

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 20th May 2026

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs John Smith, Leo Oliver, Alex Cayless, Jayne Miller and David Best the clerk. One member of the public attended the meeting.

26/056	Apologies for absence: James Hartley, Peter Barrett, District Cllr Douglas Webb, District Cllr Nicola Borkmann, County Cllr Chris Brant
26/057	Declarations of Interest: None.
26/058	Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and leads for working groups John Smith was elected Chairman Leo Oliver was elected Vice Chairman Leaders for working groups - It was agreed that the leaders of the working groups would be decided when the current councillor vacancies have been filled.
26/059	Acceptance of minutes: The minutes from the meeting held on 22 nd April were agreed and signed.
26/060 26/060/1 26/060/2 26/060/3 26/060/4 20/060/5	Open Forum: Speedwatch – Positions for checking the speed of cars in the villages has been agreed with Thames Valley Police. Teams of four volunteers check the speed of cars, so the PC is looking for 12 volunteers to form a rota. OCC Flood Grants – Investigations have revealed that there have been no floods for many years, but some drains/ gulleys need clearing. The clerk will chase OCC on this and other outstanding road issues in the villages. Quarry Liaison meeting – Two councillors and a resident are attending the 1 st liaison meeting with the quarry which is being redeveloped with glamping pods. Sheep causing damage in gardens – Residents in Alkerton have reported that sheep have been jumping into a garden and damaging them. Livestock owners are generally liable under the Animals Act 1971, and a councillor will meet with the farmer. Parish Council Election – Four councillors remain on the Parish Council.
26/061	District and County Councillor Reports: No update
26/062	Village Maintenance and Improvement: No update
26/063	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads: No update
26/064	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance: No update
26/065	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: No update
26/066	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: No update
26/067 26/067/1 26/067/2	Parish Matters: Recruitment of new clerk – A new clerk, Lauren White, has been interviewed and is expected to start on 1 st June. Report on trees on the green – An Arboricultural Condition survey was commissioned in 2025 on the trees on The Green. This identified that two Horse Chestnuts were in poor condition and a report should be completed by a climbing arborist. The climbing arborist recommendation is crown raising and thinning to one tree but the one in front of Senendone House is removed and replaced as it has extensive splitting in the main trunk and branches
26/068 26/050/1	Planning Applications since last meeting: 26/00930/LB – Senendone House – Replace chimney like for like – PC supports
26/069	Planning Decisions since last meeting: None since last meeting.

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26/070	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances on 31 st March were £14,150.45 (£6,589.72 Current & £7,560.73 Deposit).
26/072	Second Open Forum: No discussion
26/073	Passing of accounts for payment: £252.00 to N R Prickett for verge mowing £212.20 to D Best for April Pay £53.00 to HMRC April PAYE
26/074	Any Other Business: None
26/075	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 8.54pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 15th July 2026** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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