

**Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** – Cllrs, John Smith, Peter Barrett, Leo Oliver, Jayne Miller, Alex Cayless, Simon Porter. 2 members of the public attended the meeting.

26/020	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> James Hartley, Douglas Webb, Chris Brant
26/021	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None.
26/022	<b>Acceptance of minutes:</b> The minutes from the meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> January were agreed and signed.
26/023 26/023/1  26/023/2  26/023/3	<b>Open Forum:</b> <b>Granting of appeal against refusal by Cherwell DC to grant Permission in Principle for 9 self-build houses (25/01461/PIP)</b> – Concern was expressed at the decision to allow the appeal. The PC believes that it is not practical to challenge the decision as the inspector’s decision can only be challenged in the High Court within six weeks, can only be challenged if a legal error was made by the inspector and has insufficient funds. It was agreed to scrutinise carefully each further application relating to this PIP. <b>Wroxton MotoX</b> – No date has been set by CDC for the meeting with Hornton PC and other interested parties <b>National Highways Survey</b> – The PC was invited to participate the survey giving views on Oxfordshire Highways. Cllr John Smith has completed the survey advising that the state of the roads is unsatisfactory.
26/024 26/024/1  26/024/2  26/024/3  26/024/4  26/024/5  26/024/6  26/024/7	<b>District and County Councillor Reports:</b> <b>Cherwell 2026-27 Budget</b> – This has been approved and includes glass recycling in fortnightly bin collections, securing the future of Banbury Museum, £3M invested in homeless accommodation, deliver £G pitches in Banbury & Bicester. <b>Cherwell Local Plan Review 2042</b> – Public examination hearings have taken place in front of Government appointed inspectors. <b>Local Government Reorganisation</b> – This is currently in the public consultation stage with responses required by 26 <sup>th</sup> March. The proposal supported by Oxfordshire County Council is one unitary authority for the whole county. There is a proposal for two unitary authorities – north and south. The proposal supported by Oxford City Council is for 3 unitary authorities – an expanded Oxford City authority including Cherwell and two authorities covering the rest of the county. Residents may participate in the survey at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-oxfordshire">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-oxfordshire</a> <b>Increase in Fly Tipping</b> – This appears to be organised trade dumping. It can be reported at <a href="https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/report">https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/report</a> <b>Oxfordshire County Council 2026-27 Budget</b> – This has been approved which includes additional £14M funding for adult social care, £19M additional for children’s services, £4M for highways drainage improvements and capital investment in highways maintenance and infrastructure. <b>Highways</b> – this is the most frequently raised issue and OCC is investing more than ever before. County Councillor Chris Brant continues to lobby for improvements locally. <b>Flood Prevention and Drainage</b> – OCC committed to clear every gully by the end of Marh and is on target. Ones that haven’t been cleared should be reported on Fix My Street.
26/025	<b>Village Maintenance and Improvement:</b> <b>Works to trees</b> – The tree surgeon was requested at the beginning of February to carry out the required works. <b>Village Litter pick</b> – This is on 14-15 March. Volunteers were requested via Shenington Green.
26/026 26/026/1 26/026/2	<b>Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads:</b> <b>Repair of wall between The Green and Road</b> – The PC is waiting for this work to be carried out. <b>Speedwatch</b> – agreement is being sought from Thames Valley Police on the locations for monitoring traffic speeds through the village.

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<b>26/027</b>	<b>Councillor Report: Planning, Legal &amp; Finance:</b> No update
<b>26/028</b>	<b>Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention &amp; Environment:</b> None
<b>26/029</b>	<b>Councillor Report: Internet &amp; Social Media:</b> No update
	<b>Councillor Report: Village Hall:</b> <b>Registration with HM Land Registry</b> – The Village Hall CIO is registering it in its own name but there are some boundary anomalies that must be resolved first.
<b>26/030</b> 26/030/1  26/030/2	<b>Parish Matters:</b> <b>Meeting with the Headteacher</b> – Another meeting is being scheduled with the Headteacher. <b>Village Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)</b> – It was reported in the last meeting that Cllr Simon Porter had been elected as the PC representative on the CIO but the new constitution does not provide for a PC representative. However, Simon has been elected as a Trustee and will brief the PC on Village Hall matters.
<b>26/031</b> 26/031/1 26/031/2  26/031/3	<b>Planning Applications since last meeting:</b> <b>26/00332/LB</b> – Brook Cottage – Replace underfloor heating – PC supports <b>25/02318/F</b> – Alkerton Barn – revise plans from 20/00441/F – PC defers to CDC Planning to determine which, if any of the changes meet planning regulations. <b>25/02243/F</b> – The Shires – Remove 3.3m of wall for drive – PC has no objection in principle to knocking down part of the wall and gravelling in front of the house to park cars but the vehicles should not block the footpath.
<b>26/032</b> 26/032/1 26/032/2 26/032/3	<b>Planning Decisions since last meeting:</b> <b>25/02810/F</b> – Leys View Cottage – replacement windows – CDC permitted 9/02/2026 <b>25/03248/F</b> – The Well House – reface garden room – CDC Permitted 10/02/2026 <b>25/01461/PIP</b> – Appeal against refusal to grant Permission in Principle for 9 houses – Appeal allowed 9/3/2026
<b>26/033</b>	<b>Financial/Administration:</b> <b>Bank Balances</b> – The bank balances on 28 <sup>th</sup> February were £12,163.06 (£4621.42 Current & £7,541.64 Deposit).
<b>26/034</b>	<b>Second Open Forum:</b> No discussion
<b>26/035</b>	<b>Passing of accounts for payment:</b> £228.00 to OALC for subscription £212.00 to D Best for February Pay £53.20 to HMRC February PAYE
<b>26/036</b>	<b>Any Other Business:</b> <b>Local government reorganisation</b> – The PC has been asked for its opinion on which of the 3 options it prefers. It voted on the options and agreed on option 2. Cllr John Smith will submit this response.
<b>26/037</b>	<b>Closure of the meeting:</b> The meeting ended at 9.23pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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