

MINUTES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF EASTHOPE, SHIPTON AND STANTON LONG
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 18th March 2026 in the village hall Shipton at
7.30pm.

1. Public Session.

No members of the public were present.

2. Acceptance of Apologies.

Apologies were accepted from Shropshire Councillor Thomas and Parish Councillors Pearson and Shaw. Present Councillor Willaims, Wall, Taylor, Belshaw and Gibson.

3. Dispensations:

None.

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2026 and 19th February 2026.

It was RESOLVED to sign and approve the minutes of the meetings held on 11th January 2026 and 19th February 2026.

5. Shropshire Council Report.

A report was circulated.

6. Roads:

a. Any new problems.

Councillor Taylor reported the condition of the roads was discussed at the recent SALC area committee meeting. Also discussed was Broseley Town Councils devolution pilot carrying out some highways activities.

b. previous issues reported.

Clerk reported the concerns raised at the last meeting have been acknowledged.

c. SID/VAS Project.

Clerk presented the recent data. After 12 months the traffic speed is reducing.

d. Road Closures. All noted.

- B4378 Brockton Crossroads 27th-29th April (carriageway lining.)
- B4368 Unnamed Road with Swan Inn off B4368 Aston Munslow. (National Grid).
- B4368 Aston Munslow Through village. 18th May 2026 – 12th June. (National Grid)

6. Highway Maintenance project.

Councillor Taylor reported the scheme should be enhanced in the next financial year.

8. Planning: a. New Applications.

a. New applications:

- **26/00107/FUL and 26/00108/LBC** The Feathers Inn Brockton Much Wenlock. Change of use of ground floor premises to residential and minor internal and external alterations to the listed building. It was RESOLVED to make the following comments.

1. If permitted, the application appears to contravene Shropshire's Local Development Framework - Core Strategy sections CS8 and CS15.

2. An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held in August 2024 to consider this application was attended by over 40 local residents, unanimously demonstrating the level of upset in the community at the potential loss of this facility and expressing deep concern over issues such as health, social cohesion and social wellbeing arising from the potential loss of this community pub. The facts have not changed the pub had a social and wellbeing part to play in the community of the Parish.

3. The Pub not only provided tourist accommodation for visitors but

also hospitality facilities for visitors and tourists staying in other local tourist accommodation across the area. It thus both encourages tourism, with its many wider benefits to the area, and complements other businesses. The closure has led to visitors having to travel further afield for social facilities and food.

4. It is noted the pub has provided employment for many young local people over the years. The fact it is local and can be accessed without 'parent taxis' has been appreciated by several generations and working in the pub has almost been considered a rite of passage for many young people in the village and surrounding villages.

5. The Council observe that after a long period of closure the pub reopened in late 2019 after extensive works carried out by the current owner and appeared to be very well supported and immediately began to thrive, notwithstanding the long period of closure. Unfortunately, the covid pandemic caused the pub to close once again, however after the end of the pandemic period it once again re-established itself and appeared to thrive once more as both a local facility and destination country restaurant/pub, with waiting lists for tables most weekends.

b. Seen Between the meetings:

None.

c. Decisions:

None.

d. Any other planning matters.

None.

9. Finance:

a. Invoices to pay: It was RESOLVED to pay the following invoices:

1. Mrs J Madeley £195.92 fpo
2. Mrs J Madeley £303.00
3. Mr P Downes £250 x 3. (one paid)

b. Bank Reconciliation.

	£
Balance b/f 1.4.25	8,660.08
Plus income	6,586.41
Total	15,246.49
Less: expenditure	5,355.04
Total	9,891.45
Balances at 31.3.25	
Current account	2,068.13
savings account	7,823.32
Total	9,891.45
Less: unrepresented expenses	
Add unrepresented income	
Total	9891.45

c. Pension Regulator re declaration of compliance completed. Noted.

10. Defibrillators for the four communities.

- a. Units. All are working however the pads expire in July. Because of the recall it was RESOLVED to replace the units with new AEDs from MED UK from the previous quotes.

11. Consider interview panel for job vacancy.

It was RESOLVED to hold interviews on April 9th starting at 7pm. All councillors can be on the interview panel. Clerk to find out if there are a set of questions that can be asked.

12. Job applications.

Clerk has received applications for the job.

13. Correspondence.

a. Shropshire Hills Forum and Field Tests. 29th April. Noted.

b. Correspondence regarding a planning application. Noted.

14. Date of next meeting 21st May 2026. Annual parish meeting and annual meetings of the Parish Council. The meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm.

BW Williams 21-5-26