

Minsterley & Pontesbury and Surrounding Area Place Plan

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Context: what is a Place Plan?

Shropshire Council is working to make Shropshire a great place to live, learn, work, and visit – we want to innovate to thrive. To make that ambition a reality, we need to understand what our towns and communities need in order to make them better places for all. Our Place Plans – of which there are 18 across the county – paint a picture of each local area, and help all of us to shape and improve our communities.

Place Plans are documents which bring together information about a defined area. The information that they contain is focussed on infrastructure needs, such as roads, transport facilities, flood defences, schools and educational facilities, medical facilities, sporting and recreational facilities, and open spaces. They also include other information which can help us to understand local needs and to make decisions. This wider information includes things like housing needs in light of population changes, and environmental issues in light of development.

In an ideal world, we would be able to support all of the infrastructure needs within the 18 Place Plan areas of Shropshire. However, funding restrictions mean that we have to make some difficult decisions, and prioritise the infrastructure that is most important. Place Plans help us to do this.

The aim of the Place Plans is:

- To enable Shropshire Council and its partners, working closely with local Elected Members and Town and Parish Councils, to deliver the infrastructure needs of our communities.

The objectives of the Place Plans are:

- To develop a clear picture and understanding of the Place Plan area.
- To identify and prioritise infrastructure needs within the Place Plan area.
- To identify lead partners, supporting partners, and funding opportunities (where possible) to deliver those infrastructure needs.
- To feed in to the Strategic Infrastructure Implementation Plan for the county as a whole.
- To feed in to Shropshire Council's Corporate Plan and Service Plans.

There are 18 Place Plans in Shropshire, covering the following areas:

- Albrighton
- Bishops Castle
- Bridgnorth
- Broseley
- Church Stretton
- Cleobury Mortimer
- Craven Arms
- Ellesmere
- Highley
- Ludlow
- Market Drayton
- Minsterley and Pontesbury
- Oswestry
- Shifnal
- Shrewsbury
- Wem
- Whitchurch

The Place Plans also include the wider hinterlands around each of these towns or key centres. In this way, everywhere in the county is included within a Place Plan.

Place Plans are reviewed regularly, and as such are 'live' documents informed by conversations with Town and Parish Councils, and with infrastructure and service providers. This document is the 2019/20 version of the Minsterley and Pontesbury and Surrounding Area Place Plan.

1. List of Projects

1.1 Data and information review

The infrastructure project list in the table below is based on information submitted to Shropshire Council by Town and Parish Councils in each Place Plan area. This information is then tested against data held by the Council, and further informed by consultation with a range of infrastructure providers. By gathering this information, we have been able to understand more clearly the needs of each Place Plan area, and to use this information to make some difficult decisions about prioritisation of projects.

For the Minsterley and Pontesbury and Surrounding Area Place Plan, a review of information has shown that key infrastructure issues are:

- Improvements to local highways, particularly in Minsterley and Pontesbury where new development is taking place. This will include improvements to pedestrian access. Improvements to the A488 through the Place Plan area also need to be addressed.
- All development within the Place Plan area will require an assessment of utility services, especially sewage and drainage, and flood management proposals.
- Support for community buildings across the area to ensure they are able to continue to meet the needs of the growing local community.

1.2 Prioritisation of projects

Following collation and assessment of this information, the difficult task of prioritisation of projects can be undertaken. Projects are allocated to a category, based on extensive discussions with a range of partners, and on information included within the Implementation Plan of Shropshire’s Local Development Plan: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/media/8603/ldf-implementation-plan-2016-17.pdf>.

Projects will be allocated to one of the three categories identified below:

- Priority A Projects
- Priority B Projects
- Neighbourhood Projects

The table below and overleaf gives further information about the categories.

Category	Description	Examples
Priority A	<p>This is infrastructure which will unlock development.</p> <p>These are usually projects which will be led by Shropshire Council and/or its strategic infrastructure delivery partners, such as utilities companies, the Environment Agency, Highways England, broadband providers, etc.</p> <p>These projects are sometimes also legally required (i.e. Shropshire Council has a statutory duty to provides this infrastructure) or may be strategically important (i.e. essential for the good of the county as a whole).</p>	<p>Improvements to drainage in Whitchurch to allow significant housing and business premises development.</p> <p>Works at Churncote roundabout on the A5 to the west of Shrewsbury – improvements here will impact across the county.</p> <p>Provision of sufficient school places to meet local need.</p>

Priority B	<p>This is infrastructure which will support development in a number of ways and/or a number of locations.</p> <p>These projects will often be required across numerous locations in the Place Plan area, or will impact widely within the Place Plan area as a whole.</p>	<p>Improvements to Broadband connectivity across the county.</p> <p>Provision of housing to meet local need.</p> <p>Improved access to public transport facilities, such as rail stations.</p>
Neighbourhood	<p>Projects which will support and are important to an individual community.</p> <p>These projects will usually be led by partners in the local area, such as the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Playgrounds, village hall car parks, street lights, local road safety improvements, etc</p>

1.3 Projects for Minsterley and Pontesbury Area Place Plan

The projects in the following tables have been identified through evidence and data gathering as described in section 1.1, and through discussions and consultations with Town and Parish Councils. Discussions have also taken place with relevant departments across Shropshire Council, and with external providers of strategic infrastructure. However, please be aware that this table does not commit any partner to undertake specific activity, as priorities and resources are subject to change.

Further, whilst Shropshire Council will continue to support its Town and Parish Councils to identify infrastructure needs within the Place Plan area, the final decision on the level of priority given to specific infrastructure projects rests with Shropshire Council, based on the evidence gathering noted above.

Projects have been presented in two tables: the first covering Priority A and Priority B projects, and the second covering Neighbourhood projects.

Please note that completed projects will be included in a separate supporting document. This document will be made available on Shropshire Council’s website, alongside the Place Plans themselves.

Table 1: Priority A and Priority B Projects

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
Priority A Projects				
Transport and Accessibility				
Junction capacity, sustainability and safety improvements, where necessary, to facilitate specific development sites (Minsterley and Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	Section 106, developers	Parishes, Shropshire Council, developers	Site specific works will be taken forward as the planning process progresses. For other local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk
Improved pedestrian access to new developments in the following settlements and locations have been identified by the Parish Councils: Hall Bank (Pontesbury); Meadow Brook development; improvements to pavement towards village centre (Minsterley)	To be confirmed	Section 106, developers	Parishes, Shropshire Council, developers	Site specific works will be taken forward as the planning process progresses.
Improvements to parking and traffic flow on Bogey Lane, Pontesbury. The Mary Webb and Pontesbury Primary school are geographically opposite each other on Bogey Lane and traffic flows on the road are difficult at peak times when the schools open and close. The Mary Webb school are willing to offer part of the field where it meets the road (A488, as any widening work on Bogey Lane is thought to not	£10,000 feasibility study	To be confirmed	Mary Webb School, Shropshire Council, Parish Councils	Not currently within the Highways programme of works. For local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk

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be feasible) to allow for this to be converted into a car park, coach park (conversion of playing field aside) and then allow safe passage across the school site to Mary Webb or the Primary school (Pontesbury)				
Priority B Projects				
Economic Opportunities				
Facilitation of ICT / broadband technologies (Minsterley and Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Shropshire Council, Private sector delivery partners, local councils	Work is ongoing by Shropshire Council and various providers to identify particular blackspots in terms of coverage and connectivity. Local intelligence around these issues will help to improve understanding of localised issues. Shropshire Council remains committed to seeking a solution to provide superfast broadband for unserved premises and are confident that we can ensure that all premises in the Shropshire Council area have access to a superfast broadband connection by 2021. For queries about the availability of faster broadband, please email address details and landline numbers (if available) to connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk
Explore options for improvements to mobile phone coverage (all parishes)	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Shropshire Council, Private sector delivery partners, local councils	There is a need to identify particular blackspots in terms of coverage and connectivity. Local intelligence around these issues will help to improve understanding of very localised coverage issues. Please email further information about these localised issues to connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk

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Environment and Utilities				
Upgrade wastewater treatment works (Minsterley)	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Severn Trent Water	Severn Trent Water have significant hydraulic capacity at Minsterley and Pontesbury sewage treatment works for further growth.
Sewerage network capacity (Minsterley)	To be confirmed	Developers, utility companies	Developers, utility companies	Hydraulic modelling of the wastewater network is required to assess whether there is capacity within the network to meet development needs and to assess known flooding problems, particularly in light of known flooding problems upstream of the pumping station. Minsterley Parish Council identify sewer upgrade as a priority.
Malehurst primary electricity substation reinforcement (Minsterley and Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	Western Power Distribution	Western Power Distribution	Replace transformers with higher rated units
Assessment of local flood risk (Minsterley)	£20,000	Flood Defence Grant in Aid	Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water, Shropshire Council,	The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy has identified that a number of properties in Minsterley may be at risk of flooding. Minsterley Parish Council identify improvements to Minsterley Brook as a priority. Solutions need to involve a range of different land owners and partner organisations. A review of water courses in Minsterley is being undertaken by Shropshire Council.
Production of Operational Flood Response Plan (Minsterley)	£5,000	To be confirmed	Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water, Shropshire Council	In accordance with the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, the operational flood response plans, produced from condition surveys of the land drainage systems, will flag who is responsible for the maintenance of

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				the systems which serve communities. The aim is to promote community awareness of these drainage systems such that communities can be more resilient.
Assessment of local flood risk (Pontesbury)	£20,000	To be confirmed	Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water, Shropshire Council	The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy has identified that a number of properties in Pontesbury may be at risk of flooding.
Production of Operational Flood Response Plan (Pontesbury)	£10,000	To be confirmed	Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water, Shropshire Council	In accordance with the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, the operational flood response plans (produced from condition surveys of the land drainage systems) will flag who is responsible for the maintenance of the systems which serve communities. The aim is to promote community awareness of these drainage systems such that communities can be more resilient.
Review capacity of sewerage works in Pontesbury to meet demands of housing growth planned in the village (Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water, Shropshire Council	Severn Trent Water have significant hydraulic capacity at Minsterley and Pontesbury sewage treatment works for further growth.
Request from Parishes for improved communication with utility companies on future planned works, and reporting when works have been completed (Minsterley and Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water, Shropshire Council	To be noted and actioned.
Ensure that riparian owners are reminded of their responsibilities to maintain and repair water courses (Minsterley and Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Landowners Environment Agency, Severn	This has been identified as an issue by Minsterley Parish Council through discussions with local landowners and farmers. Some flood issues in Minsterley can be attributed

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			Trent Water, Shropshire Council	to poor maintenance of the water courses by riparian owners
Housing, Health, and Education				
Review of pre-school / nursery, primary, and secondary school places to ensure sufficient provision in the Place Plan area (Minsterley and Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Shropshire Council	An updated assessment of the effect on primary school places locally has been made by Shropshire Council based on proposed levels of development with delivery spread evenly over the remaining Plan period. This currently indicates that capacity will exist in the village to meet the demand. However, local councils do have concerns regarding building conditions.
Transport and Accessibility				
Local highway improvements, including speed and safety, public realm enhancements and sustainable travel, and also consideration of Pontesbury main road widening (£200,000) (ALL parishes)	To be confirmed	CIL Local	Shropshire Council, Pontesbury Parish Council	Parishes to work with Shropshire Council to agree solutions. For other local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk
Pedestrian route from new Hall Bank housing development and community hub to proposed parking area to Main Street and rest of the village (Pontesbury)	Not known	Not known	Shropshire Council, Pontesbury Parish Council	Pontesbury Parish Council identifies a need for a safe pedestrian access from the parking area which would be provided in conjunction with the development of Hall Bank.

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				For other local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk
Introduce an area-wide 20 mph limit along the A488 in Pontesbury, from the junction with Bogey Lane through to the Junction with Ashford Way, and on all side roads in the village (Pontesbury)	Not known	Not known	Shropshire Council, Pontesbury Parish Council	Parishes to work with Shropshire Council to agree solutions. For other local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk

Table 2: Neighbourhood Projects

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
Neighbourhood Projects				
Community Infrastructure				
Provision of allotments (Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	Neighbourhood Fund	Pontesbury Parish Council	Parish lead. Identified community priority. Parish Council identified the purchase of allotments as high priority.
Provision and maintenance of facilities and equipment for sport, recreation and leisure, including a new play area, changing facilities and a skate park at the sports field (Minsterley) and better linkage of existing play area to the village (Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	Neighbourhood Fund, precept, local fund raising	Parish Councils	Parish lead. Shropshire Council is commissioning a Playfield Pitch Strategy to support the Local Plan Review. This will assess supply and demand for playing pitches in Shropshire. The Council also intends to commission a Built Facilities strategy to support the local Plan Review. This will assess supply and demands for indoor sports facilities.
Maintain and support the provision of community buildings including: Minsterley Parish Hall; Pontesbury Public Hall; Habberley Village Hall (Pontesbury); The Pavillion; Pontesbury Hall Bank; Cruckton Village Hall	To be confirmed	Grants, Neighbourhood Fund, precept, local fund raising	Parish Councils, village hall committees	Parish lead.
Economic Opportunities				
Enhance centre of village (Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	Neighbourhood Fund, precept	Pontesbury Parish Council	Parish lead. Identified community priority. Enhance centre of Pontesbury as an attractive shopping environment and hub of community.

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Environment and Utilities				
Monitor space in Minsterley cemetery as existing capacity to only allows provision for another 5 to 10 years (Minsterley)	To be confirmed	Neighbourhood Fund, precept	Minsterley Parish Council	Parish lead. Work with Shropshire Council bereavement services to review provision in Minsterley and assess whether expansion of existing site or purchase of new site is required. Shropshire Council is currently progressing an enquiry regarding burial space capacity across the county. The results of this enquiry will be available in autumn 2019.
Transport and Accessibility				
Review potential for traffic free links from Pontesbury onto Shrewsbury, to allow continuation of existing traffic free links from Minsterley to Pontesbury that have already been completed. Examine potential for these to link with new development on the west of Shrewsbury (Minsterley and Pontesbury)	Not known	LTP funding, Landscape Partnership Scheme, Heritage Lottery, CIL Local	Parish Councils, Shropshire Council	Parishes to work with Shropshire Council to develop solutions. For other local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk
Installation of historic finger posts, waymarkers, milestones, mileposts and street signs (Pontesbury)	Not known	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council	Parish lead. Survey of existing conditions and research into lost features. Repair or reinstate where necessary.
Improvement of car parks (Minsterley and Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	Neighbourhood Fund	Minsterley and Pontesbury Parish Councils	Parish lead. Both Minsterley and Pontesbury rely on significant amounts of on street parking to accommodate

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
				visitors and residents. Review where new development may provide opportunities to provide additional off-road car parking opportunities. Identify opportunities to improve the visual amenity of car parks in the historic town centre. Increase provision of wayfinding signs and landscaping.
Introduce speed limit on Cruckton / Cruckmeole Road, along with signage showing HGVs only allowed when making deliveries (Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. Identified community priority. For other local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk
Quiet lane designation for Pound Lane (Pontesbury)	To be confirmed	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	Parish lead. Identified Community Priority. Need to establish if any additional works are required as part of this designation. For local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within

Project	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Partners	Notes
				the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk
Introduction of speed limit and safe crossing place outside St Thomas and St Anne School (Hanwood)	To be confirmed	Neighbourhood Fund	Parish Council, Shropshire Council	<p>Parish lead. There is a need to make this section of the main road safer for children and other walkers to use following the development of Cruckmeole Meadow. (NB This project is within Hanwood, but is part of the Minsterley and Pontesbury Place Plan.)</p> <p>For local highways concerns – such as pavements and pedestrian linkages, speed monitoring and reduction, signage, etc – please contact Shropshire Council directly, so that the issue can be assessed in light of other priorities within the Local Transport Plan. Please email transport@shropshire.gov.uk</p>

2. Planning in Shropshire

2.1 County-wide planning processes: the Local Development Plan

Planning is a statutory process (required by law) that all local authorities across the UK must undertake.

A number of planning policy documents consider a wide range of important planning issues such as housing, employment, retail, the environment, and transport. Together, these documents constitute the Local Development Plan, which plays a crucial role in prioritising and shaping development in the local authority area. In Shropshire, the current Local Development Plan period runs until 2026.

Of all the documents that make up the Local Development Plan, there are three that we will refer to here. They are:

- Core Strategy – adopted 24 February 2011
- Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan – adopted 17 December 2015

At the moment, the Local Development Plan is undergoing a review, which will ensure that Shropshire Council can respond to changing circumstances. The review will include, but is not limited to, consideration of housing requirements, employment land requirements, the distribution of development, and a review of green belt boundaries. Until the review is completed, the existing Local Development Plan remains as the overarching guide for all development across the county.

There is also a third set of documents which are of vital importance to the Local Development Plan. These are the 18 Place Plans, and you are currently reading the Place Plan for **Minsterley and Pontesbury and Surrounding Area**.

2.2 This Place Plan area in the county-wide plan

The Core Strategy, as referenced at section 2.1, recognises the role of Shropshire's market towns and key centres through Policy CS3. This policy outlines how all of our towns have distinctive identities, which new development is expected to reinforce, by respecting each town's distinctive character, and by being sensitive to its landscape setting, historic features, and the towns' functions.

You can read more from Policy CS3 by following this link: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/8534/core-strategy.pdf>

For Minsterley and Pontesbury, Policy CS3 recognises that:

- Minsterley and Pontesbury act as a combined Key Centre and will accommodate development to enhance their linked roles providing employment and services in the local area, whilst retaining their distinctive and separate identities.
- Pontesbury (population 1,500) is an attractive small settlement in the Rea Valley approximately seven miles south west of Shrewsbury. Pontesbury is not a main employment centre, and supports less than 500 jobs. Most people of working age who reside in Pontesbury commute out.
- Minsterley (population 1,400) lies within very close proximity to Pontesbury to its north, with Snailbeach and the Stiperstones to its south.
- Minsterley is a relatively important centre of employment, primarily due to the presence of two food producers in the village.
- There is currently no hydraulic capacity at the Minsterley Wastewater Treatment Works. The timing and delivery of infrastructure investment and improvement therefore has implications for development in this location.

The SAMDev Plan, as referenced at section 2.1, also provides brief settlement policies for each Place Plan area. You can read more from the SAMDev Plan by following this link:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/media/8503/samdev-adopted-plan.pdf>

The SAMDev polices are as follows:

Minsterley and Pontesbury

- As joint key centres, Minsterley and Pontesbury will continue to provide facilities and services for their wider rural hinterland. To support this role, a combined development target of around 260 houses and approximately 2 hectares of employment land will be delivered during the period 2006 and 2026.
- New housing development will be delivered through a combination of allocated sites and windfall opportunities on existing brownfield and other infill sites.

Minsterley

- The following sites are allocated for development: Hall Farm for mixed use development including approximately 0.5 ha of employment and around 17 houses; Callow Lane for 32 houses
- New employment opportunities will be encouraged through development or redevelopment of existing sites within the development boundary, including protected employment sites

Pontesbury

- The following sites are allocated for development: land off Minsterley Road for 16 houses; land at Hall Bank for a mixed-use development, including retail and around 60 houses
- New employment opportunities will be encouraged on existing appropriate sites within the development boundary which meet the requirements of relevant policies

Shropshire Council started reviewing its Local Plan in 2017 and recently consulted on the preferred sites which are needed to meet the county's development needs during the period to 2036. The new Plan is unlikely to be adopted before 2021, but the review will ensure that the Local Plan continues to be the primary consideration for decisions about development in Shropshire by maintaining robust and defensible policies that conform with national policy and address the changing circumstances within the county and beyond.

You can read more the Local Plan Review preferred sites consultation by following this link:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/strategic-sites-consultation/>

Key points from the Local Plan review include:

Minsterley

- Over the period to 2036, around an additional 42 houses will be provided to supplement the existing committed sites.
- In considering suitable, promoted land and thus available options for further housing it is considered land at the entrance of the village to the east, adjoining existing recent development, could deliver additional housing to meet needs
- Flood constraints and surface water management would need to be taken into account in the design of any development
- Additional homes may be delivered through windfall sites or cross subsidy/exception schemes on sites which are not currently promoted.

Pontesbury

- Over the period to 2036, an additional 62 houses will be provided to supplement the existing committed sites. This will provide an opportunity to deliver a range of accommodation types to help meet local housing needs
- In considering suitable, promoted land and thus available options for further housing it is considered land at the western end of the village off the A488, could deliver the required additional housing to meet needs.
- The preferred allocations are therefore expected to deliver between 40 dwellings, together with an allowance of around 23 homes to be delivered through windfall sites or exception schemes.

3. More about this area

3.1 Place Plan boundaries

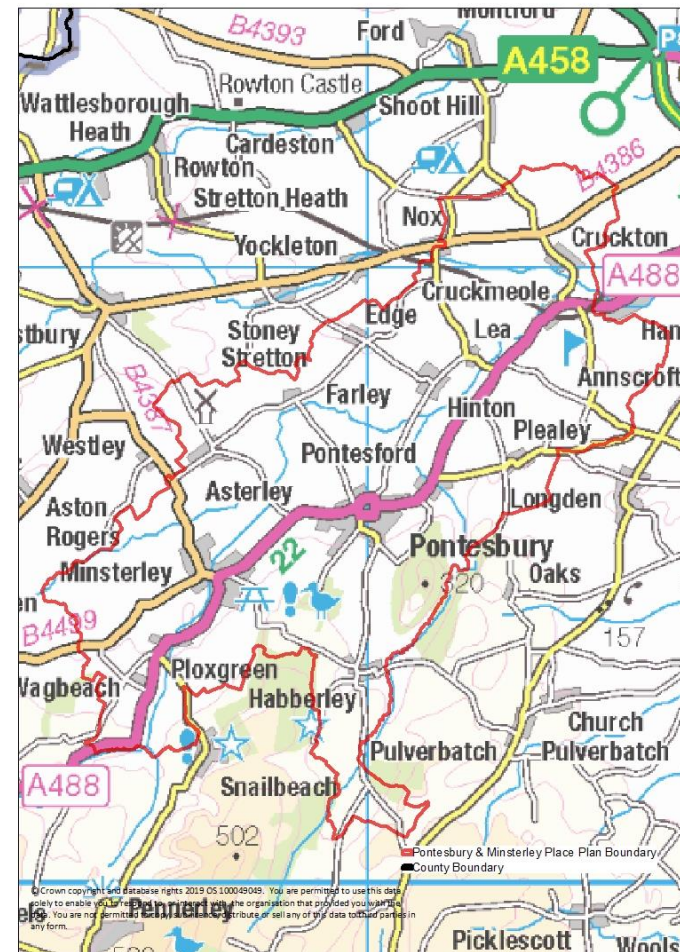
Place Plans were developed to include a main centre (often a market town) and its surrounding smaller towns, villages, and rural hinterland. These areas are recognised in the Local Plan as functioning geographical areas, with strong linkages to and from the main town and the wider area.

The Minsterley and Pontesbury Place Plan geography is shown in the map.

3.2 Pen picture of the area

Pontesbury is a large village with a population of around 3,200 people whilst Minsterley, to the south west of Pontesbury, has a population of around 1,800. The two villages are linked by the A488 road which continues south to Bishop's Castle and north to Shrewsbury. The Rea Brook also flows close to both settlements, both of whom sit on the north edge of the Shropshire Hills AONB.

Of the two settlements, Pontesbury has the most services including the Mary Webb Secondary School, a Sports Centre, a medical practice, primary school, post office, police station, library, and nursery. There are also independent shops selling a range of goods.



Minsterley also has a primary school, fire station, garage / supermarket, vet, and fish and chip shop. Its Parish Hall is one of the largest in Shropshire and hosts the annual Minsterley Eisteddfod. The village is also home to two large employers: a Muller dairy, and Rea Valley Foods which produces canned meats.

3.3 List of Parishes and Local Elected Members

This Place Plan covers the following Town and Parish Councils:

- Minsterley Parish Council
- Pontesbury Parish Council

The following Elected Members of Shropshire Council represent constituencies within this Place Plan area:

- Councillor Nick Hignett (Rea Valley Ward)
- Councillor Roger Evans (Longden Ward)

3.4 Other local plans

When developing the Place Plan for an area, Shropshire Council also looks at any other local plans and strategies that focus on infrastructure needs within this particular area. For Minsterley and Pontesbury, the relevant plans include:

Parish Plan:

- Hodnet Parish Plan: https://www.hodnet.org.uk/main/?page_id=11123

Neighbourhood Plan or Neighbourhood Plan 'Light':

- Pontesbury is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The area was designated in 2018 and it is anticipated that the Plan will be produced in late 2019 early 2020

4. Reviewing the Place Plan

4.1 Previous reviews

To date, the Place Plans have been updated through conversations with Town and Parish Councils, Local Elected Members, infrastructure and service providers, and local businesses. The ambition was to hold such conversations on an annual basis, but this approach has been difficult for the Council to resource, and has not enabled the Place Plans to be quickly and easily updated in response to changing local circumstances.

4.2 Future reviews

Undertaking an annual conversation involves significant consultation and engagement across the county. In light of current resource constraints, Shropshire Council will therefore now update the Place Plans on a rolling basis. This means that the Place Plans are 'live' documents, which can be updated as required in order to reflect changing infrastructure needs within a community. Town and Parish Councils will be able to submit projects for inclusion in their Place Plan on an ongoing basis.

A summary of the process that we will follow to review and incorporate these updates is shown overleaf.

Update required	Process
The local community wishes to remove, update, or add a Priority A or Priority B Project	<p>The Town or Parish Council submits the relevant information to their Place Plan Officer (see contact details at Annexe 1). This can be done via letter, email, or conversation and discussion.</p> <p>Shropshire Council’s Internal Infrastructure Group (a group of officers with responsibility for delivery of infrastructure) will consider the information and agree any amendments that need to be made to the Place Plan.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will then be shared with the Strategic Infrastructure Forum (external infrastructure providers, such as utility companies, Environment Agency, etc.) for their input.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will feedback the results of the discussions to the Town or Parish Council, and the final form of the amendment will be agreed.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will make the changes to the Place Plan, and upload the revised document to Shropshire Council’s website.</p>
The local community wishes to remove, update, or add a Neighbourhood Project	<p>The Town or Parish Council submits the relevant information to their Place Plan Officer.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will consult with internal and external partners to ensure that there are no reasons why the project should not be included.</p> <p>The Place Plan Officer will make the required changes to the Place Plan, and upload the revised document to Shropshire Council’s website.</p>
Shropshire Council or an external infrastructure provider wishes to remove, update, or add a Priority A or Priority B Project	<p>The relevant Place Plan Officer will contact all Town and Parish Councils in the Place Plan area to discuss any proposed amendments to A and B projects.</p> <p>Once any amendments have been discussed and agreed, the Place Plan Officer will make the changes to the Place Plan, and upload the revised document to Shropshire Council’s website.</p>

Annexe 1 Supporting information

For more information on Shropshire Council's planning policies, please go to:

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/>

For more information on Place Plans, please go to: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/place-plans>
or contact your Place Plan Officer via PlacePlans@shropshire.gov.uk

For additional information on Council services, please refer to the telephone numbers below:

Service	Number
General enquiries	0345 678 9000
Housing benefit	0345 678 9001
Council tax	0345 678 9002
Business rates	0345 678 9003
Planning and building control	0345 678 9004
Housing	0345 678 9005
Streets, roads and transport	0345 678 9006
Bins and recycling	0345 678 9007
School admissions, free school meals and school transport	0345 678 9008
Concerns for the welfare of a child/children's social care or early help support	0345 678 9021
Registrars	0345 678 9016
Concerns for a vulnerable adult and Adult Social care	0345 678 9044
Elections	0345 678 9015

Alternatively, you can contact us via our website using the online enquiries form:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/forms/contact-us?>

For more information on health provision, please contact Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group directly:

NHS Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group,
William Farr House,
Mytton Oak Road,
Shrewsbury,
SY3 8XL.

Tel: 01743 277500 (main switchboard)
Email: SHRCCG.ShropshireCCG@nhs.net