



Minutes of the Meeting of Severn Stoke & Croome d'Abitot Parish Council DRAFT

**Wednesday 26th November 2025,
At Croome National Trust SOQ meeting room**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Parish Councillors: (# absent with apologies, ## absent without apologies)

Cllr Richard Hill (Chair)	(rep for Severn Stoke parish ward)
Cllr Laurence Freeman (Deputy Chair)	(rep for Croome parish ward)
Cllr Ian Daly	(rep for Severn Stoke parish ward)
Cllr Laura McEwan-Hill	(rep for Severn Stoke parish ward)
Cllr Pat Preston	(rep for Severn Stoke parish ward)
Cllr Ray Williams	(rep for Severn Stoke parish ward)

Responsible Financial Officer, Proper Officer and Parish Clerk Lisa Stevens

Other community representatives:

National Trust Michelle Fullard, General Manager South Worcs
National Trust Katherine Alker, Grounds Manager Croome
Worcestershire County Councillor Martin Allen
Malvern Hills District Councillor John Michael #
Malvern Hills District Councillor David Harrison
Volunteer Footpath Officer Richard Humphries
Parish Lengthsman Simon Bott
Parish Lengthsman Tim Hughes #
PC Jon Hand/Safer Neighbourhood Off. Dee Stanley/Police Comm. Support Officer Ashley Smith #
Friends of St. Denys' Committee John Henderson #
Tarmac Colin Stratford (Clifton Liaison Committee Chair Martin Allen)

Residents in attendance: 1

68/25 Welcome, introductions and points of order

- i. Declarations of interest. Nil new.
- ii. Points of order. Nil.
- iii. Apologies. Nil.
- iv. Adjustments required to facilitate participation. Nil
- v. To note the resignation of Royston Garrard and that the vacancy was advertised with no electors stepping forward to request an election. Duly noted. **Resolved. Motion** of thanks to Royston. Prps: RH. Scnd: ID. There remain six (6) vacancies on this parish council. No applications had been received for co-option.
- vi. To determine any items on this agenda that should be considered of a private nature. Resolved. **Motion** to exclude members of the press and public during consideration of agenda item 8 (75/25 in these Minutes) (Contracts and Staffing Matters) by reason of the confidential nature of the items of business to be transacted, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960. Prps: LMH. Scnd: ID. **Duly approved.**

69/25 Minutes of the previous meeting.

- i. **Resolved. Motion** to accept and approve the minutes of the meeting of 24th September 2025.
Prps: RW. Scnd: LMH. Duly **approved**.

70/25 The meeting was adjourned for **Open Forum** (public question time). Residents noted the guidance provided for information on their seats. (Nb. Standing orders were relaxed for this section with general agreement).

- i. Resident question regarding the flood bund was deferred until the county councillor gave his report.
- ii. In response to resident question regarding hedges under custodianship of the Environment Agency, the Clerk had already made arrangements for these to be cut with R. Ebanks (EA - Project and Programme Delivery Manager Flood Bund).

Residents were thanked for their input and Standing Orders remained open for Community and Committee representative reports.

71/25 Community and Committee Representatives

- i. **County Councillor Martin Allen.** See Appendix 2 for the written report.
 - a) The cabinet members had been asked for an update on the flood bund, but no update was available. WCC still have responsibility for choosing a contractor. General debate followed on this topic, the agenda item 'flood bund update' was moved forward by general consent and the following actions were agreed without Motion.
 - Q1. The Clerk was **instructed** to write to I. Cresswell (WCC cabinet member with responsibility for environmental and community projects) to ask after flood bund progress.
 - Q2. In response to a parish cllr question about Ham Lane, it was thought that the money is still put aside by the WCC works to Ham Lane. The Clerk was instructed to write separately to ask about WCC plans for Ham Lane.
 - Q3) Residents reminded parish cllrs that there remains the legitimate cost of compensation to farmers who cannot farm their land whilst the bund project is incomplete. What is the exit plan if the bund does not go ahead? The Clerk was **instructed** to write to the EA to enquire.
 - Q4) Newt fencing is degrading yet again. What are the outcomes of this portion of the project? The Clerk was **instructed** to write to the EA to enquire.
 - Q5) What is the impact of devolution on the bund project/ Will it be included on the list of projects that will be taken forward once Devolution is completed? The Clerk was **instructed** to write to WCC to enquire.
 - Q6) Clerk **instructed** to write to ask A. Baldwin (MHDC Deputy Chief Exec.) for the parish council to become custodians of the £50k MHDC flood bund allocation set aside for Severn Stoke.
 - b) The CCllr was thanked for providing £300 divisional funding towards care of the Severn Bank sharp turn VAS. The Clerk was **instructed** by parish cllrs to obtain a quote for converting the existing VAS to function with solar panels. Highways have agreed to undertake a speed survey on Severn Bank sharp corner, though no date is given as yet. The Clerk was **instructed** to chase the Police Crime Commissioner for a response to the recent correspondence from the parish council on the dangerous corner at Severn bank and to copy Cllr I.Daly in on this. (Note post meeting, a PCC response was received 16/12/25 and was forwarded to parish cllrs – this will be forwarded to the CCllr once parish cllrs have had due time for consideration. The Clerk was **instructed** to email the Safer Neighbourhoods Team to ask for more speeding enforcement in Severn Stoke parish.
- ii. **District Councillor David Harrison**
 - a) It was noted that the Tenbury Flood Defences have been abandoned. Flood defence measures will instead be offered to individual properties. 160 so far have taken this up.
 - b) Discussion as to school place provision.
 - c) Update on planning and enforcement. In reference to the active item at Severn Bank. Parish Cllrs are to assist by providing information as they have it. (Note post meeting. Cllr Daly and SW have completed this action). In reference to the Old Boars head car park site, no progress is known at present. (Note post meeting – this application has been approved as of 19/12/25 : M/24/01651/OUT)

- iii. **The National Trust.**
 - a) Update on the project to remove panelling and plasterwork in the library.
 - b) Repairs are planned to tower roofs once listed building consent is gained.
 - c) Update on Christmas events (prebooked tickets only)
 - d) EV chargers are installed and will go live later in 2026.
 - e) Car park and visitor centre application is progressing. Results of biodiversity net gain assessment are outstanding. Contractors will be ready to go hopefully March 2026.
 - f) Going forward, the National Trust will meet with residents two times a year. This change has been disseminated to residents and is in part due to National Trust restructuring. Cllrs passed congratulations to National Trust members upon their reappointment. M.F.: General Manager for Worcestershire. K.A.: Garden Outdoors Manager for Worcestershire. O: Community and Participation and Volunteering Manager for Worcestershire.
- iv. **Parish Hall Committee.** See Appendix 3 for the written update.
- v. **Lengthsmen.** Lengthsman S. Bott confirmed that he will be stepping back temporarily and thanked the parish council for the kind words in the Kempsey Times. T. Hughes provides good continuity. Cllrs gave thanks to both.
- vi. **The Friends of St Denys' Committee.** Planning permission is being sought for the portaloo. The DCllr gave suggestions as to a way forward and was advised to put this in writing to the parish clerk for her to pass to the church committee.
- vii. **Volunteer Footpaths Warden (VFW).** R.Humphreys thanked the parish council for the roundel signs. Some are left over so suggestions for locations would be welcomed. Wet weather means that a lot of the footpaths are still not fit for walking on. Farmers need to be encouraged to reinstate routes through ploughed fields. The Clerk confirmed that this had once again been raised with Savills.
- viii. **Tarmac.** Staff have received redundancy notices and the site will be shut down and moth balled.
- ix. **Phone Box High Green.** Project review and quality control. The contractor is to be asked for a site inspection post project completion. (Note post meeting: site visit arranged for third week in December)
- x. **Police.** Cllrs noted that the Police Crime Commissioner role is due to be abolished in approx. 2.5 years.
- xi. **Broadband.** The project to expand provision to Croome residents (8 properties) has been completed by BT, with speeds noticeably improved. Residents at Severn Stoke village have contacted the Clerk to ask for similar rollout – their request has been forwarded to R. Stepniewski (WC), with the following response received.
"Openreach does have commercial plans for the area (although all plans are subject to change and can be withdrawn at any time). It appears that, currently, areas like Clifton, Severn Stoke, Earls Croome and Kinnersley, plus premises in between are worst affected. These sit between 3 exchanges – Kempsey, Severn Stoke and Upton. Upton build is slowly coming to a close. Kempsey build is ongoing and due to finish next year. Also Project Gigabit (Govt funded programme) is due to start next year too. I understand that between both programmes, majority of the area will be upgraded, but I am not certain of exactly which premises and the timescales. I have recently spoken with the OR lead for Worcestershire and he hasn't got visibility post March 26 at present".
 Cllrs also noted the **BT Switch over to digital** and will received details of the overview of the upgrade from analogue to digital and key timelines and how BT is supporting vulnerable customers in due course.
- xii. **Remembrance Day** was reported to be very well attended in the parish.

Closure of Open Forum. Motion to reinstate Standing Orders duly approved.

72/25 Planning and enforcement.

- i. Standing Item: To consider (and as required, arrange an extra ordinary parish council meeting) planning applications received after date of publication of this agenda. Nil.
- ii. To note recent and ongoing public consultation events: South Worcestershire Councils' vision for a new settlement around Worcestershire Parkway Station, now to be known as Wychavon Town rather than 'Worcestershire Parkway' to better reflect the identity and character of the emerging neighbourhood and its connection to the surrounding communities. Duly noted.
- iii. To note that the Clerk is attending the Malvern Hills and Wychavon climate change adaptation plan - workshop for Parish and Town Councils. Thu 2025-12-11 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Duly noted.

73/25 Budget and Precept 2026/2027 - to consider and resolve to set the budget for the 2026/27 financial year and to submit the request for the parish council portion of council tax to the district council by 31st January 2026

The agenda was worded thus: **Debate subject to National Budget 27th November 2025. Cllr future projects and resident wish list.**

- a. Motion to increase the precept by 2.5% - equates to much less than 1 cup of costa coffee per household per year.
- b. Motion to increase the precept by 7% - equates to £3.24 (or 1 cup of costa coffee per household per year). £14,000 to £14,980.

- i. Cllrs **agreed** that agenda proposals be rephrased to:
 - a. Motion to increase the precept by 2.5% - equates to an estimated £1.91 increase for Band D properties p.a. Giving a precept increased from £14,000 to £14,350 pa.
 - b. Motion to increase the precept by 7% - equates to an estimated £3.98 increase per Band D property pa. Giving a precept increase from £14,000 to £14,980 pa.
- ii. Councillors requested more time for consideration and to consider WCALC advice (Appendix 6), noted that the last day for decision is the January 2026 parish council meeting and **instructed** the Clerk to add this matter to the agenda.

74/25 Vehicle Activated (Speed) Signs (VAS) future maintenance and charging of batteries.

See Appendix 4 for list of VAS owned by the PC.

- i. The parish council now has 12 VAS batteries to charge and swap over every 2 weeks – a monumental task which need further promotion to the general public. Debate and Motions for the following:
 - a) Proposal to allow a councillor a £10 allowance per month for electricity costs of charging the 12 VAS batteries. Motion duly **approved**. Prps. PP. Scnd: LMH. Cllr Freeman to take on these duties at his own recommendation and proposal.
 - b) Proposal to formally assess the fire risk of the batteries, storage requirements and insurance requirements therein. The Clerk was **instructed** to work with Cllr Freeman to obtain a declaration and assent to charging at own risk at home, containing the following principles (lightly drafted at the meeting, but better conceptualised in these minutes by the Clerk):
 - The role is voluntary and unpaid, except item 1 above to cover charging expenses.
 - The volunteer performs the task at their own risk, including but not limited to damage to property, personal injury, or equipment failure. The Volunteer voluntarily assumes all such risks associated with charging and storing the battery at their home.
 - The volunteer may stop at any time
 - Liability and responsibility are clearly limited. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the volunteer agrees that the parish council is not responsible for any loss, damage, injury, or expense arising from the charging, storage, or handling of the battery while in the volunteer's possession. The volunteer releases and holds harmless the parish council from any related claims.
 - c) Decision as to care and maintenance of the VAS at High Green upon the resignation of the parish councillor in that locality. Cllr Freeman volunteered for this for the time being and Cllrs gave sincere thanks for this.
 - d) Long term maintenance and care of the VAS – recruitment of volunteers? Currently the Lengthsmen assist as part of their official duties, at cost. The Clerk was **instructed** to continue to advertise for volunteers.

75/25 Contracts and staffing matters (listed as item 8 in the agenda).

- i. **Motion** to exclude members of the press and public as per Resolution 38/25vi above now in place. All public, district and county councillors left the meeting.
- ii. Site of Parish Hall lease and contracts, update on the Thomson & Bancks solicitors site visit 11th November and correspondence received 21st November 2025.
 - a) To note and acknowledge the Management Committee response to the PC request for hall committee cooperative working and funding: "The Management Committee maintains that any matter pertaining to the car park is outside their scope. The Committee is more than happy to provide help and support through access to and interpretation of documentation". The Clerk was **instructed** to write to the Committee, accept their decision and thank them for all their assistance. The Hall committee has provided relevant extracts from Minute books 1960 to 2025.
 - b) Cllrs had received and digested copies of the correspondence from the solicitor. Cllrs **agreed** to accept the opinion and advice of the solicitors and to write to inform the residents accordingly. Cllr Preston volunteered, was **instructed and approved** to assist the Clerk with drafting letters to residents, summarising advice obtained from solicitors. Letter 1 in reference to a claim for prescriptive easement for which no evidence has been presented by the residents to support, particularly in reference to conveyance of the property. Letter 2 in reference to a claim for prescriptive easement for which no evidence has been presented by the residents in support. (Note post meeting: letters hand delivered 01/12/25) Prps: LF. Scnd: RH. Duly **approved**. Unanimous.
 - c) Cllrs considered and **approved** to only allow exceptional requests on the old hall site for parking for one off parish-wide events, such as a fete or an event open to the public at the Church, but that no approval would be given without decision by full parish council. Prps: PP. Scnd: ID. Duly **approved**. Unanimous. Accordingly, the gate is to be kept locked. Cllrs noted that it was unlikely that this decision would be exercised until further advice is sought and received from the land owners Savills.
 - d) The Clerk was **instructed** to write to Savills, to ask for a meeting to discuss the lease of the land at the old hall site, with a view to understanding restrictions, limitations, options for extending the lease and options for ending the lease early. (Note post meeting: meeting proposed for mid Jan 26)
- iii. Phone box High Green. Project review and quality control – already covered above.

76/25 Finance, admin and training

- i. To note the receipt of Community Infrastructure Levy - Neighbourhood Fund £2907.39 now that development has commenced at Orchard House, Kinnersley, Severn Stoke, WR8 9JR. This has resulted in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) being paid to the District Council, a percentage of which has been paid to this parish council. (Nb. The parish council already received £7800 in April 2025, of which some has been used towards the new bin A38 layby and for two new roundels in Kinnersley 30mph section from the A38) Duly noted.
- ii. **Resolved. Motion** to consider/motion to approve payment of accounts for this month and the previous month. Prps: PP. Scnd: LMH. Duly **approved**. Appendix 1.
- iii. **Resolved. Motion** to receive and approve the latest bank reconciliation/quarterly report (as applicable). Prps: PP. Scnd: LMH. Duly **approved**.
- iv. **Resolved. Motion** to receive the Clerk's timesheet. Prps: RH. Scnd: LMH. Duly **approved**.
- v. Clerk's correspondence list for information. Appendix 5. Duly accepted.
- vi. Press and social media policy. Motion for full adoption subject to the following:
 - a) Cllr's progress with fully adopting Outlook – any further help required?. All cllrs are set up.
 - b) Set up of automatic email signatures – any further help required?. Nil.
 - c) Decision on 7 or 90 automatic deletion of WhatsApp messages. **Item moved to next meeting. Policy to be adopted in January 2026.**
- vii. **Online banking** and changes to terms and conditions – update on progress. All Cllrs had received the correspondence that they were expecting. The Clerk was **instructed** to remove members as per recent resignations.
- viii. To note that the clerk has reviewed and accepted the **.gov.uk domain and email account** support and hosting agreement for Severn Stoke and Croome D'Abitot Parish Council by WJPS. Duly noted.

77/25 Correspondence, dates for diary, items for future agenda.

- i. Next CALC Malvern Hills Area meeting has been moved to Thursday 15th January. This will be held virtually via Zoom and will begin at 7pm.
- ii. Climate Change Adaptation - Town & Parish Council Workshop – clerk to attend. Climate Change Adaptation - Town & Parish Council Workshop
- iii. Item for future agenda
 - War Memorial. ownership, maintenance, lease of land/ownership of verge, progress with valuation.
 - Risk assessments.
 - Audio recording for parish council meetings.

78/25 Date of the next meeting. Wed 28th January 2026 7.30pm. Croome NT SOQ meeting room.

Signed Chairman

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Notes to minutes – Terms

- Once approved, the Motion/decision is called a “resolution”
- Resolved – Where a decision is made about a Motion.
- Duly Approved – Motions where a formal vote took place, accepting the Motion.
- Duly Accepted/Agreed – Motions where no formal vote took place but the action/recommendation within the Motion or debate is to proceed. Usually for non-financial matters or for items already agreed as part of an existing budget.
- Declined – Motion where a formal vote took place, with the Motion rejected.
- Duly Noted – Information not requiring a vote.
- Abstentions or votes against a Motion will be noted but the minutes will NOT always show individual names, unless Councillors have declared an interest and the transparency of that interest must be maintained.

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Appendices overleaf

Appendix 1. Items already paid since last PC meeting June 2025 (*Approved under previous agenda or required payment under contract monthly*) **And Appendix 2. Items for payment July 2025 outstanding:**

17/10/2025	Mr S Bott	Lengthsman invoice Sept 2024.	£88.10
17/10/2025	Mr S Bott	Parish Hall Mowing 25 Sept 2025	£40.00
03/11/2025	PCC Severn Stoke	Church annual mowing donation.	£500.00
17/10/2025	Mrs L Stevens	Expenses & HMA (£26) October 2025. including traffic cones	£71.17
17/10/2025	HMRC Shipley	EmployEE Income tax payment. Reimbursed by Clerk.	£4.80
28/10/2025	Mrs L Stevens	Clerk wage Sept paid in Oct 2025	£333.60
20/10/2025	Bank service charge		£4.25
Nil	Mr S Bott	Lengthsman invoice Oct 2025	£0.00
Nil	Mr S Bott	Parish Hall Mowing Oct 2025	£0.00
06/11/2025	Cope's Home Maintenance	repair to phone box High Green repainting etc	£955.00
03/11/2025	Mr T Hughes	2nd Lengthsman invoice Oct 2025	£378.45
05/11/2025	Mrs L Stevens	Right of way roundels from the Sign Shed	£40.50
22/11/2025	Mrs L Stevens	Expenses & HMA (£26) Nov 2025 incl. & mileage	£37.46
22/11/2025	HMRC Shipley	EmployEE Income tax payment. Clerk reimbursed 22/11/25	£5.20
Standing order	Mrs L Stevens	Clerk wage Oct paid in Nov 2025	£333.60
18/11/2025	Bank charge	Service charge. Contract.	£4.25

Appendix 2 – County Councillor Martin Allen report to the Parish Council November 2025

UNITARY AUTHORITY - At the last county council meeting it was approved that officers at WCC were to continue to work towards a One Worcestershire Unitary Authority.

NEW SCHOOL - Also, at the last meeting the administration proposed that the £63m school be scrapped, this motion was defeated. However, WCC do not have the funds to build a new school, nor do I believe they will have them in the short to medium term.

CUTS PROPOSED BY THE COUNTY COUNCILS' ADMINISTRATION FAIL - During the last county council meeting, the present administration presented a proposal to carryout wide sweeping cuts. This was voted down.

FREE COMMERCIAL BUS TRAVEL FOR VETERANS - will now commence 6th of April 2026.

FLOOD BUND MEETING - I have a question laid down for the 6th of November full County Council meeting asking for an update.

ROAD CLOSURE AT KERSWELL GREEN - I understand that Severn Trent have delayed their work. No doubt new dates will be published soon.

End of update. Some items redacted as containing contact details.

Appendix 3 – Parish Hall Committee update to the Parish Council 26th November 2025

Request to Charity Commission to amend charitable objects - On 30th September 2025 the Hall committee received a very positive response from the Charity Commission, in which the Charity Commission conclude there is no need to change the charity's objectives, since the aim is to get a new village hall, which still fulfills the main charitable objective. The Charity Commission's email stated that the actions the Trustees have taken so far are in line with the seven decision-making principles for trustees which the Charity Commission find reassuring. The Hall committee will therefore continue to manage the charity business while discussions around the flood bund continue. The Committee's aim continues to be a hall rebuild, either on the current site or on a new piece of land and for funds to be used to contribute to this. The viability of this aim will be reviewed again in 12 months.

Investment Policy - A new investment policy has been drafted and is in its final stages of review. The policy sets out guidelines for the investment of the cash funds held, and procedure for review and update. A proportion of the funds are already invested in the M&G Charifund. The intention is to spread funds further in order to take advantage of low and medium risk return vehicles, while maintaining a working cash balance.

AGM for YE March 2025 - AGM is planned for 8th January 2026, to be held at the Rose and Crown.

L. McEwan-Hill, Secretary, SSVH Management Committee

End of update.

Appendix 4 overleaf.

Appendix 5. Clerk's correspondence list for items NOT included in the agenda above

	Police Crime Commissioner newsletter
	PCSO quarterly contract
	NALC Chief Executive's bulletin
	WCALC monthly bulletin
	CPRE newsletter and monthly bulletin
	MHDC Planning monthly bulletin
	WCC Funding Finder monthly bulletin
	The Rural Funding Digest - Looking for funding for your local project or community group
	The Rural Bulletin – national rural news and ensuring rural communities have a voice
	Rural Services Network weekly bulletin
	HMRC Help and Support
	HMRC – payroll update and legal requirements
	HSE weekly bulletins – working from home, employing contractors
	Parish Magazine monthly submission
	Register of electors details of how to request forwarded to all Cllrs
	Devolution timelines
	WJS support for access of .gov.email accounts by cllrs
	Winter Provision Partner Survey submitted by Clerk
	Parliamentary motion supporting local community energy

Appendix 6 - Parish Council Precepts

The following is advice from WCALC extracted from CALC Update 25-05: “There is no capping again this year to Parish and Town Council precepts, with the lead up to unitary coming, we would urge Parish and Town Councils to plan for the future. Looking at what responsibilities may come their way, extra capacity they can start building now so they aren't left behind in a couple of years time. By increasing precepts to build in more hours for staffing and/or better pay it will enable the Council to do more in the future.

Worcestershire Parish Councils should consider increasing their precepts to better reflect the growing demands and expectations of their communities. Many councils in the county currently operate below the national average, which can limit their ability to deliver essential services, maintain public spaces, and support local initiatives. As parishes become busier and more engaged in community development, a modest rise in precepts would empower them to invest in infrastructure, events, and support systems that directly enhance residents' quality of life. A well-funded parish council is better positioned to be proactive, responsive, and innovative in meeting local needs.

Currently the National average Band D is £92.22, even the smallest Parish in County raising their Band D up to that amount would still be less than the increase the County Council are likely to levy on the tax payer.

Currently only 10 out of 151 Town and Parish Council's in the County are at or above the National Average. The national average is likely to increase between 6-7% the next year, and is nearly £10 higher for those area's that have unitary councils.

-end of update-

Appendix 4. VAS signs owned by the parish council

Location and name	Condition	Purchase date	Purchase price	Notes
Vehicle activated speed sign High Green . Gifted to Parish Council by National Trust	Good condition. Smart water applied. Dec 2023.	16.02.17	£2,904.20	SWARCO: Battery powered Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign to B-30r234-SD-BDH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 no spare battery pack comprising of 1 no 22Ah battery with 1 no 10Ah battery • 1 no mounting kit comprising of 1 no post bracket with 2 no post clips (post size tbc) • 1 no post fixing kit comprising of 1 no 40mm brass padlock & 1 no Tamtorque tool. The data recorded by the internal MVD (Microwave Vehicle Detection) downloaded to a laptop via Bluetooth.
Vehicle activated speed sign Severn Stoke (more often used in Clifton), part gifted to PC from WCC. Part contribution from PC	Good condition. Smart water applied. Dec 2023.	Jan-22	£1,955.20	WESTCOTEC: 1 x Portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) with adjustable MPH Legend, battery powered complete with spare Lead Acid. battery, 'intelligent' charger, sign weatherproof cover and bracket. Original purchase price was £2904.2
Vehicle activated speed sign Kinnersley purchased by PC.	Case vandalised by attempted theft. Does not impact on working order. No action. Smart water applied. Dec 2023.	Oct-23	£2,904.20	WESTCOTEC: 1 x Portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) with Happy/Sad face Legend beneath, battery powered complete with spare Lead Acid battery, 'intelligent' charger, sign weatherproof cover and bracket
Vehicle activated speed sign Clifton (more often used in Severn Stoke) purchased by Police crime commissioner grant	New. Smart water applied. June 2025	May-24	£2,747.99	Elan city: [EPRA0162AA] GB[AS-BT] RADAR SPEED SIGN EVOLIS VISION – VERSION - USB/BLUETOOTH Radar Speed Sign Evolis VISION ready - Speed Display: 38cm high (green/amber/red) with "Warning Triangle" (anti-racing function), - Dynamic Message Display: 64x16cm surface area for alert in case of excessive speed.
Vehicle activated sign warning of dangerous bend Severn Bank	New for Oct 2025.	Oct-25	Unknown. Estimate £5k	Previous WCC owned and adopted by PC on account of the county council can no longer afford to maintain it. WESTCOTEC: Note from T.Crake: The cost for Westcotec to attend and assess the unit would be £295.00 + VAT. Alternatively a replacement device would be £4,442.00 + VAT including solar kit and then a new 6 year warranty.

End of appendices. End of minutes.

