

**Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**The meeting commenced at 7.00pm**

**Present** – Cllrs, John Smith, Peter Barrett, Leo Oliver, Jayne Miller, Alex Cayless, Simon Porter, James Hartley and David Best, Parish Clerk. No members of the public attended the meeting.

<b>25/192</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllrs, District & County Councillor Chris Brant
<b>25/193</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None.
<b>25/194</b>	<b>Acceptance of minutes:</b> The minutes from the meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> November were agreed and signed.
<b>25/195</b> 25/195/1	<b>Open Forum:</b> <b>Defibrillator</b> – A new lock has been ordered for the cabinet which will be fitted as soon as received. <b>Motocross</b> – Cllr John Smith received a letter from Cherwell District Cllr David Hingley advising that CDC is determining the most appropriate way to proceed and the merit of issuing an Article 4 Declaration.
<b>25/196</b>	<b>District and County Councillor Reports:</b> None
<b>25/197</b>	<b>Village Maintenance and Improvement:</b> <b>Fallen branch from Horse Chestnut on The Green</b> – None.
<b>25/198</b> 25/198/1	<b>Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads:</b> <b>Damaged wall at the edge of The Green and the road</b> – The PC is waiting for the contractor to become free to carry out the work.
<b>25/199</b>	<b>Councillor Report: Planning, Legal &amp; Finance:</b> No update
<b>25/200</b>	<b>Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention &amp; Environment:</b> None
<b>25/201</b>	<b>Councillor Report: Internet &amp; Social Media:</b> No update
<b>25/202</b>	<b>Councillor Report – Village Hall Management Committee:</b> The charity has become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) creating a separate legal body that can own assets and make contracts in its own name, offering limited liability for trustees and simplifying regulation as it's only regulated by the Charity Commission (not Companies House).
<b>25/203</b> 25/203/1  25/203/2	<b>Parish Matters:</b> <b>Agree draft budget for 2026-27 and Precept</b> – The draft budget which had been circulated prior to the meeting was agreed. The Precept was set with an average increase per house per year of £5 <b>Letter to Alexander Harrison regarding defibrillator training</b> – It was agreed that the clerk will decline this offer of defibrillator training as some residents have recently received training in Ratley.
<b>25/204</b> 25/204/1	<b>Planning Applications since last meeting:</b> <b>R3.0121/25</b> – Alkerton recycling centre – Extend recycling centre for 10 years – The response to OCC was agreed as not to object subject to traffic calming measures being implemented including a no right turn into the centre to avoid congestion. Also that verges and hedges witing ½ mile be cleared of rubbish weekly.
<b>25/205</b> 25/205/1	<b>Planning Decisions since last meeting:</b> <b>25/01924/F</b> – Knapp House – Replacement windows – Withdrawn by applicant.

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<b>25/206</b> 25/206/1	<b>Financial/Administration:</b> <b>Bank Balances</b> – The bank balances on 30 <sup>th</sup> November were £11,363.01 (£3,843.31 Current & £7,519.70 Deposit).
<b>25/207</b>	<b>Second Open Forum:</b> <b>Spring Clean around the villages</b> – It was agreed to organise this in February or March before the grass on the verges starts growing. This is earlier than the CDC organised event which is latter in the year when the length of grass makes it more difficult. <b>Karting Calendar</b> – It was agreed that the calendar provided by the Karting Club will be published via Shenington Green
<b>25/208</b>	<b>Passing of accounts for payment:</b> £100.00 to Neil Brooks for grass cutting £106.56 to Think Logic for new defibrillator lock £7.94 to Amazon for batteries for defibrillator £3.94 to Amazon for spray for defibrillator £212.20 to D Best for November Pay £53.00 to HMRC November PAYE
<b>25/209</b>	<b>Any Other Business:</b> None
<b>25/210</b>	<b>Closure of the meeting:</b> The meeting ended at 7.40pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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