Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 16th September 2026

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs John Smith, Leo Oliver, Alex Cayless, John Buchanan, Lauren White, parish clerk.
5 members of the public attended the meeting.

26/095	**Apologies for absence:** Jayne Miller
26/096	**Declarations of Interest:** None
26/097	**Acceptance of minutes:** The minutes from the meeting held on 15th July 2026 were agreed and signed.
26/098	**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.
26/099 26/099/1 26/099/2 26/099/3	**Open Forum:** **Co option of Cllr Harris** - The Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Cliff Harris as a member of the Parish Council. Councillor Harris was welcomed to the Council, and was thanked for volunteering his time and agreeing to serve the parish. **Community Access to School Playing Fields** - A parishioner raised a proposal to reinstate discussions regarding community access to the school playing fields outside of school hours and requested the Parish Council's support in principle to pursue the matter. Following representations from the parishioner and the school's Headteacher, Councillors agreed to take time to consider the proposal and confirm at the next meeting whether the Parish Council is in a position to support. **Works to Bus Stop -** It was noted that the proposed works to the bus stop will no longer proceed, as Oxfordshire County Council have been unable to obtain the necessary planning permission for works on the village green.
26/100	**District and County Councillor Reports:** No update
26/101	**Village Maintenance and Improvement:** No update
26/102	**Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads:** No update
26/103	**Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance:** No update
26/104	**Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment**: No update
26/105	**Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media:** No update
26/106 26/106/1 26/106/2 26/106/3 26/106/4 26/106/5	**Parish Matters:** **Community Speedwatch -** It was noted that volunteers have been recruited for the Community Speedwatch Initiative. Subject to completion of the required online and in-person training in the use of the equipment, it is hoped that monitoring sessions will commence during peak traffic periods. **Tree Remediation** - Work is anticipated to take place in October. **Transition to Online Banking** - It was noted that all required information has been submitted to Unity, and the application is currently awaiting review. **Transition to Gov.uk Parish Council Website and Emails -** It was noted that work is ongoing. **Asset Register** - To be reviewed and updated by the clerk.
26/107	**Planning Applications since last meeting:** **26/02094/TCA** – Mulberry Cottage, The Green. T1 Silver Birch - crown reduction of 5 metres approx and prune by 20%, repairs to walling, installation of electric vehicle charging point and various minor works. Councillors support the application.
26/108	**Planning Decisions since last meeting:** **26/01177/F** - Easylay Concrete Ltd, Sugarswell Lane. Planning was refused. **26/00930/LB** - Senedone House, The Green. Planning was approved.

26/109	**Financial/Administration:** **Bank Balances** – The bank balances on 31st August were £12,951.95 (£5,369.68 Current & £7,582.27 Deposit).
26/110 26/110/1 26/110/2	**Second Open Forum**: **November 26 Parish Meeting -** Due to holidays it was agreed that the meeting in November will take place on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm providing the village hall is available for use. **Quarry Works** - It was noted that the quarry works appear to be progressing. The next quarry local liaison meeting is scheduled to take place later this year.
26/111	**Passing of accounts for payment:** £252.00 to N R Prickett for Verge Mowing (invoice 2810) £139.04 to Claire Dumbreck for Mailer Lite (Shenington Green) £421.60 to L White for July & August pay £105.40 to HMRC for July & August PAYE
26/112 26/112/1 26/112/2 26/112/3	**Any Other Business:** **Sheep & Stile** - It was noted that sheep had again escaped from their field at the top of the village and caused damage. Cllr Buchanan agreed to contact the landowner to raise the matter, and discuss the condition of the stile on the footpath by Brook Cottage. **Dog Fouling** - It was noted that dog fouling continues to be an issue within the village, despite availability of dog waste bins. Cllr Cayless agreed to raise awareness of the issue on Shenington Green. **TEN Licence** - It was noted that any future events on the village green where alcohol is sold or supplied will require the event organiser to apply for a TEN (temporary events notice) License in advance. A risk assessment will also need completing and a copy passed to the parish clerk for insurance purposes.
26/113	**Closure of the meeting:** The meeting ended at 9.33pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 21st October 2026** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman…… Date……