



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 21st July 2026

Church of St Mary, Pillerton Hersey, CV35 0QH

Present:

Cllr Hewson
Cllr Hitchman
Cllr Thomas
Cllr Newcombe

In attendance:

Laura Callow, Clerk and RFO
WCC Cllr David Curtis
2 Members of Public

The meeting started at 19:00

1. Apologies

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Malcom Littlewood who's on holiday.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made by Councillors.

3. Dispensations

None

4. Public Forum

Members of the Public used this time to express their concerns and opinions on items of the agenda and any other community matters.

5. Approval of Minutes

To approve the minutes of the previous meetings:

- a. Annual Parish Council meeting of the Parish Council 19th May 2026

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of 19th May 2026

6. Village Green

Clerk spoke with Solicitors; they have chased this with the land registry and awaiting a response. Clerk also spoke to SDC who have said they maintain the green on behalf of WCC who they thought owned it. Clerk also spoke to Peter Endall who has confirmed in writing the village green is still not registered with Land registry. Mr Crockett explained what work he is doing to the track and what materials are being used. He will produce a detailed diagram/plan of the track for future reference. Clerk will look into details for getting an agreement set up.

7. Biodiversity

Resident spoke to the chair regarding concerns about a couple of verges that have been mowed back.

8. Planning Matters

- i. 26/01642/FUL Land Off Kineton Road Pillerton Priors – majority of councillors agreed to respond with OBJECTION with conditions.

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- ii. 25/01271/FUL Land Adjoining Coverwell Farm – this is an amendment; there's no response needed.
- iii. 26/01636/TPO The Stable House – councillors agreed to NO Objection
- iv. 26/01602/AGNOT Roselea Barn – councillors agreed to NO Objection

To note the following planning application outcomes:

- i. 25_02998_FUL – Springfield Farm – GRANTED with conditions
- ii. 26/01159/TREE Staddle Stones, Watery Lane – WITHDRAWN

9. County, District and Parish Liaison

County Council update

WCC David Curtis report is attached under **Appendix A**

District Council update

Cllr Littlewoods report is attached under **Appendix B**

10. Finance

- a) To receive bank reconciliation report
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the bank reconciliation report (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Hitchman, all in favour). **Appendix C**
- b) To approve accounts for payment
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the accounts for payment (Proposed: Cllr Hewson, seconded: Cllr Hitchman all in favour).

11. Chair and councillors report and items for future Agenda

Chair mentioned a post at the top of the footpath to the allotments is falling over. She will report it to the relevant department.

Cllr Hitchman mentioned hedge by the village green has been trimmed back to the sign but then stopped so walkers can't walk past without walking onto the road so Cllr will action this by reporting to relevant department.

12. Clerks Update

-The South Warwickshire Local Plan Publication Version (Regulation 19) consultation is now live and runs for a period of 7 weeks from Tuesday 21 July 2026 until 23:59pm on Tuesday 8 September 2026. During this time, any person or organisation may make representations.

-a current vacancy for a Parish Representative on the District Council's Audit and Standards Committee (ASC). If a member of the council wishes to be considered for this vacancy, clerk will provide the Parish Representative Protocol, which provides an overview of the role, together with a nomination form.

Completed nomination forms should be returned to me by Friday 7 August 2026.

-Parish Councillors and Clerks are invited to join members of the public, other local leaders and organisations and our MP, Manuela Perteghella, to a local screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film on the threats to British life from ongoing damage to nature and to our climate.

Location: Rother Street Arts House, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6LU

Date: Wednesday 29th July 2026

Time: 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

13. Date of next meeting

- a. To note the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, 15th September 2026 at Church of St Mary, Pillerton Hersey, CV35 0QH.

14. Exclusion of Public & Press

Confidential matters, including those identified during the meeting, to be discussed here following a resolution to exclude the public under Sec 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Meeting closed 20:24pm

Signed.....

Appendix A

Warwickshire County Council Report Councillor David Curtis

Changes to Councillors' Grant Fund

Community groups across Warwickshire are to benefit from a refreshed County Councillors' Grants Fund 2026–27, designed to deliver greater impact, simpler access, and stronger alignment with local priorities. Discover more:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7734/changes-to-councillors-grant-fund-to-boost-impact-for-communities-across-warwickshire

NB This year there will only be 1 round and deadline is July 26

South Warwickshire Local Plan

Officers from Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwick District Council would like to invite you to attend an update on the Publication Version of the South Warwickshire Local Plan. The online session will take place on Friday 10 July, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Please register in advance using the link below:

www.events.teams.microsoft.com/event/d76576a585d94c11a81fb70b1b929e71@ea0773dc0dec-4c50-a4c9-bc26a247ed21

Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email containing the Microsoft Teams joining link. If you experience any difficulties accessing the meeting, please contact us at swlp@stratford-dc.gov.uk.

This session is intended exclusively for Parish, Town and District Councillors in Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick Districts, and Warwickshire County Councillors.

Supporting key transitions for children and young people

As the end of the summer term approaches, families across Warwickshire are preparing for a range of important changes in their children's education.

Find out more about the support available:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7745/supporting-children-and-young-people-through-key-transitions>

Summer SEND picnic at Ryton Pools (X and Facebook)

Families of young children with SEND enjoyed a fun-filled summer picnic at Ryton Pools, bringing parent carers together to play, share experiences and access valuable support.



Discover more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/7801/summer-picnic-at-ryton-pools-brings-parent-carers-and-young-children-with-send-together>

Looking after the vulnerable in hot weather

If you have friends, family or neighbours who you know are more vulnerable to the effects of hot weather, it's important you check in on them to ensure they are safe and well. Find out more on staying safe here: www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather

Float to live – water safety

Parents and carers! Would your child know what to do if they found themselves in a dangerous situation near water? Teach them the 'Float to Live technique. It could save their life one day!

Watch the video: https://youtu.be/XiN5hvoouMk?si=Afnt_NOxtuegTuHv

Appendix B

DC Cllr Littlewood

District Councillor Report June 2025

Overview for July

·As I write, we remain in the pre-election “purdah” period until 9 July. During this period, politically sensitive decisions are not made. The main topics this month remain the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) and Devolution and Local Government Reform (D-LGR).

SWLP

Following the PINS feedback report, both Councils (SDC and WDC) needed to address questions about the development viability of sites, particularly in relation to the proposed levels of build headroom, density, infrastructure, biodiversity and carbon net zero requirements beyond Government policy and statutory requirements. A considerable amount of work has been completed since then by Officers, and the draft Regulation 19 SWLP was published late on Friday 3 July. It is now being reviewed by members of both Councils and is due to be either ratified or rejected next week. Both Councils must agree the draft before it can proceed to public consultation. At SDC, the dates are:

- Monday 13 July: SDC Overview and Scrutiny
- Tuesday 14 July: Joint Cabinet at WDC, Leamington Town Hall
- Wednesday 15 July: Full Council

For the joint SWLP to carry weight, both District Councils will need to demonstrate individually that they have a viable five-year housing land supply (5YHLS) to support the Soundness of the Local Plan which will be tested at Regulation 19 by the Planning Inspectorate. This will also depend on the outcome of the D-LGR changes outlined below.

If both Councils agree the draft, the SWLP will be made available for public consultation for six weeks only. Please use the following link to read the draft plan contained in the Joint Cabinet Agenda pack:

[Appendix 1 - Publication draft South Warwickshire Local Plan.pdf](#)

5YHLS

The 5YHLS remains unmet in both the WDC and SDC areas. The 5YHLS is very important. Without meeting the land to build required number of homes, and business developments to support occupancy, neither the current Local Plan, the Core Strategy (CS) in SDC, nor the SWLP can be considered up to date or carry full weight in Planning determinations. This means that the “tilted balance” referred to in the current NPPF (paragraph 11) applies, with a presumption in favour of granting planning applications.

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The current Local Plan is out of date in relation to housing policies, locations and numbers because there is no demonstrable 5YHLS.

Regardless of which Local Plan is being considered, we need to secure a demonstrable 5YHLS to avoid a “development free for all” in our District. This is the critical objective. Achieving it will help us maintain and protect our part of the County while providing homes, environmental protection and employment opportunities for our children.

Devolution and Local Government Reform

The Government’s decision on the future shape of local government in Warwickshire is eagerly awaited. A decision has been promised before the Summer Recess. At that point, we will know whether there will be a continuing Warwickshire authority, a single Warwickshire unitary authority, or separate North Warwickshire and South Warwickshire unitary authorities. The last option would allow for the establishment of a Warwickshire Mayoral Strategic Authority, with additional responsibilities devolved from central government and increased funding to support them. It should be noted that WCC already has some devolved responsibilities.

Appendix C

PILLERTON HERSEY PARISH COUNCIL			
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026			
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1 APRIL 2026		£	3,674.58
RECEIPTS		ACTUAL	
20/05/2026	Stratford District Council precept	£	3,475.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		£	3,475.00
		£	3,475.00
PAYMENTS			
	Salary	-£	706.32
	WALC Subscription	-£	136.60
	Stationery	£	-
	Insurance	-£	277.00
	Room hire	£	-
	Training	£	-
	Audit	-£	150.00
	Other administration	£	-
	Travel expenses	£	-
	Website/IT	-£	84.99
	Village green project	£	-
	Environment maintenance	£	-
	Charitable grants and donations	£	-
	Other	-£	12.75
	Elections	£	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS		-£	1,367.66
		-£	1,367.66
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 21/07/2026		£	5,781.92
BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT 21 July 2026		£	5,781.92
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