

# ST MARTINS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 at 7.00 pm in St Martins Village Hall.

## Attendance:

**Parish Councillors:** Cllr Nigel Court (Chairman), Cllr Sue Schofield (Vice Chairman), Cllr Andrew Cast, Cllr Campbell Cunningham, Cllr David Davies, Cllr Tracy Evans, Cllr Craig Jones, Cllr Duncan Laing, Cllr Alan Langley, Cllr Elaine Philips, Cllr Carl Rowley and Cllr Helen Williams.

**Members of the Public:** One member of the public was in attendance.

**Others:** SC Ward Cllr Carl Rowley.  
PCSO – Dave Hughes  
Parish Clerk – Edward Davies.

<b>070/04/26.C</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	Action
	An apology had been received from SC Ward Cllr Brian Evans. Cllr Mark Herbert was absent.	
<b>071/04/26.C</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest and Dispensations</b>	
	a) Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests. <b>None</b> b) To consider any applications for dispensation. <b>None received.</b> c) Declaration of any other interests in the agenda items. <b>None received.</b>	
<b>072/04/26.C</b>	<b>Council Minutes</b>	
	<b>Resolved:</b> with two abstentions that the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on the 12 <sup>th</sup> of March 2026 having been previously circulated be approved and adopted as a true record.	Chairman
<b>073/04/26.C</b>	<b>Public Open Forum</b>	
	The one member of the public present did not wish to raise any questions of the Council concerning matters on the agenda, the council then moved on to the next item of business.	
<b>074/04/26.C</b>	<b>Urgent Items</b>	
	The parish clerk reported on the recent issues with our email services through Vision ICT. Urgent investigations would now take place to find a more suitable and reliable provider for our emails and website.	Parish Clerk
	There were no other urgent items that related to financial, health and safety issues or issues that require immediate attention.	

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## 075/04/26.C Parish Clerk's Progress Report

The Parish Clerk said that the main issue since the last meeting had been the wrong information received from Shropshire Council on which area of Ellesmere Road was due to be resurfaced.

As regards the increase in moles on the football pitch and surrounding area, the mole catcher had reported that this was the wrong time of year to lay traps especially as the football system was still in full swing.

## 076/04/26.C Police Report

PCSO Dave Hughes reported on recent burglary incidents behind Stans Superstore, thefts of heating oil mainly in the rural areas and continued speed checks through the village. Cllr Sue Schofield said she was still concerned over incidents of drugs being distributed in the village. The Chairman thanked Dave for his attendance who then left the meeting.

## 077/04/26.C Morlas Meadows

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Carl Rowley had met with Primoris on looking at suggestions to improve footpath access onto Overton Road from this new estate. Now awaiting to confirm who owns the hedge in question. In addition, Primoris had still several issues to resolve before Shropshire Council will sign off the development. They also confirmed that they will not consider a play area on the proposed area opposite Morlas Meadows.

The Chairman also reported that he had had a meeting with our grass cutting contractor on future maintenance of the Public Open Spaces (POS) on this new estate. Now awaiting quotations.

## 078/04/26.C Highway Issues

Several potholes were reported including those on Ellesmere Road. All these should be reported through 'FixMyStreet'

Parish Clerk

## 079/04/2026 Planters

The Parish Clerk reported that until a highways officer contacts him, he could not go ahead and order these. Cllr Carl Rowley agreed to forward the contact details of an highways officer who could action this.

Cllr Carl Rowley

## 080/04/26.C Planning

There were no planning applications to be considered.

Members noted the following planning decisions and recommendations of the planning authority received since the last meeting.

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**Reference:** 26/00460/FUL (validated: 06/02/2026)

**Address:** 41 Greenfields, St Martins, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY11 3AQ

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension and vehicle access to rear

**Decision:** Grant Permission

## 081/04/26.C Financial Matters

### Accounts for Payment

BACS	Staff	Salary & Expenses	£1282.76
BACS	HMRC	PAYE & NI	£462.11
BACS	St Martins Village H	Room Hire	£24.00
BACS	Nigel Thomas	Play Area Inspections	£26.00
BACS	Huw Manford	Litter Picking, etc.	£336.20
BACS	The Faulks Partner	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. Field Lease	£375.00
DD	Veolia	Euro 240 LTR Lift	£57.10

**Resolved** that the above payments be agreed in accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Parish Clerk

### Income

CCLA	March Reinvestment	£1,312.85
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## 082/04/26.C Arthan's Pond (Carrot and Carp)

Cllr Carl Rowley had still to obtain quotations from local contractors to clear the pond area and make safe in line with the RoSPA safety report.

Cllr Carl Rowley

## 083/04/26.C Street Lighting

The following issues raised at previous meetings were still outstanding, Streetlight at Overton Road/Garden Village Junction – This unit remains non-operational and Streetlight no 56 at the east end of Overton Road was on all the time. In addition, again a Shropshire Council owned light on Overton Road opposite the junction to New Ifton was not working.

Parish Clerk

## 084/04/26.C Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Cllr Carl Rowley updated members on the following. Issues with school children having to walk along the canal footpath from Weston Rhyn, the proposed new development in Church Lane will not go to committee for consideration, CIL now being looked at by a committee, rubbish still not removed in Coopers Field and still looking into areas in the village that have not been adopted, including New Ifton.

Cllr Carl Rowley

## 085/04/26.C BMX Track

Cllr Carl Rowley said there was a considerable amount of work required to bring this into a useable facility. Agreed to look at this at a later meeting.

Cllr Carl Rowley

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086/04/26.C	<b>Mobile Phone Mast</b>  Still no further forward in establishing whether any of the three main providers have agreed to rent space to install their equipment on the mast.	Parish Clerk
087/04/26.C	<b>Member of Parliament</b>  There had been no urgent issues since the last meeting that required the attention of our MP Helen Morgan.	Parish Clerk
088/04/26.C	<b>Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC)</b>  All correspondence received from SALC had been circulated to all Cllr's.	
089/04/26.C	<b>Correspondence</b>  There were no additional items of correspondence to report on.	
090/04/26.C	<b>Members Reports</b>  Cllr Helen Williams reported on the handover of Stans Superstore.  Cllr Alan Langley reported the litter bin in School Lane not being emptied on a regular basis.  Cllr Elaine Phillips reported that fly tipping in Mount Bradford Lane opposite Orchard Close had still not been removed.  Cllr David Davies reported on the work being carried out on the allotments, especially the raised beds. Agreed to send an appreciation card to his partner who had helped on this.  Cllr Carl Rowley said the bowling club had now been tidied up.  The Chairman suggested we consider some display of Christmas Lights in the area around the memorial garden and requested more information is included in the Village Life on the location of defibrillators in the village.	Parish Clerk Parish Clerk Parish Clerk Chairman
091/04/26.C	<b>Next Meetings</b>  The next meeting will be Annual Meeting of the St Martins Parish Council to be held on Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 @ 19.00 in St Martins Village Hall.  There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.50 pm.  Signed ..... Chairman	Chairman