

ADDERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Adderley Parish Council meeting on 29th July 2026
held at Adderley Village Hall and starting at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors P Shepley, A Swindale, N Evans, J Crennell R Casewell and Cllr C Casewell and Unitary Councillor M Myles-Hook, also J Evans (Clerk)

Apologises: Councillor M Coulon

1. **Welcome / Present / Apologises** – Councillors present as listed above with Cllr Shepley chairing the meeting in the absence of Cllr Coulon.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Public Session** – There were two members of the public present and the below issues were discussed:
 - Playground Boundary on Village Hall side. Mr Greetham, Chairman of the Village Hall, suggested that the work required on the hand rail and boundary of the playground, which is the responsibility of the Village Hall committee, be undertaken at the same time as the work on the Village Hall roof, potentially early next year. The Parish Council referred to the ROSPA report and agreed that, as this issue was classed as low risk, it made sense to do all the work together.
 - Severn Trent work in the village. The other member of the public asked if there were any updates relating to this work and the Clerk read out an email from Severn Trent's Agents, Carter Jonas, (which she had previously circulated to the Cllrs) advising that the first proposed works in Adderley Parish would be in the Spoonley area. She went on to advise that she had received notice of road closures in this area from 7th – 11th September and 5th Oct – 18th December relating to the Severn Trent work.
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting both held on 17th June 2026** – Prior to the meeting the Councillors had received a copy of these minutes and it was resolved by the Council that they were a true and accurate records of proceedings.
5. **Clerk's update regarding on-going matters:**

The following updates were advised to the Council:

 - a. The Clerk had purchased notices to go at both the entrances of the pathway between Corbett Drive and Greenbank and Cllr C Casewell agreed to put these up.
 - b. The Clerk had previously emailed the Council to advise that Shropshire Council had included the two dog poo bins by the canal on their list to empty and Cllrs Casewell confirmed that these bins were now being emptied.
6. **Report from Unitary Councillor** – Cllr Myles-Hook continues to send out monthly reports, which the Clerk circulates to Cllrs. Cllr Myles-Hook advised that:
 - Further to the Emergency Financial Support Grant Shropshire Council has been issued with a Best Value Notice which details the next steps to be taken, including quarterly reviews of spending. The full notice can be viewed on the Shropshire Council website.
 - The North West Relief Road Grant has got to be paid back to Central Government.
 - It has now been decided that the Shirehall building will be sold so that no further expenditure will be incurred and some income will be seen.
 - One of the three Park & Ride services in Shrewsbury, the one from Meole Brace, will cease in October as Shropshire Council continues to look at ways to reduce non-essential spending.
 - There will be free meningitis B vaccinations for people due to attend college or University.
7. **Report from Committees by Adderley Parish Council Representatives** – The following reports were received Adderley Village Hall – Cllr C Casewell reported that:

- The Village Welcome Packs had been discussed, this is the Parish Council's initiative, with different village groups and organisations putting inserts inside.
- The issue of Emergency Contact numbers was raised.

The Parish Council agreed that both these issues should be discussed further at their next meeting.

Shropshire Together (Local Parish Councils and Market Drayton Town Council) – The Clerk reported that although she had not attended this meeting, she had received the draft minutes which stated:

- Parish Councils were discussing and deciding whether to put in an Expression of Interest to Shropshire Council regarding working together to provide services
- Market Drayton Town Council are already working with Shropshire Council and Cllr Manton is going to update this group at the next meeting as to what has been discussed so far.

8. Planning – The following Planning Applications were considered and **comments agreed**:

26/02405/FUL - Internal alterations and replacement and raising of existing roof structure - Adderley Village Hall, Adderley, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3TD – **Support**

26/02505/FUL - Extensions to main unit, detached storage building, and new fence and gates to the fore (part retrospective) - 3 Spoonley Cottages, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3RD – **No Comment**

Determination of Planning

25/02227/COU - Change of use from agricultural to flexible commercial use (including storage and workshop use) (retrospective) - Park Farm, Adderley, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3TG – **Permission Granted**

9. Accounts

a. Expenditure – For the Council to accept and approve the below detailed expenditure

Payee	Details		Net Amount	Vat Amount	Authority
T Seabridge	Grounds maintenance	Int Bk	£720.00	£144.00	HA 1980 s 96
N Power	Street light energy	DD	£90.54	£4.53	PCA 1957 ss 3 (1)
MC re Plastic Sheets Com	Perspex Sheet for Bus Shelter Library	Int Bk	£35.86	£7.17	Localism Act 2011 ss 1-5
JE re Frontier Agric Ltd	Signs for footpath	Int Bk	£22.40	£4.48	RTRA 1984 s.72
JE re Sainsburys	Refreshments for Parish Meeting	Int Bk	£4.60		LGA 1972 s 150(2)
Jane Evans	Clerk's wages - July 2026	SO	£378.52		LGA 1972 s 112 (2)
Unity Trust Bank	Monthly bank charges		£7.00		LGA 1972 s 111
	Total		£1,258.92	£160.18	

This expenditure was reviewed and it was unanimously agreed that they should be paid.

b. Bank Reconciliation – For the Council to receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation:

Balance brought forward	£ 4,658.62
Income to date	£ 17,057.93
Expenditure to date	£ 5,742.53
Balance to be carried forward	£ 15,974.02

Bank Balances as at 30th June 2026:

Current Account	£ 911.65
Interest Earning Account	£ 15,062.37
Adjustment for payments not yet authorised	£ 0.00
Total of Reconciled Bank Balances	£ 15,974.02

c. Quarterly Financial Review – Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the financial information for the quarter ending 30th June 2026 and the Council resolved that this should be agreed and a Cllr who does is not on the bank mandate will initial the bank statement.

- d. **Adderley Village Hall Domain Name** – The Clerk advised the Council that they are presently paying £7.50 per annum for this domain name but Mr Greetham does not think that it is required. The Council agreed that the Clerk should cancel this standing order before the next annual payment is paid next month.

10. Highways & Environmental Health – The following issues were discussed:

- Canal Bridge 69 – Prior to the meeting Cllr Swindale had circulated photographs showing the cracks in the wall of this bridge and it was agreed: the Clerk will report this issue on Fix my Street; Cllr Myles-Hook will take this matter forward with Shropshire Highways; and the Clerk will send all photographs to the Canal and River Trust.
- Canal Bridge 72 - Hawksmoor – Neither Cllr Myles-Hook, or the Clerk, have received any update regarding this matter.
- Update re weeds in the village – The Council discussed the quote that the Clerk had obtained for spraying the weeds and agreed to leave this for the time being.
- Update re Severn Trent work in the Parish – This matter had been discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Cllr Casewell advised that he is still liaising with Iain Wilson regarding taking over the responsibility for the Parish Council's speed recording device.
- Cllr Crennell highlighted the fact that the very deep pot hole at the junction of Rectory Lane and Greenbank/Norton Road continues to reappear. He suggested that continually filling it with tarmac will not work in the long term but concrete would be a better solution. The Clerk will liaise with the local Shropshire Highways Officer regarding this matter.

11. Street Lighting – The following matters were discussed:

- Quotation to repair the street light in Greenbank – The Clerk advised that the quote was for £1,658 and it was agreed that enquiries should be made to see if the person that damaged the street light could be found before taking this matter further forward.
- Quotation for a maintenance contract – When they sent the above quotation through E-on had also sent this three year, £292 per year, quote through to annually clean the street lights and visually inspect them in the first year. The Council agreed not to take out this contract.
- Quotation for the 6-year electrical certificate – The Clerk explained that this certificate was now required and the Council agreed that this should be done as soon as possible.
- Any maintenance and/or repairs – no other issues were reported.

12. Playground Report – The Council discussed the following matters:

- Quotation for a replacement scramble net – The Clerk advised that this was £734 fitted or £524 just supplied. The Council referred to the ROSPA report and agreed that as this was a low risk they would leave this for the time being and monitor to check for any further deterioration.
- Playground gate – The Clerk had advised that she had been unable to find anyone to put a soft closing mechanism on the existing gate but had received a quote of £3,400 to fit a new gate which was hydraulic soft closing. The Council referred to the ROSPA report which only mentioned the gate hinges needed some tightening which was, again, a low risk. The Council agreed that a lot of money had been spent on the playground in the last 18 months and a new gate was very expensive and not necessary at this time so they would not take this forward.
- Bench – The Clerk advised that since the last meeting there had been some vandalism to one of the benches in the playground but two residents had repaired it and did not want paying for the work. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to pass on their thanks for this.

13. Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Evans continues to update the website regarding any issues.

14. Correspondence – General topic notes and information bulletins from ALC/SALC/NALC/ Shropshire Council are circulated by email to Councillors between meetings and additionally the Clerk read out an email she had received, since publishing the agenda for this meeting, relating to possible reopening of a public footpath.

15. Parish Matters – No further items were discussed.



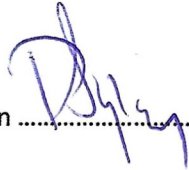
16. Agenda Items for next meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th September 2026. No further items were suggested.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Approval of the Minutes held on 29th July 2026

Minutes accepted and approved by Adderley Parish Council at a meeting held on 9th September 2026

Signed by the Chairman

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