimony from one of our parishioners, evidencing that carers of the elderly in particular, can’t get through floods.

1. The liaison we have established with the above people is in contrast to the resistance from the NFF.
2. Efforts are still being made to try to get hold of copies of the minutes of the River Severn Partnership quarterly meetings; so far FoI requests have yielded only 5 heavily redacted copies out of a possible 21 to date.
3. On Wednesday 5 February, the Government announced a £2.65 billion funding package for new and improved flood defences. However, the funding is targeted at a handful of areas across the country and there was nothing in the announcement for Shropshire.