Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21st October 2026

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

26/114	**Apologies for absence:** Jayne Miller.
26/115	**Declarations of Interest:** None.
26/116	**Acceptance of minutes:** The minutes from the meeting held on 16th September 2026 were agreed and signed.
26/117	**Open Forum:** Reference was made to Minute No. 26/126/2 under Planning Applications. The applicant attended the meeting to provide supporting information in respect of their application.
26/118	**District and County Councillor Reports:** No update.
26/119	**Village Maintenance and Improvement:** Now assigned to Cllr Harris.
26/120	**Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads:** Cllr Oliver advised that community speedwatch training would commence once the equipment was no longer required by the current village using it.
26/121	**Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance:** Now assigned to Cllr Buchanan.
26/122	**Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment**: Agreed to remain with Cllr Miller.
26/123	**Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media:** Agreed to remain with Cllr Cayless.
26/124 26/124/1 26/124/2 26/124/3	**Parish Matters:** **Bus Stop -** The recently installed bus stop and post have been removed. It was confirmed that the arrangements would remain as they were previously, with the bus stop and route reverting to their former locations. **Remembrance Poppy Wreaths** - The wreaths have been purchased and will be collected in advance of the service. Details of the service taking place on Wednesday 11th November will be communicated via Shenington Green. **Tree Remediation Work -** Has now been completed.
26/125 26/125/1 26/125/2	**Planning Applications since last meeting:** **26/02442/F -** Yew Cottage, The Green Removal of sections of existing hedge and replacement with two sections of Hornton boundary wall, approximately 1.7m high, either side of the retained entrance gate. Councillors supported the application, subject to a recommendation that the proposed wall height be reduced to 1.2m, and that the wall be constructed in dry stone in keeping with the village. **26/02637/F -** Stone Holt, Kenhill Road Alterations to existing ancillary outbuilding comprising installation of a dormer window and conservation rooflight, formation of an internal staircase to the first floor, replacement of the existing ground floor with glazed doors and screens, and installation of a stove flue. Councillors resolved not to support the application.
26/126 26/126/1 26/126/2	**Planning Decisions since last meeting:** **26/01177/F** - Easylay Concrete Ltd, Sugarswell Lane. This has since been appealed. **26/02094/TCA -** Mulberry Cottage, The Green: T1 Silver Birch - crown reduction of 5 metres approx and prune by 20% - Approved.

26/127 26/127/1 26/127/2	**Financial/Administration:** **Bank Balances** – The bank balances on 30th September were £15,676.26 (£8,074.14 Current & £7,602.12 Deposit). **Online Banking** - Unity required further information regarding the account request. This has now been provided and is under review.
26/128 26/128/1 26/128/2 26/128/3 26/128/4 26/128/5	**Second Open Forum**: **Defibrillator -** Has recently been checked and is in full working condition. **Gully Cleaning** - Oxfordshire County Council have scheduled gully cleaning for the villages in November. **Village Hall** - The transfer documentation of the village hall title from the PC Custodians to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is ready for signing. **Gov.uk Website Build** - Work on the website development is ongoing, with progress continuing. **FixMyStreet** - Cllr Harris has kindly offered his time to become a FixMyStreet super user and will undertake the required training in due course.
26/129	**Passing of cheques for payment:** £60 to Shenington Village Hall for Hall Hire (invoice 526) £226.51 to CDC for half yearly dog bin emptying (invoice 20038676) £248.00 for clerk September pay £62.00 to HMRC for September PAYE
26/130 26/130/1 26/130/2 26/130/3 26/130/4	**Any Other Business:** **Annual Parish Meeting** - It was agreed that this would take place on Wednesday 21st April 2027 between 6.30pm and 7.30pm permitting use of the village hall is available. **Village Green** - A parishioner highlighted the condition of the village green after the summer weather. The parish council will propose a "Village Green Recovery Day", details will be communicated via Shenington Green. **St Michael's Church** - A request was made for an annual contribution towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Churchyard. The councillors resolved to make a one off contribution of £250 in April 2027 to both St Michael's and Holy Trinity Churches. This will be reviewed again later in the year to assess the costs involved and decide any future contributions. **Community Access to School Playing Fields** - The councillors resolved to support the principle of a village playing field, and for continued negotiations with the school supporting this.
26/131	**Closure of the meeting:** The meeting ended at 9.37pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Monday 9th November 2026** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman…… Date……