

## Minutes of Woore Parish Council Meeting



**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 7.30pm, The Victory Hall, Woore**

### **PRESENT:**

Cllr M. Cowey (Chairman), Cllr R. Goodman (Vice Chair) Cllr C. Hamilton, Cllr M. Austin and Cllr A. Gath.

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ms C. Burnard (Clerk to the Council), Mr Iain Millar (Director - Cameron Rose Associates)

### **PUBLIC:**

There were 21 members of the public present.

### **25051 Welcome / Present, Apologies and/or absent**

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Carter due to illness and Cllr J. Higgin due to prior commitments. Cllr Tom Dainty is unable to attend due to work commitments.

It was unanimously **resolved** to accept the apologies.

### **25052 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests**

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. Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer. Members are reminded to declare any gifts and/or hospitality. (LGA 1972 s94).

**Cllr A. Gath disclosed a pecuniary interest in agenda item 25056 - Planning application 25/03245/OUT and agreed to remove himself from the discussions.**

**Cllr R. Goodman disclosed a pecuniary interest in agenda item 25059 - Woore Victory Hall 75th Anniversary Grant Application. She would present the item but agreed to remove herself from the discussion and voting.**

### **25053 Open Forum: to last no longer than 15 minutes**

The Chair opened the meeting up to the members of the public.

A resident asked about the lack of MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign) on the A51. The Chair informed the residents that the Parish Council has received a grant for 50% of the cost of the new solar powered machine. This is due to be installed before Christmas.

A resident asked what the Parish Council's response is to planning application 25/03245/OUT. The Chair stated that he has been appointed as lead councillor on this so he can confirm that the Parish Council will be objecting to the proposal. He summarised his objection into the following headings – there was no case officer appointed by the developer, the developer has listed Severn Trent as a consultee which is incorrect as that part of the parish is served by United Utilities and the Parish Council wish for National Grid to be added as a consultee as it is believed that the substations and transformers are at capacity.

The Chair has also asked for Woore Primary School and Madeley, Audlem and Ashley Medical Surgery's to be consulted as they are also at capacity. (Integrated Care Board is the only one to be in support on the condition they get additional funding to cover the extra patients.)

The Community Speed watch group have been out at the proposed site entrance and vehicle speed is a concern.

The Parish Council's official objection will be submitted on the 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Cllr Tom Dainty has also been acting on Woore Parish Council's behalf at Shropshire Council and he has confirmed that he has held preliminary talks with Cllr David Walker, the cabinet member for planning in order to put across what he sees as the unsuitability of the proposed development. Given the lack of transport links, the lack of shops, the lack of school places and the general unsuitability of the proposed location on a

busy junction as well as the fact that Woore has a Neighbourhood Plan and is in the process of updating it; he confirms WPC will be opposing this development.

The Chair has responded asking if Cllr Tom Dainty will be calling the planning papers in which takes the planning decision away from the case officer and the application is decided by the Northern Planning Committee. These planning meetings take place every two months and the case officer puts forward a recommendation to approve or decline the planning application rather than deciding the outcome themselves. The Chair will keep all residents updated and the Clerk will ensure all updates are posted on social media as Shropshire Council no longer update residents directly.

A resident raised their concerns about the proposed site entrance and the fact that if people need to cross the road from the new houses to the pavement that this is dangerous due to poor vision and speeding vehicles. The Chair replied that this has been tackled in their objection but the lack of a safe crossing for school children does go against the Governments mission for sustainable building as the new residents will need a car. It is also worth noting that the same developer is trying to build 127 houses in Audlem and this will increase cars travelling along the proposed developments surrounding roads.

A resident added that while building the Mayfair houses, the developer found it very difficult and expensive to connect the properties to the main sewer. The same problems might be present while building these 65 houses. They also added that the developers' comments about the bus routes is inaccurate. The Chair pointed out that further down in the planning document, they admit that Woore hasn't had a bus route for 10 years. However, there were several inaccuracies including the fact that there had been meetings with the Parish Council and residents. This is now believed to have been a copy and pasting error from the previous application.

A resident asked if these points had been pointed out in the Parish Councils objection. The Chair said that as all of these had already been pointed out in residents' objections, it was felt that repeating them would have taken up too much space on WPC's objection, so we have tackled other issues. The Chair also noted that the resident's objections have been very well worded and thought out.

The Parish Councils full objection can be read in Agenda item 25056.

One final note from a resident was asking if the Woore Neighbourhood Plan is being used to object to this application. The Chair said then even though the Woore plan is five years old, it is the only plan we have, and it is relied on heavily for pushing back on large developments. While the parish has received higher than wanted new houses, it is firmly believed that it would have been a lot worse had we not had a neighbourhood plan.

A resident asked about the road works at the Irelands Cross development as it is believed that there are another four weeks of road closures due soon.

Mr Iain Millar is the guest speaker on this matter acting as an Independent Highways Planning Consultant appointed to oversee and coordinate the 4 weeks of highway and utility works for the Irelands Cross development.

The road works will be as follows -

1. 15th October 2025 - Advanced warning sign notices installed
2. 20th Oct to 3rd Nov – Springett's enabling works – no Traffic Management
3. 3rd Nov to 10th Nov – Severn Trent works – under two-way lights
4. 10th Nov to 17th Nov – National Grid works – under two-way lights
5. 17th Nov to 27th Nov – Highway works Contractor – under two-way lights
6. 28th Nov – Road closure between the hours of 0930hrs and 1430hrs for resurfacing work

He is aware of Woore's Remembrance Service involving a full road closure on the 9<sup>th</sup> November and will ensure the traffic management is pulled to the side of the road and the signal controls removed for this weekend.

Mr Iain Millar informed all in attendance that the temporary traffic lights used are quite basic and will be timer based. However, they do have an inbuilt safety feature that if a vehicle runs a red light, all sets turn to red until no more motion is detected. This should prevent the issues experienced previously with the same patch of road works. If there are any issues, the phone number on the traffic light system will phone through to a

local firm in Stoke-on-Trent who can come out 24/7 to resolve.

A resident stated that during the latest road closures they had issues accessing their property. Mr Iain Millar said that as long as the safety of the residents, visitors or workmen is not in question, there is no reason why access should be prohibited. Mr Iain Millar will be on site at several points during these upcoming road works so will make sure access is not limited.

**25054 Approval of the Minutes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025** (Local Government Act 1972, s12p41(1))

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Parish meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

**25055 Matters arising: to cover any matters arising from Minutes referred to in 25054.**

The Chair asked for an update on the Pecuniary interest forms. The Clerk replied that there is only one left outstanding and that the Councillor will have their form completed by the end of this meeting so all the forms will be uploaded within the week.

The Chair has not received any updates on the Coopers Arms. There are still no pre-planning or planning applications submitted. The Chair will update all Councillors should the sale fall through but at present, it is still progressing.

The parish Lengthsman has weeded the pavement alongside the Cooper Arms carpark. This is all he could do without trespassing but does look a lot neater now.

The latest update from Robert Rowan from Openreach is *"In terms of Woore and specifically Nantwich Road and Audlem Road, we have a bit of cable feed work and jointing remaining, which will be followed by testing and commissioning. We expect services to be live by the end of October.*

*With regard to Newcastle Road, we are waiting on Traffic Management so we can undertake the work. We hope to undertake this work soon and hopeful of completion by the end of 2025 although it may slip into early 2026. Once the permits have been granted, we'll have a clearer picture.*

*In terms of Brooklands, as mentioned before this property is served from a structure in Staffordshire. The structure build is quite large and includes Weymouth/Willoughbridge which requires additional work prior to completion. Given this position, Dan and his team are going to see if they are complete Brooklands as a partial build sooner, rather than waiting on the rest of the build to complete. We should have an idea of timescales and whether this is possible next week so will keep you posted."*

There has been no further communication regarding the Manor House and its sale to HS2. It is still hoped to have been completed by the end of 2025.

**25056 Planning:**

a) to adopt already submitted response to the following application, as circulated to Councillors prior to meeting;

i) Reference: 25/03245/OUT

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land South Of, Audlem Road, Woore, Shropshire

Proposal: Outline Application for 65No. dwellings to include means of access.

Objection submitted as follows –

*"Woore Parish Council (WPC) OBJECTS to this Outline Application 25/03245/OUT and provide evidence and information to this objection as follows.*

*The Parish has a Woore Neighbourhood Plan 2016 -2036 which was voted at a Referendum in May 2019 and at Shropshire Council's meeting on 25th July 2019 the decision to 'make' the Woore Neighbourhood Plan was agreed unanimously.*

*Following meetings with Shropshire Council's Planning Policy and Strategy Manager and the Policy and Neighbourhood Planning Officer the following was issued and available on the Parish Council website:*

*At the Woore Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th of July 2025 it was unanimously supported for the following statement regarding the Woore Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2036.*

*On the 25th of July 2019, Shropshire Council resolved to 'make' the Woore Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2036. The 'making' of the Plan meant that Plan was adopted and became part of the statutory development plan for the area. Though the plan is now six years old this remains the case and the policies contained in Woore Neighbourhood Plan will continue to influence development in the local area.*

Woore Parish Council will continue to monitor the Shropshire Local Plan review and when necessary or appropriate then Woore Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2036 will also be reviewed.

This Outline Application does not comply or conform to the Woore Neighbourhood Plan as follows:

#### HOUSING AND DESIGN POLICIES

##### POLICY HOU1 - SCALE AND LOCATION OF NEW HOUSING

Development boundaries around the individual parts of the community hub of Woore, Irelands Cross and Pipe Gate are defined and shown on Figure B. Within the development boundaries, in order to meet local housing needs, and to remain on a scale appropriate to the existing character of Woore Parish, it is envisaged that around 30 additional dwellings from 2016-2036 will be delivered, incorporating small scale residential developments of up to ten dwellings per development.

Outside these settlements the parish is designated as open countryside, where new development will be strictly controlled in line with the development plan and national policies.

Woore Parish Council object to Application 25/03245/OUT as it is outside the Development Boundary as shown in Figure B. The proposal of 65 dwellings does not comply with small scale residential developments of up to ten dwellings per development. The figure of envisaged that around 30 additional dwellings from 2016-2036 will be delivered, The Parish have now already exceeded that number.

##### POLICY HOU2 - HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Housing developments within the settlements of Woore, Irelands Cross and Pipe Gate will be supported where they have regard to the following:

- a) do not adversely affect local landscape character and visual amenity
- b) maintains the gaps between settlements
- c) are located on brownfield land
- e) are a conversion of existing buildings
- f) replace an existing building
- g) do not adversely affect heritage assets or their settings.

##### POLICY HOU3 - DESIGN

New housing development will be supported where they have regard to the following:

- A. Where adjoining open countryside they should provide a sympathetic built-to-unbuilt area transition.
- B. The topography and natural features of the site should maximise significant views from the site to the surrounding countryside and minimise impact on the skyline.
- C. Minimise adverse impacts on the amenity of future or adjacent property by reason of overshadowing, overlooking, visual intrusion, noise and disturbance, odour, or in any other way.
- D. New dwellings to be normally no more than 2 storeys high, unless such development is appropriate to its setting, topography, and is well designed in its own right.
- F. Respect the character of the locality and the local vernacular and contribute positively to local distinctiveness.
- H. Development should support features beneficial to wildlife where appropriate.

Woore Parish Council OBJECTS to Application 25/03245/OUT as it does not comply with any of the above Housing and Design Polices within the Woore Neighbourhood Plan. The application does not include a document for a Wildlife and Survey Mitigation Report which due to the proposed location should be a requirement due to proximity of a stream and ponds in the vicinity.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES

##### POLICY INF1 - PARKING

Developments that do not exacerbate existing parking, or lead to the loss of existing parking provision (unless the lost parking places are adequately replaced in a nearby and appropriate alternative location), or that provide an agreed alternative transport facility will be supported.

Any appropriate further provision for appropriate car parking in the parish will be supported.

*New residential, retail, commercial and business developments that have adequate parking facilities to avoid or minimise 'on street' parking will be supported. For residential developments, the minimum is 2 car parking spaces per 1 - 3 bedroomed dwelling, and a minimum of 3 parking spaces per 4+ bedroomed dwelling.*

*Woore Parish Council note that the proposal Development from the Site Layout allocates a total of only 92 parking spaces when the requirement to meet the Woore Neighbourhood Policy for the design of houses proposed would require a minimum of 138 parking spaces.*

*To support this taken from the Woore Neighbourhood Plan:*

#### *8.1 Evidence and Justification*

*8.2 Woore is a rural parish, and some distance from a number of facilities. Like many rural areas, there is high car ownership and usage. The 2011 census indicated that in the Parish of Woore 59.1% of households have 2 or more cars, compared to 32.1% in England. This exacerbates the problems with car parking in the village.*

*8.3 Woore Parish is fairly isolated, and further away than average from key services such as a job centre, secondary school and a GP. Accessing public transport at a necessary or convenient time is not always achievable. Data from the Department for Transport indicates that Woore is 10.4kilometres from a job centre, with the average distance in England being 4.6kilometres. The nearest secondary school is 6.2kilometres from Woore, with the average in England being 2.1kilometres. The nearest GP surgery is 5.3kilometres, compared to the England average of 1.2kilometres. To walk or get public transport to a supermarket takes 45 minutes from Woore, compared to the county average of 12 minutes. It is likely that the high car ownership in Woore Parish is therefore set to continue.*

*Shropshire Council are well aware of the need and requirement as currently there is extremely limited car park spaces that are available in the centre of Woore which is generating parking on the highway/footpaths when visiting the Post Office/Shop and other facilities.*

*Other current Infrastructure Issues, Woore Primary and Nursery School, Drainage and National Grid, Road Improvement Requirements, Bus/Public Transport Services that Woore Parish Council wish to be taken into consideration regarding the reason for objection:*

*Woore Parish Council obtained the following statement from Woore Primary and Nursery School in September 2025:*

*School's Current position:*

- Current number of pupils attending Woore Nursery & Primary School 65 (over subscribed-capacity is 56)*
- Year groups lower down the school are larger and therefore the pupil numbers will increase over time as older year groups leave.*
- School nursery is full for 2025-26 and almost full for 2026-27. We are at capacity in nursery due to building/room size and could not accept additional pupils unless the room size is increased. We have a waiting list for children wishing to start at our nursery. We have had to turn away parents wishing to start their children in our nursery and they have gone elsewhere.*
- Cohorts moving into reception over the last 3 years have been oversubscribed.*
- All year groups are above or at 'capacity' except Y5.*
- The reception intake from our own nursery predicted for 2026/27 looks to be 11. This however does not take into account pupils joining the school from other nurseries. This year we took 8 children from other nurseries into our reception class and 5 from our own nursery. Our published admissions number is 8 and we were therefore oversubscribed for our reception cohort.*
- Should we receive a significant increase in pupil numbers, we would need to increase our staffing levels and add an additional classroom.*
- In addition to an additional classroom and extension of the school nursery, current facilities in school as a whole would need extending. This includes the school hall, additional pupil and adult toilets, staff facilities and the school kitchen.*
- Current road markings and signposts would need to be enhanced to highlight school awareness.*

*Our trustees of the Collective Vision Trust, school governors and school leaders would welcome the proposal of the 65 new dwellings with the condition that the following requirements are met:*

- One new classroom
- More pupil toilets-primary age
- Extension to nursery classroom and more toileting facilities
- Increased adult facilities-staff room, toilets
- One additional teacher and increased support staff
- Extension to kitchen and hall
- Improve current road markings for safety and to highlight school awareness.

Woore Parish Council are currently engaged with Shropshire Council regarding the Safety and Wellbeing of the Staff/Pupils and Parents on issues outside the school regarding road safety markings, 20 is Plenty or a dedicated speed reduction zone and width of current footpaths outside the school boundary. The current width of the footpath does not meet the Legislative Requirements.

The application promotes the availability of the school and safe walking distance but fails to recognise that there is no provision for a footpath on the side of the proposed development resulting in residents/pupils who reside in the development having to cross a major road, the A525. Then to proceed to the school having to navigate an unmarked tactile crossing point at a major junction the A525/A51 before encountering the narrow footpath near the school. The Parish Community Speed Team watch conducted a survey on the 23rd of September 2025 where in the time between 8.30am -9.30am, 18 vehicles exceed 35mph in the 30mph opposite the proposed development.

#### Drainage

It is noted following the Parish Council advising that the provider for the area of the proposed development regarding waste drainage is actually United Utilities and now added as a Consultee and await the comments from them on the Planning Portal.

The Parish Council refers to the Parish Place Plan For Woore Parish regarding drainage:

Project ID 501

Title of Project - Woore Wastewater Treatment Works WwTW

Project description - Planned upgrade scheme to accommodate growth needs. Impacts to Woore, Dorrington, Pipe Gate and Ireland's Cross.

Infrastructure Type - Utilities

Place Plan category - Priority A

This was acknowledged and included on the Place Plan following numerous reports of raw material escaping from sewer holes in the Parish and comments from the provider that the current system was at capacity for wastewater.

Regarding Surface Water the responsibility of Shropshire Council Highways, a report conducted by WSP Consultants on behalf of Shropshire Council in March 2022 in the Conclusions it stated:

#### 3.1 CONCLUSIONS

Flooding at Woore occurs as a result of the existing highway systems being undersized. There have been multiple additions to a historic system which have resulted in it being under-capacity. Gullies are heavily silted throughout and surcharge onto the highway frequently. The watercourse, which all of the systems outfall into, is heavily silted and has been culverted in places, possibly in unconsented works.

#### National Grid

Woore Parish Council acknowledges the inclusion of National Grid Land and Development Team as a Consultee following the recent issues in the Parish regarding supply and provision of electricity to another major development within the Parish which highlighted, and comments received may require a major upgrading of substations and transformers to meet incremental demand.

#### Road Improvements for Audlem Road, Woore

During the process of Road Safety for the HS2 Project it was identified that the major junction of the A51/A525 required major safety improvements. The A525 Audlem Road classified as a major road required reconfiguration as part of the scheme proposed for the overall junction. The proposal was due to the lack of vision at this junction as traffic entered onto the A51, with the incremental traffic this proposed development will generate more safety concerns if not actioned. The Road Safety also included further restrictions for Candle Lane which leads off the A525 Audlem Road onto the A51 Nantwich Road, so it could not be used as an alternative route or "rat run".

*Bus Services/Public Transportation*

*The Parish Council wishes to confirm that other than the school transport to take pupils to Secondary Schools and Training Colleges there have not been any other bus services in the Parish for over 5 years and is a major concern of the current residents of the Parish.*

*Previous Application for Audlem Road*

*The Parish Council refer to a previous Planning Application 16/01105/OUT for residential development including provision of affordable homes for Land South of Audlem Road Woore, which was validated on the 14th March 2016 where REFUSAL was decided on the 18th May 2016, this is for the same area of land proposed for 25/03245/OUT.*

*With the Recommendation Reason for Refusal:*

*Recommended Reason for refusal.*

- 1. The application site occupies a countryside location outside of the settlement of Woore where market housing provision is not supported in principle by adopted development plan policies. The development would extend the settlement into open countryside and cause environmental harm on the character and appearance of the locality. Accordingly, the proposal is not considered to constitute sustainable development in principle and is contrary to adopted Shropshire Core Strategy policies CS1, CS4, CS5 and CS6; Site Allocation and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan policies MD1 and S11.2(vii) and the National Planning Policy Framework.*
- 2. In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority in sufficient information has been submitted to indicate an appropriate level of visibility from the site can be achieved. It is therefore considered that the site and use of the access in connection with the proposed development would be likely to result in conditions detrimental to highway safety and is contrary to policy CS6 of the Shropshire Core Strategy.*
- 3. The proposed development would not provide a pedestrian pavement to gain access to the village and local facilities and as a result pedestrians having to walk along the main A525 and as such would result in highway safety concerns to pedestrians which would be contrary to policy CS6 of the Shropshire Core Strategy.*

*Woore Parish Council notes and supports the residents' objections to Planning Application 25/03245/OUT already received and confirm its OBJECTION to this application.*

*All comments are subject to consultee comments.*

*Woore Parish Council request that it is notified of all changes to planning conditions relating to this planning application and subsequent applications relating to it."*

ii) Reference: 25/03365/VAR

Address: Land West London Road, Irelands Cross, Shropshire

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 and 7 attached to planning permission 22/03559/FUL to provide family rooms for Plots 3 to 7, 9 and 10 and removal of timber planking to front elevations

Comments submitted as below -

*"Woore Parish Council objects to 25/03365/VAR and the variation to condition 2 and 7 to planning permission 22/03559/FUL to provide enlarged family rooms for Plots 3-7, 9 and 10 and removal of timber planking to front elevations.*

*Condition 2*

*The removal of Condition 2 would allow the enlarged family rooms for 9-10 which are located along the northwestern boundary with the rear elevations facing towards 1 & 2 Eardley's Court, allow overlooking and loss of privacy to these properties and will result in detrimental impact on the private amenity of the occupiers of these properties.*

*Woore Neighbourhood Plan 2016 -2036*

*POLICY HOU3 - DESIGN*

*C. Minimise adverse impacts on the amenity of future or adjacent property by reason of overshadowing, overlooking, visual intrusion, noise and disturbance, odour, or in any other way.*

*Condition 7*

The removal of timber planking to front elevations which in the Development Manager Report of May 2023 when permission was granted states at 6.3.16 Conditions are proposed to agree external materials of the dwellings so that they will respect the local appearance of the area, .....

The Parish Council refer to:

Woore Neighbourhood Plan 2016 -2036

F. Respect the character of the locality and the local vernacular and contribute positively to local distinctiveness.

Woore Parish Council wish that these observations and objections are taken into consideration before any decision is made.”

iii) Reference: Amendment 25/01978/FUL

Address: 2 Oak Farm Barns, Dorrington Lane, Woore, Crewe, Shropshire

Proposal: Insertion of two conservation rooflights and installation of solar panels on existing garage (change in description)

Comments submitted as below -

“Woore Parish Council SUPPORTS this application

- All comments are subject to consultee comments.

- Woore Parish Council request that it is notified of all changes to planning conditions relating to this planning application and subsequent applications relating to it.”

b) to agree lead Councillors to circulate comments to be submitted via delegated powers;

i) Reference: 25/03585/FUL

Address: Cedars, 21 Pipe Gate, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 4HX

Proposal: Existing extension and conservatory replaced with single storey rear extension

Cllr R. Goodman was appointed as lead councillor for this.

ii) Reference – Amendment 25/01892/FUL

Address - Cherry Tree Farm, Cherry Tree Lane, Woore, Crewe, Shropshire.

Proposal - Detached garage with pitched roof and dormers, with first floor self-contained living accommodation for staff, following demolition of existing storage shed to include change of use of land.

Cllr R. Goodman will pass this application onto Cllr M. Carter once received as he was the original lead councillor.

c) Decisions: to acknowledge all planning decisions made between 8th September and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

i) Reference: Amendment 25/01978/FUL

Address: 2 Oak Farm Barns, Dorrington Lane, Woore, Crewe, Shropshire

Proposal: Insertion of two conservation rooflights and installation of solar panels on existing garage (change in description)

Decision – Permission Granted

**25057 Shropshire Council Representative Report: for Cllr T. Dainty to provide reports/updates on any relevant matters.**

Most of Cllr Tom Dainty’s report is regarding the planning application and included above. The remaining is shown below – “The next item pertains to the merging of parish resources, I have been told that recently multiple North Eastern Shropshire based parishes held a meeting to discuss the sharing of resources in order to devolve and take some control from Shropshire Council. I believe that it would be beneficial for Woore Parish Council to consider attempting to join that cluster in order to get good value for money and thus take control over some of Woore’s future. “

The Chair is to reply to Cllr Tom Dainty asking for further information on the North Eastern Shropshire Parishes as well as the wording of ‘devolve’. The Chair is concerned that this means that the Parish Council will be taking on more work for no extra income. These extra duties could include white lining, gully cleaning

and verge maintenance. The Chair is keen to work with neighbouring parishes but wants to make sure WPC understands what is involved before incurring costs.

**25058 Committee and Representatives Reports: for Councillors/representatives to provide reports/updates on any relevant matters.**

Cllr C. Hamilton updated residents and Councillors that the data collected from the last 100 days shows that 82% of vehicles on Newcastle Road (coming into Woore from Madeley) are over the speed limit. That equates to 70 vehicles a day. Cllr C. Hamilton added that the new MVA's are slowing vehicles down however he is still very concerned about speeding on the A51 adjacent to the footpath by the school. West Mercia Police have confirmed they will be out with their speed gun over the coming weeks.

Cllr C. Hamilton closed his report asking if any of the residents in attendance wished to join the community speed watch group, they are in need of more volunteers.

The Chair has attended the Chairmans meeting and the main take away from it was that they are looking at a blanket ban of pavement parking.

There was a lot of discussion on Shropshire Council financial situation, including the SALC affirmation fees for FY26/27.

The Chair has not received any more reports of overgrown trees or hedges. There was one tree down near Onneley during the recent storm, but this was quickly dealt with by Highways.

Cllr R. Goodman is continuing to work with Outdoor Partnerships to upgrade the parishes footpaths. She feels that the local landowners are beginning to understand that their previously unused footpath are now being used and are taking better care of them.

**25059 Woore Victory Hall 75th Anniversary Grant Application to be Discussed**

All Councillors had received the application prior to the meeting and had reviewed it.

The Woore Victory Hall is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary throughout the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov and the hall is holding various event at various times. Inside the hall will be a café, an exhibition showcasing the past and present hirers of the hall as well as honouring the fallen soldiers from WW2. (After the anniversary this piece will be sent to the Church to display for Remembrance Day.) Residents are also contributing a flag for the bunting if they wish.

The hall is applying for £500 to go towards the refreshments, printing and entertainment as well as going towards a plaque to permanently mark the 75 years and a new sign to be hung outside showing the years in operation.

It was **unanimously agreed** that Woore Parish Council would donate £500 to Woore Victory Hall.

**25060 Remembrance Day Donation to British Legion and Arrangements/Support from Parish Council**

The Chair reminded Councillors that in previous years, the Parish Council has donated £180 for 5 wreaths along with supporting the Remembrance Day parade with traffic management and liaising with the school and the Church.

The Chair proposed that Woore Parish Council again donate £180 for the 5 wreaths. All were in agreement. The Chair will be away on Remembrance Sunday so handed over organising to Cllr R. Goodman. The Clerk will order the wreaths and Cllr M. Austin offered to support with traffic management.

**25061 Website and the Email domain change to gov.uk**

Cllr R. Goodman confirmed that both Parish Council websites are up and running well now. She proposed that they switch over the old website by the beginning of November. This will result in an auto forward of all web traffic to the new website. All signs within the parish have been updated to show the new web address. Emails can be changed over slower, probably in January 2026. This will make sure all Councillors are AGAR compliant.

The Chair added that the new website looks very professional and modern.

### **25062 Road Work Issues at Ireland's Cross – National Grid**

The Chair deferred this agenda item to November's meeting as the roadworks are still ongoing. Cllr A. Gath asked if this item was referring to the upcoming roadworks discussed earlier and the Chair confirmed it was regarding the health and safety breaches from the previous set of roadworks. This will be discussed in November's meeting by Cllr R. Goodman.

### **25063 Place Plan Update**

The Chair, Cllr R. Goodman and the Clerk attended a meeting with Woore's Place Plan Officer in early September. The additional projects were uploaded to the portal however the Place Plan Officer is still to approve them. The Clerk will chase this up.

The Chair also asked if the Clerk had submitted the CIL financial update yet. She confirmed it was awaiting Cllr Tom Dainty's signature.

Cllr M. Austin attended the LNRS (Local Nature Recovery Strategy) conference on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and summarised it for the Councillors. She stated it was a good conference with lots of helpful tips about getting the local children involved in projects. The Chair agreed that getting the school children involved in the renovation of the Newcastle Road land would be a great idea. There was also a lot of focus on using land for insect friendly landscapes.

Cllr M. Austin appreciated the conferences slogan of 'just do it' encouraging councils to get started with their big projects.

### **25064 Winter Planting Programme/Update Cllr. Higgin**

In her absence, Cllr J. Higgin spoke to the Clerk and asked that if all Councillors were in agreement for the same winter planting as last winter, she will email Westholme's Nurseries and get the planters updated. All were in agreement with the same planting as in winter 2024 so Cllr J. Higgin will organise. A formal update will be given by Cllr J. Higgin in November's meetings.

### **25065 Christmas Tree Arrangements to be discussed**

Cllr J. Higgin spoke to the Clerk in her absence and confirmed she had sourced a Christmas tree but is awaiting a firm price for it before she puts it to Councillors. A formal update will be provided in November's meeting.

The Chair confirmed that the parish has two sets of Christmas tree lights that can be used.

### **25066 Budget 26/27 Update ready for Budget Setting in November.**

The Clerk has shared a draft budget with the Chair and Vice Chair for their review. This will be shared in November meeting. In the meantime, the Chair asked if Councillors could start thinking about any additional items, they wish to be priced into next years budget.

Cllr A. Gath asked about how to price in things like white lining and gully cleaning especially if we merge with neighbouring parishes. The Chair replied that this is a question for Cllr Tom Dainty who he will email shortly.

## 25067 Finance

i) Invoices/payments & receipts: to resolve to approve the below detailed expenditure:

Date	Recipient	Reason for Payment	Cheque Number	Net Amount	VAT Amount	Power of Expenditure
13.10.2025	Chelsea Burnard	Clerk Salary (Sept PAYE Deduction  Expenses - Refreshments Play Area Signs Dog Mess Signs		£631.20 -£126.20  £3.98 £20.02 £5.59 £541.11	- -  - £5.12 £1.40	LGA 1972 s. 112 (2) LGA 1972 s. 112 (2)  LGA 1972 s. 112 (2) LGA 1972 s. 112 (2) LGA 1972 s. 112 (2)
13.10.2025	Cllr R Goodman	HugoFox Monthly Charge Ordnance Survey Maps		£11.99 £79.90 <u>£91.89</u>	£0.00 £0.00	LGA 1972 s. 111 HA 1980 s. 96
13.10.2025	Tony Seabridge	Grounds Maintenance July – Aug 25		£355.00	£71.00`	HA 1980 s.96
13.10.2025	Stripes N Graphics Signs	St Leonards Play Area Signs	PAID 2041	£320.00	£0.00	LGA 1972 s.137
13.10.2025	Woore Victory Hall	Room Hire 2025 Q3		£104.00	£0.00	HA 1980 s. 96
13.10.2025	SALC	Shropshire Together Conference		£42.00`	£0.00	HA 1980 s.96

It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the payments for October 2025.

ii) Councillors to receive bank reconciliation up to month end September 2025.

Closing Bank Balance at 30th September 2025			
Current Account	100.00		
Business Reserve Account	205,821.95	<u>205,921.95</u>	
Less unrepresented Cheques			
<b>Cheque 002008</b>		(120.00)	
<b>Cheque 002041</b>		(320.00)	
			<b>205,481.95</b>
<b>Split as follows</b>			
<b>Closing Balances</b>			
CIL Neighbourhood Fund	111,807.35		
General Fund	93,674.60	<u>205,481.95</u>	-

## 25068 Clerk's Report and Correspondence

To receive a summary of Reports and Correspondence for the period from 9<sup>th</sup> September to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the external auditors have come back with the interim audit report. There is one action on it due to the Public Notice of Inspection not being displayed for the correct length of time. The Clerk has now displayed this on the website and in the notice board. Once this has been displayed for 30 working days, she hopes the external audit will be signed off.

On 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025, the Clerk attended a meeting in Aston Parish regarding the proposed changes to the junction of the A51 and A53 at Blackbrook. Originally planned to have traffic lights and road realignment

by HS2, the junction is now facing a prohibition of right turns. Aston Parish Council believe this will force traffic onto unsuitable minor roads so wish to object to this.

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The meeting closed at 10pm.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Signed.....(Chair)