

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th November 2025

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs, John Smith, Peter Barrett, Leo Oliver, Jayne Miller, Alex Cayless and David Best, Parish Clerk. Seven members of the public attended the meeting.

25/173	Apologies for absence: Cllrs Simon Porter, James Hartley, District & County Councillor Chris Brant
25/174	Declarations of Interest: None.
25/175	Acceptance of minutes: The minutes from the meeting held on 15 th October were agreed and signed.
25/176 25/176/1	<p>Open Forum:</p> <p>Planning application 25/01461/PIP (up to 9 self-build plots) – permission was refused by Cherwell Panning in August but the applicant has appealed against that decision. The action group against the development has prepared arguments against the justification for the appeal put forward by the applicant.</p> <p>It was agreed that the PC would submit a letter arguing against the appeal.</p> <p>The action group has asked the PC to spend parish funds to obtain professional advice against the appeal and/or legal representation at the appeal.</p> <p>Councillors wanted more time to consider whether using parish funds is appropriate and an extraordinary meeting has been called on Wednesday 26th November to decide.</p>
25/177	District and County Councillor Reports: None
25/178	Village Maintenance and Improvement: Fallen branch from Horse Chestnut on The Green – This has been cut up and removed.
25/179 25/179/1	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads: Damaged wall at the edge of The Green and the road – The PC is waiting for the contractor to become free to carry out the work.
25/180	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance: No update
25/181 25/181/1	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: Bird Flu – A note was circulated Via Shenington Green reminding owners of chickens of their obligations to reduce the spread.
25/182	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: No update
25/183	Councillor Report – Village Hall Management Committee: No update
25/184 25/184/1 25/184/2 25/184/3 25/184/4	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>Defibrillator – This is working again.</p> <p>Moto Cross – Horton PC and a Horton Action Group will try to persuade Cherwell District Council to make an “Article 4 Declaration” on the land. This would ban the landowner from using the land for Moto Cross. Residents are encouraged to write to Councillors on Cherwell’s Executive Committee in support of this if they believe that the Moto Cross should be stopped.</p> <p>Primary School Entrance Posters – Parents and carers of children born between 1/9/2021 and 31/08/2022 need to apply for a school place by emailing admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk Posters have been displayed in the noticeboards.</p> <p>Enquiry about diverting the footpath across the airfield – A resident asked for an update on this. OCC, in response to an enquiry from the PC, advised in March 2021 – “OCC is in discussions with the landowner and his solicitors with a view to finding a solution to the matter that will satisfy all parties. In my experience any solution normally takes longer than anyone would like and unfortunately it isn’t a simple matter of unlocking the gates. It was agreed that this matter is between the Landowner and OCC and the PC will should not get involved any further.</p>

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25/184/5	Speedwatch speed checks – The Thames Valley Police forms to apply to carry out speed checks have been submitted and it was agreed to put out a note via Shenington Green to recruit volunteers.
25/184/6	Tree Survey – It was agreed to commission a report from LandArb Solutions.
25/184/7	Meeting with Headteacher - This was extremely positive and both parties agreed there was a need to rekindle the relationship and communicate more. The school attended the Remembrance Day service.
25/184/8	Salt Bin in Pig Lane – OCC has installed this.
25/184/9	Meeting with Karting Club – This was very cordial. The club is reinstating signs on the Stratford Rd and will consider deploying a marshall to discourage traffic driving through the village. The club would like to encourage village attendance at the meetings but it does not own karts so cannot offer tester sessions. This would have to be organised by contacting a company that rents out karts.
25/184/10	Christmas tree donation – It was agreed to pay half of the cost of the Christmas tree outside the pub.
25/185 25/185/1	Planning Applications since last meeting: 25/02664/F – 6 Stocking Lane – porch and rear extension – PC has no objection
25/186 25/186/1	Planning Decisions since last meeting: 25/02428/F – The Shires – Single storey side extension – CDC Permitted 13/11/2025
25/187 25/187/1 25/187/2	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances on 31 st October were £11,939.94 (£4,420.24 Current & £7,7,519.70 Deposit). 2026-27 Budget and Precept requirement - The clerk circulated the proposed budget prior to the meeting and the decision on the Precept will be taken at the December meeting.
25/188	Second Open Forum: No items discussed
25/189	Passing of accounts for payment: £50.00 to Royal British Legion for Wreaths £100.00 to DMS Gardens for cutting up large branch which fell from ta tree on The Green £238.80 to N Prickett for Verge mowing £39.00 to Wix for Website calendar £212.20 to D Best for September Pay £53.00 to HMRC September PAYE
25/190 25/190/1 25/190/2	Any Other Business: Parking on main roads in the villages – Residents are asked to park off the main roads where possible as when cars are parked the road is narrowed and increases the possibility of accidents. Building work in the field starting early in the morning - Complaints have been received and work should only be carried out 8am - 6pm Monday - Friday and 8am - 1pm on a Saturday and Sunday in residential areas. The building work that was happening at 7am the other morning should not have been happening.
25/191	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 8.55pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Tuesday 16th December 2025** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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