

Cherington and Stourton Joint Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th June 2026 7.30pm

Parish Clerk: Dawn Fisher. School Cottage, Burmington, Shipston-on-Stour.
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Present: Cllrs P Townsend (Chair), D Marriott (Vice Chair), I Cameron, C Gall.
Cllr S Whalley-Hoggins (Stratford District Council).
D Fisher (Clerk)
2 members of the public

1. Apologies: Cllrs B Babbage, J Barker (Warwickshire County Council)

2. Declaration of interest: Cllr Townsend declared an interest in item 5.5 damaged footbridge, due to being situated on his land.

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 20th April were unanimously agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

4. Open Forum: No comments.

5. Matters Arising

5.1 County & District Councillors' reports

Cllr S Whalley-Hoggins (SDC) reported the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) consultation has been delayed until July due to SDC reconsidering various points. The plan is to be submitted by December. This delay, coupled with the lack of the 5 year housing land supply and a large number of Neighbourhood Development Plans being rejected could spell disaster regarding planning. Cllr Whalley-Hoggins to forward the Planning Inspectorate report.
Stratford District Council CCTV cameras are only working 84% of the time after eighteen months of being in use.

5.2 Flooding

Cllr Gall contacted Windrush Against Sewage Pollution (WASP).
The Clerk contacted the Community Flooding Officers to update them on the views from the Parish Council. No responses from either at this point and no further report.

5.3 South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP)

Nothing to report.

5.4 Berrills Hill Lane junction

Nothing to report

5.5 Damaged footpath bridge

Richard Barnard has left Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Rights of Way. No further news.

5.6 Bench on the Green (Stourton)

Work in progress.

5.7 Highways Community Action Fund (HCAF)

The Clerk responded to WCC's request for further details on the application for eight entrance gates into the two villages. WCC will contact for confirmation when they have designs and costings. No further news.

5.8 Potholes in Church Lane

The potholes have deteriorated considerably. No action has yet been taken by WCC.

5.9 Local council documents and policies

The Clerk is to update the required documents for basic governance of the Parish Council over the coming months, for Standing Orders, openness and accountability, for communications, financial regulations and anything else required. The councillors agreed the updated Register of Assets.

6. Planning

23/00597/FUL Land Adjacent To St Johns Road Cherington 27/02/2023

Erection of 8 no. Local Need Dwellings and associated works **Pending**

26/01358/LDP Brook House The Bank Stourton Shipston-on-Stour

Proposal: Swimming Pool, Wooden Pergola & Gym outbuilding

Certificate Lawful Development-Proposed

7. Finance

Current financial report:

<u>Cherington & Stourton Joint Parish Council</u>					
<u>Bank: Current a/c</u>					
<u>From 21/04/26 to 15/06/26</u>					
Date	Reference	Details	Receipts	Payments	Balance
21/04/26		Balance brought forward			15,574.93
20/04/26	REC 000013	Precept 26/27 1st instalment	6,000.00		
22/04/26	PAY 100270	A S Harvey mowing playing fields		220.00	
22/04/26	PAY 100271	D Fisher clerk's wages/expenses 21 Apr - 15 Jun		567.60	
22/04/26	PAY 100272	Charlie Mawle – tree surgery Scots pine		580.00	
22/04/26	PAY 100273	Warwickshire & West Midlands ALC Ltd		190.20	
22/04/26	PAY 100274	WordPress – website subscription		62.40	
15/06/26		Balance carried forward			19,954.73

Payments to be made:

A S Harvey - Mowing playing field

£220.00

Clerk's wages/expenses (21 Apr – 15 Jun)

£567.60

£787.60

After these payments have been made the bank balance will be £ 19,167.13

Councillors agreed unanimously to make all payments.

The Clerk presented the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26. The Councillors approved the figures and confirmed their wish to register to file a Certificate of Exemption. The Annual Internal Audit Report was signed by L Hunt and the Certificate of Exemption, Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements were signed by the Chair and Clerk. The AGAR and Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited AGAR to be displayed on the village website and notice board, together with explanations. The Certificate of Exemption to be submitted to the external auditors Moore by 30th June.

8. Correspondence

None

9. Any other business

Cllr Gall has contacted the Police & Crime Commissioner who responded to say he is willing to arrange a meeting in this parish. Date to be confirmed.

10. Date of next meeting Monday 17th August 2026 7.30pm

The Chair thanked all for attending.

Meeting closed 8.25pm