

NEEN SAVAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th December 2025 at Neen Savage Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting Chairman: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff

Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

Present: Cllr Arthur Ratcliff, Cllr Chris Hardy, Cllr Julian Cleford, Cllr Michael Tomkinson and Cllr Alison Price.

The Chairman, Cllr Arthur Ratcliff welcomed everyone to the December meeting.

402/01 Apologies and reasons for Absence from Members

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Olwen Sales and Unitary Cllr David Davies.

402/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

402/03 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public present.

402/04 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 2025

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 2025 be ADOPTED as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

402/05 Matters Arising/Clerk and Councillor Reports

i) Clerk's Report

Highways

There has been no further communication from Shropshire Council Highways regarding all the matters at the Ford area and no update on when the work to repair the road near Goesland will be rescheduled. Council expressed its disappointment that there have been no updates from Shropshire Council on any of these issues.

ii) CrimeWatchNeenSavage WhatsApp Group Report – Cllr Sales

There has been no reports of any activity in the last month.

iii) Environmental Maintenance Report – Cllr Tomkinson/Cllr Ratcliff

There has been no environmental maintenance work carried out since the last meeting. It was noted that Shropshire Council has repaired some potholes on the B4201, Baveney Lane and on the Bagginswood Road near Hall Orchard and Elcott Farm. There is a tree in the river near Troutpool Cottage. This will be reported to the landowner requesting its removal due to the risk of damage to the riverbank and Papermills Bridge.

iv) Parish Hall Report – Cllr Sales

The Parish Hall committee met earlier this month. The new external lighting is to be completed this week. The Committee has reviewed the hire charges and are proposing small increases for private hires. The rate for Parish organisations such as the Parish Council remain unchanged at £15. Plans are underway for the January Jolly on 17th January 2026.

v) SALC Area Committee Meeting – Cllr Hardy

There was a presentation from Eddie West, Shropshire Council's Planning Policy Manager on Supplementary Planning Documents. Shropshire Council's Development Plan includes the Local Plan, the Core Strategy, Site Allocation and Management of Development (SAMDev) and Neighbourhood Development Plans.

Supplementary Planning Documents form material considerations and as such provide useful guidance documents to help Councils with planning matters.

There are three new Supplementary Planning Documents/Design Codes currently being consulted on. The Local Plan consultation will start in January with a view to adopt the approved Plan by summer 2028. Currently 750 sites have been put forward by landowners for potential development in Shropshire. Some parish councils are signing up to a Parish Charter with Shropshire Council as part of the further devolution of services.

402/06 Payments

a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

- i) Mrs D McBride – Wages (December) - £270.40 (Cheque).
- ii) HMRC – PAYE (December) - £67.60 (Direct Debit).

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402/07 Planning Matters

a) New Planning Applications:

- i) Reference: 25/04558/FUL (validated: 10/12/2025).

Address: Proposed Industrial Unit, Old Station Business Park, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer.

Proposal: Erection of Industrial Unit for any use within Class B2, B8 or E(g).

Applicant: Mr R Price.

Outcome: Council RESOLVED to support the application providing the work is suitably distant from the obligatory site screening to ensure hedges and trees are protected and maintained to shield the local environment from the business activities.

Further, suitable external lighting must be designed so that it does not disturb wildlife nor impact residents in the rural parish.

402/08 Unitary Councillor's Report

The Unitary Councillor's report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting. Council expressed their appreciation of Cllr Davies's efforts with Shropshire Council when trying to get local projects actioned.

402/09 Parish Matters / Highways

- i) There were no new parish matters.

- ii) The Clerk will continue to chase up Shropshire Council for an update on works at the Ford and the road near Goesland.

402/10 Future Agenda Items

The Budget for 2026-27 will be discussed at the next meeting.

402/11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th January 2026, 7.30pm at Neen Savage Parish Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.13pm.

It was agreed at the Parish Council Meeting (Minute Ref 403/04) that these minutes are a true record of the Meeting.

Signed.....Chairman

28th January 2026

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