

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 20th November 2024

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs Peter Barrett, Leo Oliver, Shaughn O'Brien, James Hartley, Tom Horsman, and David Best, Parish Clerk. No members of the public attended the meeting.

24/168	Apologies for absence: Cllrs Jayne Miller, Simon Porter, District Councillor Chris Brant and County Cllr G Reynolds
24/169	Declarations of Interest: None
24/170	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 th October were a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
24/171 24/171/1	Open Forum: Volunteers required to become Councillors – Shaughn O'Brien and James Hartley are stepping down as Councillors in the New Year so volunteers are required to take their places. This is not onerous and there is only one meeting a month which lasts approximately 1-2 hours. Please contact one of the Councillors or David Best, clerk at sheningtonwithalkertonpc.clerk@gmail.com If you are interested.
24/171/2	Production cost of Shenington Green – It was agreed to re-imburse Claire Dumbreck for the cost associated with the Shenington Green email service this year and in future years as this is providing a vital service to the community. Claire has previously met this cost herself.
24/171/3	Road Closure Notices – It was agreed that temporary road closure notices issued by Oxfordshire County Council will be notified to residents via Shenington Green.
24/171/4	Cold weather help – It was agreed that residents should be notified of the communication from OCC on cold weather help via Shenington Green.
24/171/5	Cherwell District Council residents' satisfaction survey – It was agreed that residents should be notified of this via Shenington Green.
24/171/6	Salt Bin on Well Lane – It was agreed that the clerk will report to OCC that this is full of water. It is also difficult to access it as a shrub is growing over it.
24/171/7	Village Christmas Tree – It was agreed that the parish council will pay for half of the cost of the Christmas tree again this year.
24/172 24/172/1 24/172/2	District and County Councillor Reports: County Councillor George Reynolds reported the following items by email: Time slots to use the Alkerton Recycling Centre – To reduce the queues and to enable staff to give help OCC has been decided to introduce time slots for people wishing to use the tip. Proposal to turn off streetlights from 11.30pm to 5.00am – OCC has decided to consult further on this proposal which will save £400,000 and reduce carbon emissions. Villages can make their own decision on whether they want lights on during these times.
24/173	Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: No update
24/174	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads: No update
24/175	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance: No update
24/176	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: .
24/177	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: No update
24/178 24/178/1 24/178/2	Parish Matters: Electric Pool Car Parking – A complaint was received from a resident about the electric car being parked outside the village hall. It was agreed that the resident will be asked to take the matter up with the organisers of the scheme as the parish council is not involved. Cllr Peter Barrett suggested that a space outside the Village Hall be allocated to disabled parking. Overgrown Hedge – A complaint was received about a hedge overhanging the road, but it has been cut back since the complaint was received.

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24/178/3	2025-26 Budget & Precept – The budget which had been circulated prior to the meeting was reviewed. It was agreed to increase the Precept from £6,000 to £6,300 as it has not been increased for the last two years and reserves have reduced. Notice of Public Consultation on 20mph speed limit – The parish council asked OCC to proceed with the implementation of a 20mph speed limit after 64% of residents voted in favour. It was agreed that residents would be advised of the OCC consultation on this via Shenington Green.
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24/179	Planning Applications since last meeting: 24/03023/F – Hill Farm – 3 bay carport – PC to decide response
24/180	Planning Decisions since last meeting: 24/00375/F – Land along Stratford Road – Fishing lakes and accommodation – CDC refused
24/181	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances on 31 st October were £16,844.70 (£9,428.75 current & £7,415.95 deposit)
24/182	Second Open Forum: No discussion
24/183	Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. £225.60 - Nigel Prickett Verge Mowing b. £39.93 – Wix – Website calendar c. 175.00 – Shenington Green – costs of email service d. £66.80 – HMRC – October PAYE e. £267.00 – D Best – October Pay
24/184	Any Other Business: None
24/185	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 8.39pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 18th December 2024** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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