

# COUND PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 15 January 2026 at Cound Moor Village Hall

**Present:** Parish Councillors S James (Chair), R Davies, S Green, J Hall, T Roberts, R Sartain, S Scott, M Smith, K Symonds, and Shropshire Councillor S Coleman

**Clerk:** Lisa Harris

No members of the public were present

### 62.25 Apologies for Absence

None

### 63.25 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.
- b) There were no applications for a dispensation regarding disclosable pecuniary interests

**64.25 Public Participation Session** - *a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for the public to speak, with a strict 5-minute limit per speaker. Members of the public may speak on matters appearing on the agenda. However, if a matter does not appear on the agenda, a written request should be submitted to the Clerk no later than 2 working days before the meeting.*

There were no members of the public present.

### 65.25 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 November 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

**It was proposed** by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Roberts and

**resolved (without opposition)**

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 November 2025 be accepted as a true record. The minutes were signed accordingly.

### 66.25 Clerk's report on matters arising since the Parish Council Meeting on 20 November 2025

- Nothing to report. Focus has been on preparing budget/precept proposal.

### 67.25 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Coleman provided a brief update focussing on Shropshire Council's finances, which remain in a precarious position.

Local authorities are typically funded in two main ways: Council Tax, and through funding from central government – the "settlement". However, these two sources added together are not enough to fund the services Shropshire Council delivers. Shropshire Council has responded to the government's proposed settlement for Shropshire, making the case for fairer funding. They have also applied for Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) from the

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MCHLG). Yet to hear anything back regarding concerns about the settlement, or about the application for EFS. Expect to know more by mid-February.

**68.25 To receive any relevant updates from parish councillors**

- Councillor Roberts had performed the defibrillator audit checks and confirmed that both defibrillators were ready to use as and when required. New pads would be required for the Cound Moor Village Hall defibrillator in March. Authorisation was granted for these to be purchased.
- Councillor Sartain gave a brief update on the Guildhall: Activities continue. A local family had held Christmas Day celebrations in the hall with the venue proving a big hit. Unfortunately, the planned wine-tasting evening has been postponed until 15 May.
- Councillor Smith advised that work continues on the Coronation Commemoration plaque for the War Memorial. A photograph was shared with the meeting showing the progress being made.

**69.25 Current financial matters**

**a) Payments**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Mr D Burn	War Memorial grounds - Sept/Oct/Nov	£ 90.00
Mr D Burn	Environmental maintenance – Sept/Oct/Nov	£ 395.00
Shropshire Council	May 2025 election	£ 125.00
Miss L Harris	Clerk’s expenses Dec ‘25/Jan ‘26	£ 96.00
Miss L Harris	Clerk’s salary Dec ‘25/Jan ‘26	£ 703.00
HMRC	PAYE on Clerk’s salary Dec ‘25/Jan ‘26	£ 170.40
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 1579.40</b>

**It was proposed** by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Symonds and

**resolved (without opposition)**

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

**b) Bank reconciliation to 8 January 2026**

The bank was reconciled at £7,134.56, being the online banking balance on the date the meeting agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed accordingly.

**c) Budget and Precept 2026/27**

The Clerk had prepared a proposed budget for 2026/27. This was considered in detail, as were the various precept options.

**It was proposed** by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Hall and

**Resolved (by a majority vote)**

that the precept for 2026/27 be set at £8,761. Cound Parish Council has worked hard to keep operational costs as low as possible and therefore there is only a small increase on the 2025/26 precept. It is noted that due to being in dire financial straits, Shropshire Council is asking to devolve services to town and parish councils and increase their precepts accordingly in order to fund. This is demonstrated by Shrewsbury Town Council taking over services such as street cleaning in the town

centre and therefore having to increase their precept by 94% (£1.30 a week on a Band B property). It is highly likely that any road signs in the Parish that require replacing/installing in the future, will need to be funded out of the precept. The increase in the 2026/27 precept equates to a £0.03p rise per week on a Band B property.

**ACTION:** Clerk to apply to Shropshire Council for a precept of £8,761 by the 31 January deadline.

## 70.25 Planning

### 1. Decisions to note

#### a. Ref: 25/03896/FUL

Address: Winnow Barn Golding Acton Pigott Shrewsbury Shropshire SY5 7HJ

Description: Alteration of existing barn doors to include installation of new glazed door set, opening up and glazing further original ventilation slots and new flue installation

Validated: 17 Oct 2025

Status: Granted

Application can be viewed on Shropshire Council's Planning Portal, or by clicking [here](#)

#### b. Ref: 25/03897/LBC

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### 2. Planning applications for consideration

None.

## 71.25 Correspondence

Nothing beyond what already mentioned.

## 72.25 Future agenda items

- To consider reducing the number of parish council meetings held annually.

## 73.25 Date of next meeting

Thursday 5 March 2026 at 7.00pm at Cound Moor Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 7.47pm.

Signed by Chairman: .....

Date: 5 March 2026