

Cubbington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm 24th September 2026
the meeting was held at the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor Ian Hodges (Chairman)
Councillor Paul Watkins
Councillor Pete Smith
Councillor Jane Coad

Councillor Gary Willoughby
Councillor Esther McCarthy (Vice Chairman)
Councillor John Roberts
Councillor Daniel Meggitt

Warwick District Councillors: Councillor Kohler

Warwickshire County Council: Councillor Edwards

Members of the public: 0

In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Proper Officer Clerk & RFO

Councillor Hodges was in the Chair. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councillor David Saul

Members paid tribute to David Saul a long serving Parish Councillor for over 43 years. David had a passion for making the lives of residents better. It was agreed by all that he would be dearly missed.

AGREED: to hold a memorial event for David.

1029. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Val Roberts and Martin Key, WDC Councillors Pam Redford, Daniel Russell, Alan Boad. WCC Councillor Sarah Boad.

1030. Declarations of Interest:

Declarations of Interest were received from:

Councillor McCarthy	-	Pavilion Committee and Village Hall
Councillor Ian Hodges	-	Village Hall
Councillor Pete Smith	-	Pavilion Committee
Councillor Daniel Meggitt	-	Pavilion Committee

1031. District and County Councillors' Reports for information**WDC – Councillor Kohler**

Local Plan – waiting to hear what changes if anything. Next step would be the submission at the end of the year, could be minor changes or no significant changes. Another vote at District Council the middle of December if approved it would be submitted to the Government. Nothing major expected.

Will keep pressure to do more traffic modelling around some of the sites. More traffic modelling to get more data and it is hoped that this would be included. Any other ideas to be forwarded to Councillor Kohler.

LGR – this is paused in Warwickshire. At the moment there should be WDC elections next year but could be unpaused and back on for all elections.

Councillor Willoughby asked if air quality could be added. What is traffic volume doing to our air quality.

Council has to do an annual air quality report, will try and find out what is happening with it.

AGREED: Councillor Kohler to see where the latest traffic monitoring system is and if it isn't close by will ask for it to be.

WCC - Councillor Ben Edwards

Reg 19 consultation – expressed severe reservations. The data that was obtained as part of the crossing investigation it showed that the roundabout was at capacity.

Essential that the Local Plans reflect the impact on the cumulative flow of increased traffic. Want to see more infrastructure work completed first, absolutely necessary.

Crossing on Windmill Hill - Petition was submitted, Mr Petal gave a speech. Portfolio Holder confirmed that this would be installed. Indication that this will be a "puffin crossing". Unlikely this would be completed this financial year.

Bridge over the Leam – working on the design. Not going to happen this Calander year.

Highway outside Cubbington Primary – double yellow lines, enforcement team said they will not enforce it. The path is too narrow to physically prevent it. Expecting a written response with the information. Outstanding posts to be installed.

Markings on the mini roundabout –

ACTION: Councillor Edwards to check where in the programme the updates to the road markings are.

Orange road markings –

Orange indicates utilities works.

ACTION:

- (i) Councillor Edwards to check what these are for.
- (ii) Monitor the works to ensure that the repairs are completed properly.

1032. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th June 2026 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th June 2026 were approved.

1033. Matters arising

Nothing to discuss.

1034. Public Participation

There were no members of public present.

1035. Correspondence**Thomas Southern Charity –**

The Chairman updated that he had received an email from the Clerk to the Thomas Southern Charity. The Parish Council had discussed this at length previously. Councillors had reviewed the constitution and paperwork in relation to the Charity and had felt this was not robust enough and declined to become involved with the Charity.

Members agreed that the decision made previously remained unchanged.

It was agreed that, as indicated by the Charity's Clerk, that the Charity should be wound-up.

Proposed: Councillor Watkins Seconded: Councillor Willoughby Unanimous

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) After formal discussion it was agreed that the risk to the Parish Council to be involved in the Charity was a risk that it was not prepared to take.
- (ii) Chairman to write to the Charity Clerk and inform them of the Parish Council's decision.

1036. Chairman's Report**Hobby Centre**

We are attracting new people from the community who come along and see what we do, some come on frequent basis others not so regular. We are still doing many jobs for the community and the Parish Council.

Recreation Ground

Over the hot dry spell, I have continued to water the trees and shrubs, we have managed to save most but will know more when the spring comes next year. The water harvesting system that we put in a few years ago has enabled us to do this work and it has saved us having to draw water from the mains supply.

Wildflower meadow

Along with members of the community, we have started to cut the meadow ready for the winter period, this should enable the seeds to be dropped off the plants ready for next year. Thanks to the team that keeps the meadow in good condition.

The meadow is establishing itself now and many types of flowers are in full bloom, a sight worth looking at.

Village Hall

I have spent many days in discussions with the Village Hall users about the new kitchen that we need to install. We now have a scheme that is approved by the main users which will bring the kitchen up to a commercial standard and our Clerk is now trying to locate any grants that may be available.

David Saul

I along with other Councillors attended the funeral of David Saul. Some of us acted as pole bearers and I read the lesson, a sad occasion with a full church.

1037. Councillors' Reports**1037.1 Cliff Cleaver Pavilion**Fun day –

Councillor Meggitt updated that the fun day had been very well attended and enjoyable.

Christmas Event –

The event takes place on 28th November from 3:30pm.

Official side of things had been completed. Require marshals.

Grant received of £500.00 from WCC Councillor Grant scheme – Councillor Edwards.

Councillor Jane Coad had obtained a grant for £1,000 from O'Briens.

Silver band and male voice choir would be performing.

Road train – based on a trip to the North Pole.

Councillor Coad is in charge of the Sleigh.

Bar and food

ACTION: Councillor McCarthy to put an advert out to recruit a Parish Task Group.

Decorating the Village – this takes place on 14th November – volunteers to help decorate the Village. Big stars from last year
Memory stars.

1037.2 Youth ClubYouth Club –

Few issues with children telling parents they are at Youth Club, but they aren't they are hanging out in the Recreation Ground. This is being addressed. Grant award of £2,000 from the WCC Councillor Grant Scheme.

MUGA –

Plan to write to all local businesses asking for donations.

1038. HighwaysParking on the verge by the mower shop

Obscuring the view being dangerous

ACTION: Councillor Edwards to report to Highways.

1039. Police

Councillor Hodges would attend the next Police Liaison meeting.

1040. Finance**1040.1 payments PAID since the last meeting:-****2026-27 – EXPENDITURE**

DATE	REF	DETAILS	AMOUNT
25.06.26	E49	Warwickshire Bouncy Castles Fun Day	£810.00
25.06.26	E50	Gary Willoughby Invoice 00094	£112.00
25.06.26	E51	J Chatterton Office Costs reimbursements	£73.99*
25.06.26	E52	SSE Energy Bus stop light	£71.45
25.06.26	E53	Unity Service Charge	£7.00
17.07.26	E54	DS Wagstaff Invoice 5543	£630.00
17.07.26	E55	Tom White Pavilion Waste IAC224261	£44.21*
17.07.26	E56	DM Payroll Services Inv5340	£81.00*
17.07.26	E57	J Chatterton Clerk Salary July	DPA

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17.07.26	E58	HMRC Tax & NI Clerk	DPA
17.07.26	E59	WCC Clerk Pension Employer & Employee	DPA
17.07.26	E60	J Chatterton reimbursement stamps	£94.99
17.07.26	E61	I Hodges Rec Ground maintenance watering	£286.60
17.07.26	E62	J Chatterton Office costs reimbursements	£73.99*
17.07.26	E63	E McCarthy Youth Club grant & reimbursements	£269.25
17.07.26	E64	PSL Invoice 21605 Fun Day	£462.00*
17.07.26	E65	J Franks Maintenance Recreation Ground	£358.41
21.07.26	E66	SSE Energy Bus stop light	£69.15
31.07.26	E67	Unity Service Charge	£7.00
05.08.26	E68	Tom White Waste IAC227465	£63.72*
05.08.26	E69	DS Wagstaff Inv 5568	£315.00
05.08.26	E70	Gary Wiloughby Inv 00095	£208.15
05.08.26	E71	SLCC BK227038-1 Elections	£46.20*
05.08.26	E72	SLCC BK227039-3 Transfer of Assets	£13.96*
05.08.26	E73	Metcalfe Timber 949445	£45.00*
05.08.26	E74	J Franks Maintenance Recreation Ground	£322.00
10.08.26	E75	J Chatterton Clerk Salary August	DPA
10.08.26	E76	HMRC Tax & NI Clerk	DPA
10.08.26	E77	J Chatterton Paperstone Reimbursement ink	£88.76*
10.08.26	E78	J Chatterton Office costs reimbursements	£117.99*
10.08.26	E79	WCC Clerk Pension Employer & Employee	DPA
25.08.26	E80	J Chatterton Dog poo bag dispenser bags	£130.92*
25.08.26	E81	I Hodges Recreation Ground Maintenance	£396.90
25.08.26	E82	I Hodges Woodchipper	£350.00
25.08.26	E83	Need the Loo toilet hire Christmas event	£288.00*
25.08.26	E84	J Chatterton Ecoweb hosting	£19.20*
25.08.26	E85	SSE Energy Bus stop light	£71.45
25.08.26	E87	Unity Service Charge	£7.00
18.09.26	E88	J Chatterton Clerk Salary Sept inc back pay	DPA
18.09.26	E89	HMRC Tax & NI Clerk	DPA
18.09.26	E90	J Chatterton reimbursement planters	£217.00
18.09.26	E91	J Chatterton Office costs reimbursements	£169.14*
18.09.25	E92	Moore External Audit 2025-26	£535.50*
18.09.26	E93	Tom White Waste IAC232505	£21.24*
18.09.26	E94	Gary Wiloughby Inv 00096	£140.00
18.09.26	E95	WCC Clerk Pension Employer & Employee	DPA

*inc VAT

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.**1041. Sports Pitch****1041.1 Pitch Hire Agreement Charges****ACTION:**

- (i) Pitch hire agreement to be updated – review at November’s meeting.
- (ii) review and updated signage.

1041.2 Security**ACTION:**

- (i) Pitch hire agreement to be updated – review at November’s meeting.
- (ii) review and updated signage.

1042. Planning Matters

Nothing further to report.

1043. HS2 Update

Councillor Watkins updated:

1. Rugby Road Closure

HS2 will close Rugby Road from **Tuesday 1 September to Monday 28 September**.

- **Full 24/7 closure**, including weekends.
- The **footpath to Cubbington Woods** will also be closed for the same period.

2. Weekend Works – Overbridge Completion

Additional weekend closures will take place to complete landscaping and final works around the new overbridge:

- **Saturday 3 October – Sunday 4 October 2026, 7:00am–6:00pm**
- **Saturday 17 October – Sunday 18 October 2026, 7:00am–6:00pm**

These works include:

- Landscaping and new verges
- Road markings and signage
- Safety inspections for the new overbridge

By mid-October, the new bridge is expected to be fully operational, with access to the woods restored via the new overbridge footpath.

3. Coventry Road Closure

A full 24/7 closure of Coventry Road will be in place from:

- **Monday 5 October to Friday 16 October**

This is required to divert multiple utility services ahead of the **Coventry Road realignment** and connection to the new overbridge.

4. Summary

HS2 works will cause significant temporary disruption through September and October, including full road closures, weekend works, and temporary loss of access to Cubbington Woods. The new overbridge should be in use by mid-October, with final culvert and drainage works scheduled for early next year.

1044. Report to Cubbington Parish Council: South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) – Regulation 19 Consultation

Councillor Watkins updated:

1. Consultation Period

The Regulation 19 consultation on the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) closed on 8 September 2026. This marked the final stage for public representations prior to submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

2. Submissions Made by Cubbington Parish Council

Cubbington Parish Council submitted a comprehensive set of evidence and formal objections, comprising:

- **Urban Vision Planning Report** A detailed professional assessment of Site SGO5 and wider plan soundness issues.
- **Microsoft Forms Survey – Cubbington Residents**
 - 661 responses to the main survey
 - 367 written comments providing qualitative evidence of local concerns
- **Formal Regulation 19 Objection** Setting out the Parish Council's position on soundness, legal compliance, and the impact of proposed development on Cubbington and its surroundings.

These materials were submitted within the consultation window and acknowledged by the SWLP team.

3. Joint Working with Lillington Representatives

The Parish Council worked collaboratively with Lindsay and Wendy from Lillington to support their evidence gathering. This included:

- Providing access to the Forms survey platform, with separate entries created for Lillington residents.
- Enabling Lillington to gather a substantial evidence base, resulting in:
 - A 1,084-signature petition, formally handed in at Leamington Town Hall
 - Additional comments collected through the Lillington survey portal

This cooperation strengthened the collective community response to the SWLP proposals affecting both settlements.

4. Parliamentary Representation

The local Member of Parliament raised the matter in a Parliamentary debate, highlighting:

- Concerns that Green Belt land is being incorrectly reclassified as "grey belt"
- Disparities in housing allocations, noting:
 - Coventry's assessed housing need reduced by **50%**
 - Stratford's increased by **99%**
 - Warwick's increased by **78%**

The MP argued that these figures suggest disproportionate pressure on non-Labour-voting areas. This intervention ensured national visibility of local concerns regarding the fairness and evidence base of the SWLP.

5. Councils Supporting the SWLP

Only the two district councils responsible for producing the plan have formally supported it:

- **Warwick District Council (WDC)**
- **Stratford-on-Avon District Council (SDC)**

Both councils voted to approve the Regulation 19 document for consultation.

No other district, town, or parish councils have passed formal resolutions supporting the SWLP. Several have submitted objections or raised significant concerns.

6. Summary

Cubbington Parish Council has submitted a strong, evidence-based objection supported by professional analysis, extensive resident feedback, and coordinated work with neighbouring communities. The consultation has now closed, and all representations will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate for examination.

1045. Councillors' reports and items for future Agenda:

- Signage outside the Pavilion for car park, dog walking
- Complaints about the dark area in the car park
- Dogs on leads

1046. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Thursday 22nd October 2026.**

Meeting closed at 8:15am.