



Shropshire Hills
National Landscape
Partnership.

13 November 2025

9.30 am

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**MINUTES OF THE SHROPSHIRE HILLS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP.
MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2025
9.30 AM - 12.00 PM**

Responsible Officer: Tim Ward

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Present

Local Authorities

Shropshire Council

Cllr Cecilia Motley (Vice Chair)

Borough of Telford & Wrekin

Cllr Mark Boylan

Statutory/Voluntary Agencies & Individual members

Individual Member

Alison Caffyn

Individual Member

Rachel Cockett

Individual Member

Sue Manns

Individual Member

Gillian Preece

Town & Parish Council representative

Francis Acton

Town & Parish Council representative

Ruth Houghton

Town & Parish Council representative

John Luck

Acton Scott Heritage Farm

Rachel Lambert Jones

Country Land & Business Association

Alex Carson-Taylor (Chair)

Longmynd & District Bridleways Association

Sue Lee

/ British Horse Society

Middle Marches Community Land Trust

Nigel Jackson

National Farmers Union

Graham Price

Shropshire Geological Society

Albert Benghiat

South Shropshire Climate Action

Nick Read

Upper Onny Wildlife Group

Leo Smith

Observers/Officers

Shropshire Council

Tim Ward (Committee Officer)

Telford & Wrekin Council

Ben Holloway (Ecology & Green Infrastructure
Officer)

Shropshire Hills National
Landscape Team

Rachel Glover (Natural Environment Officer)
Phil Holden (National Landscape Team Manager)
Joy Howells (Funding & Programmes Officer)
Nigel McDonald (Sustainable Tourism Officer)

48 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

48.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

48.2 Apologies for absence had been received from Carol Griffiths (NFU) and Rob Harris (Land, Life and Livelihoods). Apologies had also been received from Pete Banford, (Culture & Communities Manager, Shropshire Council).

49 Minutes of the last meeting

49.1 RESOLVED:-

That the note of the last meeting held on 4th February 2025 be approved.

49.2 The Chair gave the following updates: -

a. Cecilia Motley

The Chair advised that this would be Cecilia Motley's last meeting as she was not standing in the forthcoming elections. He thanked her for all the work she had done over her time as a member of the Partnership.

b. Wind Turbine at Bishop's Castle

The Chair informed the Partnership that he had been assured that there were no overhead cables planned as part of the proposals.

50 Modernising Partnership Working

50.1 Members received the report of the National Landscape Team Manager which provided a brief background to a proposed evolution of the current National Landscape structure, including the Partnership, to support more effective partnership working.

50.2 The National Landscape Team Manager gave a short presentation which set out in more detail the proposed changes and the reasons for the change. He advised the Partnership that further consultation would be carried out prior to a report being brought to the next Partnership meeting. The proposed terms of reference would then need to be approved by the Cabinet of each local authority. He added that this would be tied in with the approval of the new Management Plan.

- 50.3 The National Landscape Team Manager asked Members to feed any further comments regarding the proposals back to him.

51 Draft Management Plan

- 51.1 Members received a verbal update on progress with the Management Plan Review. Members then split into groups for a workshop session.
- 51.2 Members were asked to feed back and further comments to the Landscapes Partnership Team Manager.

52 Brief updates from members

- 52.1 Members received updates from some member organisations regarding their current work.

53 Date of Next Meeting

- 53.1 Members were advised that the next meeting of the Partnership would be held on Thursday 31 July 2025.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: