



Clerk's Report: January – March 2026

1. Actions from Previous Meeting

Following the Council's instruction, the letter regarding speeding concerns on the Wenlock Road (A458) was submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner. A response was received from Steve Mackay, Assistant to the PCC, who liaised with Inspector Damian Kelly and subsequently PCSO Emma Strangwood from our local Safer Neighbourhood Team. Speed surveys have now been completed, and the road has been flagged for regular monitoring.

2. Nature Zone Project

The Nature Zone works are now complete, and all contractor invoices have been settled. Feedback from residents has been extremely positive.

Two issues were identified during the works:

- A STAR Housing tenant on Clee View Road requested that an overhanging tree be cut back. While the contractor initially intended to assist as a goodwill gesture, contractors discovered significant quantities of dog waste that had been thrown over the fence into the Nature Zone. The resident was informed that this posed a health hazard and that they would be responsible for clearing the waste and arranging any tree works affecting their property, which they agreed to.
- A separate STAR Housing property along the same boundary was found to have no rear fence, leaving the garden open directly onto the Nature Zone. This was reported to STAR Housing as a security concern, and they have been asked to address the issue.

3. Planning Matters

A meeting was held with Cllr Connolly in the Highley office to discuss the forthcoming Tasley Garden Village application and the representation Tasley Parish Council may wish to make when the application goes before Shropshire Council's Planning Committee. No other councillors were able to attend.

The Council has also received notification of application 26/00100/REM, relating to Phase 3 (Plot 7) of the Tasley Gateway development. Clarification has been sought regarding the applicant's name, as the correspondence referenced Taylor Wimpey, which appears inconsistent with the outline permission. A meeting with representatives has been suggested for clarification.

4. Finance and Administration

The precept request has been submitted to Shropshire Council, with payment due in April. Bank mandate changes remain in progress and are still being chased at the time of writing.

5. Communications & Public Information

- Numerous road closures have been circulated to councillors, shared with the public via email and social media, and added to supporting documents.
- Parish noticeboards continue to be checked and updated monthly.
- Councillor vacancies will begin to be promoted in the coming months. It is hoped that the Annual Parish Meeting will help generate interest and support recruitment.

6. Policy & Governance

- Policy documentation is being updated and prepared for the Annual Council Meeting (13/5/26).

7. Annual Parish Meeting

Preparation and organisation for the Annual Parish Meeting, scheduled for 6.00pm on Wednesday 18th March, is ongoing. A range of speakers has been invited, and it is hoped the event will encourage community engagement ahead of the full Council meeting.

9. Stationery and Office Supplies

To date, all A4 paper, files, plastic wallets and similar consumables have been provided personally by the Clerk. With the new financial year approaching, approval is requested to purchase up to £100 of stationery and office items including folders, dividers, paper and USB sticks for councillors, which will hold all policies and procedures going forward, reducing printing and ink costs.

10. Clerk's Salary

A request has been submitted for a salary review. The Clerk began on SCP 10 during the induction period; however, the minutes of 19/03/25 indicate that the budget allowed for progression up to SCP 27 for the right candidate. As the Clerk is now fully qualified with CiLCA (funded by another parish council, who also cover professional annual memberships), it is proposed that the salary be increased to SCP 27 from 1st April 2026, in line with the NJC pay scale and the previous Clerk's recommendation. This item is listed on the agenda, and the Clerk will leave the room during the discussion.

11. Cancelled adobe annual subscription as our current IT package Microsoft365 covers all software licenses.

12. Contact

The Clerk remains available via email and responds promptly.

For urgent matters, the Clerk can be contacted on 07496 821159.