

SHIRENEWTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held at Shirenewton Recreation Hall and online on Monday 7th September 2026 at 7.00pm.

Councillors: P. Butterworth (Chair) I Martin, G Todd, S Todd, H Berry,
Also in attendance: Cllr Louise Brown.

1. **Minute 5375** – To Receive Apologies for Absence: Cllrs G Mitchell, B Duffield, J McLagan (Clerk)
2. **Minute 5376** – To confirm the minutes of Shirenewton Community Council meeting held 3rd August 2026 as a true record. The Minutes were approved and signed.
3. **Minute 5377** – Public Participation – Lee and Alison Ailand attended as observers
4. **Minute 5378** – To disclose personal and pecuniary interests – None
5. **Minute 5379** – 5 x Planning matters

DM/2026/00884 Wentworth Red House Lane Shirenewton. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension, a new Juliette balcony, cladding to existing house, porch and outbuilding and internal alterations. After consideration, Councillors unanimously resolved not to object, subject to external materials and colour finishes being approved by MCC.

DM/2026/00830 & 00831 - Permanent retention of manager's park-home and temporary static caravan at Home Farm Stables Shirenewton. After consideration, Councillors unanimously resolved:

As to DM/2026/00830 not to object but requested conditions, should MCC give consent:

- a) Only employees of the business of training racehorses at Home Farm Stables occupy the dwelling
- b) External materials and finishes, and external lighting be subject to approval by MCC

As to DM/2026/00831 not to object provided that, if MCC were to approve, then the planning consent be subject to a condition requiring the static caravan to be removed if the racehorse training enterprise ceases, or if the caravan is unoccupied for more than a year. In addition, Councillors wish to be reconsulted if the caravan is to be re-sited pursuant to the comment as to spacing from MCC Environmental Health.

DM/2026/00931 Proposed alterations and extension to Sportsman Hall Earlswood

After debate, including consideration as to privacy issues for neighbours and the impact of the large glass areas on local wildlife, Councillors resolved (4 in favour and 1 against) not to object but expressed concerns over the extensive use of glass.

DM/2026/00881 Little Folly Bluebell Road Earlswood - Demolition of existing wooden 50M square open barn and replacement single storey ancillary annex of same footprint used for ancillary residential use. After consideration, Councillors resolved that the amended plan addressed their previous concerns over parking and foul drainage but points a) c) and d) from the August Council meeting remain outstanding

6. Minute 5780 – Finance: To approve a list of expenditure as detailed:

EXPENDITURE AND INVOICES – September 2026

Expenditure -

Clerk's salary/allowances.	August 2026	£ 989.60
Clerk's Pension (Council 15.8% & Clerk's contribution)	August 2026	£ 253.98 includes £20 clerks
AVC to Standard Life		
HMRC Employers NI Contribution	August 2026	£ 219.89

Payments

Payee	Reason for expenditure	Amount £	Vat £	Total £
Clerk	Monthly Microsoft 365	8.51	1.70	10.21
Clerk	Monthly Google storage	1.33	0.26	£1.59
Clerk	Expenses	37.31		37.31
Merlin Environmental Services Ltd	Sept Collections – Invoice	132.60	26.52	159.12
Chepstow Accountancy Services Ltd	Inv payroll	30.00		30.00
Distinct IT	Annual web and mail hosting Inv 44035	188.99	37.80	226.79
One Voice Wales	3 x Training courses Inv 11007,11041& 11052	132.00		132.00
Bank Charges				4.25

Breakdown of Clerk's expenses August

Mileage = 67.6@ 45p per mile £

Purchases £6.89

Total = £37.31

Balances:-

Bank Account £2,817.57

Savings account £77,213.32,

Holding bank account £708.55

Clock (holding) account £6,215.91

The Clerk being indisposed and in consequence being unable to support the expenses with appropriate invoices it was resolved to pay monthly recurring expenses for the Clerk, Merlin Environmental and Chepstow Accountancy but to defer the other expenditure pending sight of invoices.

Items for Discussion

- 7. Minute 5781 – Memorial Clock repair – ongoing with no new updates.**
- 8. Minute 5782 – Earlswood field rental – In the absence of the Clerk no new updates reported**
- 9. Minute 5783 – Traffic events, (speeding etc) – No Traffic incidents were noted. Await hearing from MCC regarding recent village walk-through regarding traffic management. Multi Agency meeting will to be held tomorrow.**
- 10. Minute 5784 – No Parking signs – Installation of the signs awaits Clerk's return to arrange.**
- 11. Minute 5785 – Survey. Cllr S Todd produced a draft survey to be circulated by email for Councillors to comment in time for the October meeting.**
- 12. Minute 5786 – Ditch Hill lights. Cllr LB reported that the lights have been turned off by the removal of their fuses. This would enable the lights easily to be turned back on should in the future should the need arise.**
- 13. Minute 5787 – Brian the Postie. Brian has been our postman for over 40 years and has**

recently retired. Councillors expressed the wish to recognise his achievement, and this is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Items for information

- 14. Minute 5788** – To receive reports from County Councillor & Clerk.
There is no County Council report this month as MCC have not held relevant meetings during the summer holiday. There is no Clerk's report in the absence of the Clerk
- 15. Minute 5789** - Police report – No report received at time of meeting.
- 16. Minute 5790** - Meetings attended. Cllr PB attended the recent Recreation Ground Committee meeting and reported discussion about securing the Recreation field by placing boulders to deter vehicle intrusion, but with a lockable bollard to permit access for the grass mowing tractor. Councillors were open to representations by the Rec Committee for a contribution to the installation costs.
- 17. Minute 5791** - AOB and ward reports – None reported.
- 18. Minute 5792** - Correspondence – None reported in the absence of the Clerk
- 19. Minute 5793** - To agree the date of the next monthly meeting. Councillors agreed the date of the next meeting for Monday 5th October 2026 at 7.00pm by public meeting in Shirenewton Recreation Hall or remotely via Google meet.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.