

North Shropshire Area Committee

Minutes of the North Shropshire Area Committee 7.00 pm on 15th June 2026, Wem Town Council Meeting Room.

Present:

Committee Members

Marius Coulon
Andy Woodthorpe
Nigel Stallard
Peta Smith
Sylvia Hammond
Bob Cole
Merv Roberts
Michael Dams
Liz Vernon
John Britton
David Parry
Rose Hall

Adderley PC
Baschurch PC
Cheswardine PC
Moreton Say PC
Myddle, Broughton & Harmer Hill PC
Norton in Hales PC
Shawbury PC (Chair)
Sutton Upon Tern
Wem Rural PC
Wem Rural PC
Wem TC
Whitchurch TC

Also Present

Sylvia Pledger
Dan Corden
Cllr David Walker
Amanda Roberts

SALC
Shropshire Council
Shropshire Council
NS Area Committee Secretary

Apologies Received

Janet Garguilo
Sharon Jackson
Bob Thompson
Lynn Bearman
Claire Crackett
Tommy O'Flaherty
Andy Hall
Malcolm Carter
Chris Mellings

Ellesmere Rural PC
Ellesmere Rural PC
Hordley PC
Stoke on Tern PC
Stanton PC
Wem TC
Whitchurch TC
Woore PC
SALC

Presentations

The Committee received the following presentations which were followed by a detailed question and answer session:

- 1. Local Plan Scoping Consultation** – Dan Corden, Shropshire Council (attached)
- 2. Planning Matters** – Cllr Dan Waler, Shropshire Council

Committee Business

1. Election of Chair

The Committee resolved to elect Cllr Merv Roberts Chair of the Committee for 2026-2027

2. Apologies

As listed above.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2026 were noted.

4. Future Meeting Dates

The following dates were noted:

14th September 2026 (WTC Meeting Room)

11th January 2026 (Zoom)

8th March 2027 (WTC Meeting Room)

13th June 2027, Annual Meeting (WTC Meeting Room)

5. SALC Report

The Chief Officer's report was circulated in advance

6. Finance and Banking

a. The secretary provided a verbal update:

Balance: £1815.80

Commitments: £284.27

Available funds: £1531.53

7. Matters Raised by Parish Councils

No matters raised

8. Suggestions for Future Speakers/Topics

- Housing Needs Survey, Craig Bethel – September 2026
- Severn Trent's Community Flood Team – September 2026
- Helen Morgan MP – invited to attend by Zoom or in person
- Flooding Officer – invitation sent
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9. Date of next meeting

14th September 2026 (Wem Town Council Meeting Room).

The meeting closed at 20.10