



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 15th September 2026

Church of St Mary, Pillerton Hersey, CV35 0QH

Present:

Cllr Hewson

Cllr Hitchman

Cllr Newcombe

In attendance:

Laura Callow, Clerk and RFO

WCC Cllr David Curtis

DC Cllr Malcolm Littlewood

0 Members of Public

The meeting started at 19:00

1. Apologies

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Thomas.

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 21st July 2026

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of 21st July 2026

6. Biodiversity

Area opposite green hasn't been trimmed to the edge of the village as it stops at the sign.

7. Village Green

Clerk spoke with solicitors again and was told the application was rejected. The council need to re provide all the information needed by solicitors and they will re file with the land registry.

8. Planning Matters

- i. 26/02050/TREE Broadclose – Council agreed to respond with a NO OBJECTION. This was submitted by the clerk.
- ii. 26/01751/TREE Fir Tree – Council agreed to respond with NO OBJECTION. Clerk submitted this response.

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- iii. 26/01797/TREE- Aaron House – Council agreed to respond with NO OBJECTION. Response was submitted by clerk.

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

A councillor mentioned the hedgerow by the war memorial needs cutting back and the white lines on the road/junctions need a refresh.

12. Clerks Update

There is an Extraordinary Parish Forum meeting had been arranged for Thursday 22 October regarding Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). Meeting link will be forwarded to councillors 5 day prior to meeting.

13. Date of next meeting

- a. To note the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, 17th ember 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.

Meeting closed 20:13pm

Signed.....



Appendix A

Warwickshire County Council Report Councillor David Curtis

South Warwickshire Local Plan

Consultation has now closed and will proceed to Regulation 19 with a decision on the plan by the Government Inspector expected in Spring 2027. There is little direct impact on Pillerton Hersey, but the new NPPF does assume a presumption in favour of development. The changes/postponement of LGR has little or no impact on SWLP

Local Government Reorganisation LGR

As announced on September 7 the Government is delaying LGR due to several legal challenges from Reform UK, primarily around the size of the new Unitary Authorities. The Government's initial guidelines proposed population size of 500,000, the North and South Warks split had a population of circa 230-250,000.

It is now likely that District and Borough Elections will take place in May 2027, probably for a 2-year term, with elections to the new Shadow Authority, whatever that may be, in May 2028 with 'vesting day', 1 April 2022... but who knows...?

It also seems that the new Strategic Authorities will be based on existing County boundaries so, even if we have a N/S Warks split, the new Strategic Authority will include the whole of Warwickshire.

Funding CAPP Grant

The CAPP grant is being delivered by the Community Safety Team and includes measures to tackle and prevent crime and increase community safety.

Community safety is a holistic partnership approach to reducing crime and disorder in local communities, enabling people to feel safe at home, at work, walking down the street or in other public places. The Crime Awareness and Prevention Programme (CAPP) is launching at the start of June 2026.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 gives key agencies, including County Councils, a legal duty to work together to address crime and improve public safety.

Highways Delegated budget

I still have funding in my Highways Delegated budget for any highways projects

Appendix B

DC Cllr Littlewood

District Councillor Report September 2026

Overview for September

In August I reported that this is a holiday period with Central Government in recess. And normally little happens in Local Government. This year has been different with Devolution and Local Government Reform, the South Warwickshire Local Plan, reform of the planning system from the 31st of October this year, and the climate that threatened high fire risks in rural areas and future food security: not to mention a change in Prime Minister.

I have little to add to my previous report therefore except to repeat how important it is that Parish Councils encourage their residents to respond to the public consultation on the South Warwickshire



Local Plan that will directly affect the communities and all who live in South Warwickshire. As it is drafted this plan will change where we all live until 2050.

Representations can be made via the SDC Website and also be emailed to swlp@warwickdc.gov.uk, or posted to the South Warwickshire Local Team, Stratford-upon-Avon District, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6HX.

Devolution and Local Government Reform

At the end of last month, the Government announced that Warwickshire will be administered by two separate Unitary Authorities, North Warwickshire and South Warwickshire. Two such authorities will enable a Mayoral Strategic Authority to be established attracting additional annual funding from Central Government for the implementation of devolved powers. The details of the latter are to be notified. It is possible however that the Government will require a Warwickshire Mayoral Strategic Authority to also combine with another authority such as Worcestershire. No further information is forthcoming on that matter.

The Government has also determined that NHS regions should match the political authorities' geographies. In Warwickshire that would mean removing Coventry from the current sphere which would seem unlikely. Also, there is a review of the number of police forces with a view to reducing the number of forces to increase efficiency. The new South Warwickshire Unitary Authority will comprise Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils. The vesting date for the change is 1st of April 2028. It seems likely that a separate Fire and Rescue Authority would be set up under a Warwickshire Mayor, but again, no information is coming from Central Government on that subject.

Elections for the current District Councils are due to go ahead in May 2027 as normal but will also elect members for the Shadow Unitary Authority. The electoral Wards (41 in SDC) of the current District Councils will be replaced by the current County Electoral Divisions, 27 in South Warwickshire). Each Division will have two members, except for Bidford & Wellford and Budbrooke & Bishop's Tachbrook which have three elected members each giving a total of 56 members. Parish Council elections will be at the same time as UA elections to ensure Parish Councils do not carry the financial burden of a separate election. Members elected in 2027 will serve an initial five year term.

An Extraordinary Parish Forum meeting will be held on 22 October 2026 at 6pm, regarding Local Government Reorganisation. This will be an online meeting via Teams, and a link to the meeting will be forwarded with the agenda five working days prior to the meeting. Parishes are entitled to send nominated representatives of their Council (usually the Chair and/or their Clerk) to the meeting, with a maximum of two per Council. Additional Parish representatives may attend, subject to written notice being given to the District Council's Democratic Services Team (committeemanagers@stratford-dc.gov.uk) five working days prior to the Forum meeting and subject to the subsequent approval of the Forum Chair.

South Warwickshire Local Plan and Regulation 19 Public Consultation.

The SWLP was approved to be submitted for Regulation 19 at the last Council Meeting. I voted against the motion because I do not believe that the plan is ready and is flawed because the deliverability is based on getting some £400m funding for two new roads and bridges across the River Avon, and in my judgment is not "sound". The next stage is now in progress and is a public consultation which closes on the 8th of September, although this is not very well publicised in my opinion. Below I have copied the list of face-to-face public meetings that are planned by SDC. You will note that none of the public briefings are scheduled for the South of the district. I have raised this with the Chief Executive, and his deputy has stated that our part of the District is not affected by the plan in so much as housing numbers are not allocated, but that is not the point. The plan will affect everyone, and everyone has a right to comment and express their view. One more face-to-face meeting is due to be announced, and I have requested

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it to be in Shipstone on Stour. Meeting availability or not, it is important that our residents have the chance to make their feelings known and have them taken into account before the final submission of the Regulation-19 draft plan.

Comments can be submitted on-line at the link below, or by email, or by post. Regulation 19 Consultation. The Regulation 19 consultation of the South Warwickshire Local Plan is now live until Tuesday 8 September 2026. This Regulation 19 consultation is being undertaken on behalf the Government's Planning Inspector and is focused on specific issues, namely whether the plan meets legal requirements, shows effective joint working between councils and has been properly tested in terms of soundness. It gives residents, businesses and stakeholders the opportunity to have a final say before the document it is submitted to the government for independent examination. Following the consultation, the plan is scheduled to be submitted to the Secretary of State by 31 December 2026, in line with Government deadlines.

There are a number of events being held for residents to ask questions to officers:

- ☐ Monday 10 August, 4pm to 7pm - Bidford Parish Council meeting room
- ☐ Wednesday 12 August, 4pm to 7pm - Talisman Square, Kenilworth
- ☐ Thursday 20 August, 4pm to 7pm - Waterside, Stratford-upon-Avon
- ☐ Wednesday 26 August, 4pm to 7pm - Pump Room Gardens, Leamington Spa

Members of the public are encouraged to respond online via the South Warwickshire Local Plan Consultation Portal where possible. Representations can also be emailed to swlp@warwickdc.gov.uk, or posted to the South Warwickshire Local Team, Stratford-upon-Avon District, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6HX.

Appendix C

PILLERTON HERSEY PARISH COUNCIL				
Bank Reconciliation report				
Financial year ending 31 March 2027				
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1 APRIL 2026			£	3,674.58
RECEIPTS				
20/04/2026	Stratford District Council precept	£	3,475.00	
		£	3,475.00	£ 3,475.00
PAYMENTS				
28/04/2026	HMRC	-£	11.60	
28/04/2026	Laura Callow salary	-£	223.84	
28/05/2026	HSBC	-£	4.25	
08/05/2026	Zurich Town & Parish Insurance	-£	277.00	
26/05/2026	Laura Callow salary	-£	223.64	
26/05/2026	HMRC	-£	11.80	
29/05/2026	HSBC	-£	4.25	
18/06/2026	Kenneth Dunn	-£	150.00	
26/06/2026	HMRC	-£	11.80	
26/06/2026	Laura Callow salary	-£	223.64	
29/06/2026	HSBC	-£	4.25	
01/07/2026	Laura Callow (microsoft office365)	-£	84.99	
13/07/2026	WALC	-£	136.60	
28/07/2026	HSBC	-£	4.25	
28/07/2026	Laura Callow salary	-£	223.64	
28/07/2026	HMRC	-£	11.80	
28/08/2026	HSBC	-£	4.25	
03/09/2026	Laura Callow salary	-£	223.64	
03/09/2026	HMRC	-£	11.80	
09/09/2026	WALC	-£	96.00	
		-£	1,943.04	-£ 1,943.04
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 09/09/2026			5	£5,206.54
BANK STATEMENT 09/09/2026				£5,206.54