



**Shropshire
Hills
National
Landscape**

Committee and Date

Shropshire Hills National Landscape
Partnership

19th March 2024

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**MINUTES OF THE SHROPSHIRE HILLS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP MEETING
HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2023
9.30 - 11.50 AM**

Responsible Officer: Tim Ward

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Present

Local Authorities

Shropshire Council

Cllr Heather Kidd

Cllr Hilary Luff

Cllr Cecilia Motley (Vice Chair)

Telford & Wrekin Council

Cllr Chris Turley

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

Francis Acton

Town & Parish Council representative

Tony Haightway

Town & Parish Council representative

Ruth Houghton

Town & Parish Council representative

John Luck

Town & Parish Council representative

Steve Pennington

Acton Scott Heritage Farm

Sarah Farquhar

Campaign to Protect Rural England

Sue Steer

Country Land and Business Association

Alex Carson-Taylor (Chair)

Land Life & Livelihoods

Robert Harris

Long Mynd Adventure Camp

Jim Bunce

Middle Marches Community Land Trust

Nigel Jackson

National Farmers Union

Carol Griffiths

National Trust

Andrew Hearle

Ramblers Association

Charles Edwards

Shropshire Good Food Partnership

Jenny Rouquette

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)
Shropshire Hills National Landscape Team	Phil Holden (Manager) Nigel McDonald (Sustainable Tourism Officer) Joe Penfold (Young Rangers Officer)

1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting especially newly appointed members to their first meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence had been received from Gill Binks, Sarah Bury, Veronica Cossons, Ben Holloway, Matthew Lawrence, Sue Lee, and Gillian Preece.

2 Minutes of the last meeting

- 2.1 The Chair advised that paragraph 95.1 should be amended to read: -

Members received a presentation from Leo Smith on the work he was doing with various organisations regarding conservation of Curlews in the AONB. The headline points in the presentation were as follows:

Breeding productivity is very poor, largely as a result of predation of nests and chicks. At the current rate of decline, the population will halve in 12 years, and become extinct in 25. The Shropshire population is more than 20% of the estimated population of only 500 pairs in southern England and is therefore nationally and regionally important. The AONB holds more than 60% of the county population. The presentation concluded with a recommendation that the forthcoming AONB Management Plan should include action to safeguard Curlews.

- 2.2 **RESOLVED:**

That subject to the above the minutes of the meeting of the Partnership held on 20 July 2023 be approved as a true record.

3 Election of Chair and Vice Chairs and seats to Strategy & Performance Committee

- 3.1 Appointment of Chair

The Team Manager advised the meeting that one nomination had been received for the position of Chair.

RESOLVED:

That Alex Carson Taylor be elected Chair of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape Partnership.

3.2 Appointment of Vice Chairs

The Chair advised the meeting that two nominations had been received for the positions of Vice Chair.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Cecilia Motley and Cllr Chris Turley be elected Vice Chairs of the Shropshire Hills Landscape Partnership.

3.3 Appointments to Seats on the Strategy and Performance Committee

The Chair advised that Nigel Jackson, Francis Acton, Heather Kidd, and Adrian Cullis had been nominated to serve on the Strategy and Performance Board and that there were still two vacant seats.

RESOLVED:

That Nigel Jackson, Francis Acton, Heather Kidd, and Adrian Cullis be appointed to serve on the Strategy and Performance Committee.

4 **Appointment of nominated trustees to Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust**

- 4.1 The Team Manager reminded the meeting that the Partnership could appoint three trustees to the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust and that there was currently a vacancy. He informed members that Rachel Cockett had expressed an interest in becoming a Trustee.

RESOLVED:

That Rachel Cockett be appointed a nominated trustee to the Shropshire Hills Landscape Trust.

5 **Background induction briefing about the National Landscape**

- 5.1 The meeting received a presentation from the Team Manager which gave an introduction to the history and operations of the Shropshire Hills National Landscape and the Partnership and Team.

6 **Young Rangers Creative Evaluation Film**

- 6.1 Members received an update on the Young Rangers project from Joe Penfold, Young Rangers Officer.

7 **Management Plan Review**

- 7.1 Members received the report of the Team Manager which updated them on progress with the Management Plan Review and introduced topics for a workshop session.

The meeting then split into groups for a workshop session.

8 Partner Updates

- 8.1 The meeting received a short presentation from Jenny Rouquette which updated members on the work of the Shropshire Good Food Partnership.
- 8.2 The meeting received an update from Sarah Farquhar on the work being done by the Acton Scott Farm Trust to reopen the Acton Scott Heritage Farm.

9 Sustainable Tourism Strategy - consultation on objectives and draft actions

- 9.1 Members received the report of the Sustainable Tourism Officer which set out the proposed vision, themes and actions for the new Shropshire Hills Sustainable Tourism Strategy.
- 9.2 The Sustainable Tourism Officer reminded members that the Partnership had held a workshop on the Strategy at its July meeting. He advised that this had been followed by a series of stakeholder meetings, and material from these was being drawn together in the new strategy. This would be submitted in December with the reapplication for the EUROPARC Federation Sustainable Tourism Charter.

10 Dates of Future Meetings

- 10.1 It was agreed that the dates of future meetings would be circulated to members once they were agreed.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: