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Date: Monday, 10 March 2025  
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**Committee:**  
**Shropshire Hills National Landscape Partnership.**

**Date:** Tuesday, 18 March 2025  
**Time:** 9.30 am  
**Venue:** Shropshire Room, Craven Arms Community Centre, Newington Way,  
Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 9PS

You are requested to attend the above meeting.  
The Agenda is attached

Tim Collard  
Assistant Director - Legal and Governance

**Members of Shropshire Hills National Landscape Partnership.**

Alex Carson-Taylor (Chairman)	Sue Steer
Cecilia Motley (Vice Chairman)	Vacancy
Heather Kidd	Matthew Lawrence
Hilary Luff	Wayne Barnes
Dan Morris	Harriet Halliday
Mark Boylan	Robert Harris
Emma Bacon	Jim Bunce
Alison Caffyn	Sue Lee
Rachel Cockett	Nigel Jackson
Adrian Cullis	Carol Griffiths
Sue Manns	Charlie Bell
Gillian Preece	Emma Johnson
Francis Acton	Charles Edwards
Tony Haighway	Jenny Rouquette
Ruth Houghton	Nick Read
John Luck	Albert Benghiat
Steve Pennington	Richard Grindle
Sarah Farquhar	Leo Smith

Your Committee Officer is:

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# **AGENDA**

## **1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence

## **2 Minutes of the last meeting (Pages 1 - 4)**

The note of the meeting held on 4 February 2025 is attached for confirmation

## **3 Modernising Partnership Working (Pages 5 - 6)**

This paper provides a brief background to a proposed evolution of the current National Landscape structure, including the Partnership, to support more effective partnership working.

## **4 Draft Management Plan**

To receive a verbal update on progress with the Management Plan Review

## **5 Brief updates from members**

To receive brief updates from members of the Partnership

## **6 Date of Next Meeting**

Members are advised that the next meeting of the Partnership will be held on Thursday 31 July 2025

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Shropshire Hills  
National Landscape  
Partnership.

4 February 2025

9.30 am

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## **MINUTES OF THE SHROPSHIRE HILLS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP. MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2025 9.30 AM**

**Responsible Officer:** Tim Ward

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### **Present**

#### **Local Authorities**

Shropshire Council

Cllr Heather Kidd

Cllr Cecilia Motley (Vice Chair)

#### **Statutory/Voluntary Agencies & Individual members**

Individual Member

Alison Caffyn

Individual Member

Rachel Cockett

Individual Member

Adrian Cullis

Individual Member

Sue Manns

Town & Parish Council representative

Tony Heighway

Town & Parish Council representative

Stephen Pennington

Acton Scott Heritage Farm

Rachel Lambert-Jones

Campaign to Protect Rural England

Sue Steer

Country Land & Business Association

Alex Carson-Taylor (Chair)

Environment Agency

Matthew Lawrence

Forestry Commission

Wayne Barnes

Alan Reid

Land Life & Livelihoods

Robert Harris

Long Mynd Adventure Camp

Jim Bunce

Long Mynd & District Bridleways Association

Sue Lee

/ British Horse Society

Middle Marches Community Land Trust

Nigel Jackson

National Farmers Union

Carol Griffiths

Ramblers Association

Charles Edwards

Shropshire Good Food Partnership

Daphne du Cros

South Shropshire Climate Action

Nick Read

Upper Onny Wildlife Group

Leo Smith

## **Observers/Officers**

Shropshire Council	Pete Banford (Culture & Communities Manager) Tim Ward (Committee Officer)
Telford & Wrekin Council	Ben Holloway
Shropshire Hills National Landscape Team	Phil Holden (Team Manager) Joy Howells (Funding & Programmes Officer) Joe Penfold (Engagement Ranger)

## **42 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Francis Acton, Emma Bacon, Charlie Bell, Albert Benghiat, Sarah Farquhar, Harriet Halliday, Cllr Carolyn Healy, Ruth Houghton, John Luck and Councillor Hilary Luff.

## **43 Minutes of the last meeting**

### **43.1 RESOLVED**

That the note of the last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 be approved.

## **44 Election of Vice Chair**

- 44.1 The Chair advised the meeting that Sue Manns had agreed to fill the vacancy for a Vice Chair.

### **RESOLVED**

The Sue Manns be appointed Vice Chair of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Partnership.

## **45 Proposal to Transfer Waste Water from the Clun to the Onny**

- 45.1 The meeting received the following updates: -

### Proposal to Transfer Waste Water from the Clun to the Onny

The Chair advised that following a discussion at the Strategy and Performance Committee it was proposed that he write to Severn Trent expressing concern and seeking more information on the proposals. This course of action was approved by the Partnership.

### Landscape Connections Project Proposal

The National Landscape Team Manager gave an update on the Landscape Connections project proposal which was being led by the National Trust. He advised members that an expression of interest would be submitted shortly.

### Land Use Framework Consultation Launch

The National Landscape Team Manager advised members that the government had recently launched a consultation on a new approach to land use, which was aimed at giving decision makers a toolkit to protect the most productive agricultural land and boost food security. He took the meeting through some of the key points of the consultation and stated that this would be brought back to a future meeting.

### Test Case On 'Further the Purpose' Duty

The National Landscape Team Manager updated the committee on a recent judicial review where the government had admitted it had acted illegally when deciding on a development in a National Landscape without applying the statutory duty to further the purpose of the designation. He commented that this sets an important precedent for all National Parks and National Landscapes, as it made clear that all public bodies must comply with the new duty to seek to further the purpose of conserving and enhancing natural beauty in these areas.

### Bishop's Castle Wind Turbine – Planning Application

The National Landscape Team Manager advised the meeting of an application for a single wind turbine situated within the National Landscape boundary near Bishop's Castle as part of the Bishop's Castle Heat and Wind Project and showed some details from the application. Members generally welcomed the project and agreed that the Partnership should not object. A member expressed concern regarding the infrastructure associated with such developments and it was agreed to check about any new overhead cabling resulting from the scheme.

## **46 Management Plan Review**

- 46.1 The National Landscape Team Manager updated the meeting on the update of the Management Plan. Members then split into groups for a workshop session around recommendations and aspirations.

The National Landscape Team Manager advised Members that it was proposed that a next draft of the plan would be brought to the next meeting for approval to publish for consultation.

## **47 Dates of Future Meetings**

- 47.1 Members were advised that future meetings of the Partnership would be held on:

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date:





**Shropshire  
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Committee and Date
Shropshire Hills National Landscape Partnership
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025

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## MODERNISING PARTNERSHIP WORKING

**Responsible Officer** Phil Holden, National Landscape Team Manager  
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### Summary

This paper provides a brief background to a proposed evolution of the current National Landscape structure, including the Partnership, to support more effective partnership working. This will be presented at the meeting.

### Recommendation

The Partnership is recommended to comment on the issues raised.

### Background

Drivers for the proposed updating of the structure include:

- Strengthened legal duty puts more emphasis on Relevant Authorities (RAs),
- Need to increase engagement from key delivery partners (both RAs and wider),
- Broadening participation and opportunities for groups and people to engage – being more inclusive and strengthening the ‘pathways’ in for people’s greater involvement,
- Encourage especially greater engagement by Parish & Town Councils (which are RAs),
- More modern methods of working – including less in large formal committee format,
- Directions for governance indicated in the Glover Review and government response,
- More efficient use of staff team time and more useful value of meeting reports.

Different main functions which are still needed:

- Broad engagement of interested stakeholders and exploring topics and solutions,
- Co-ordinating delivery among key partners,
- Advisory oversight of work of the team and the National Landscape model,

- Partner and stakeholder input to Management Plan review.

<b>List of Background Papers</b>
None.
<b>Human Rights Act Appraisal</b>
The information in this report is compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.
<b>Environmental Appraisal</b>
The recommendation in this paper will contribute to the conservation of protected landscapes.
<b>Risk Management Appraisal</b>
Risk management has been appraised as part of the considerations of this report.
<b>Community / Consultations Appraisal</b>
The topics raised in this paper have been the subject of earlier consultations with Partnership members.
<b>Appendices</b>
None