Shutford Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 7.30pm in Shutford Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Ashley Taylor, George Reynolds, Alison Hughes, Stephen Barnes, Bill Richardson and Cllr. Chris Brant and Cllr. Nicola Borkmann. 0 members of the public attended the meeting.

26/021	**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman** Cllr. Ashley Taylor was re-elected as Chairman Cllr. Chris Hall was re-elected as Vice-Chairman Note: As the PC currently do not have a permanent Clerk in post, Alison Hughes took the role of stand-in Clerk (unpaid) for this meeting.
26/022	**Apologies for Absence:** David Best (Clerk) & Chris Hall
26/023	**Declarations of Interest**: None.
26/024	**Minutes of the last meeting:** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2026 were a correct record (unanimous). Chairmans signature to follow at the July'26 meeting.
26/025 26/025/1	**Matters arising from previous minutes:** **Bus Shelter Repair**: The bus shelter has been made good. Further work will be planned to prevent further degradation as required. Thanks to Bill Richardson to organising.
26/026 26/026/1 26/026/2 26/026/3 26/026/4 26/026/5 26/026/6	**Parish Matters**: **Parish Council Election**: The election passed without contest, so all nominated councillors were duly elected. There is still vacancy for one councillor. This will be advertised again **Replacement Parish Council Clerk:** There have not been any further volunteers come forward. Cllr, Chris Brant will try to assist in finding a suitable Clerk. Further advertising and posting via the village social channels. **Cherwell Spring Clean:** This was held on Sunday 29th March. Many thanks to those who took part and also thanks to those villagers who pick-up litter on a regular basis. **Bottle Banks**: These have now been removed from the Dairyground as glass is now recycled via the blue household recycling bins. **Replacement Rubbish Bin**: It was agreed to purchase a new litter bin to replace the old one next to the bus shelter at Jame Corner. **Post Box**: It was agreed to approach Royal Mail to request the post box at Jame Corner be re-painted.
26/027 26/027/1	**Finance:** **Accounts and Budget:** The Parish Council have sufficient savings, and spending is in line with forecast.
26/028	**Correspondence:** It was agreed the relevant received correspondence will be forwarded on to the Village information channels by the new Clerk. Cllr Hall will cover this in the interim.
26/029	**Planning:** There are no current open planning applications
26/030	**District Councillor Report:** Cllr. Brant has circulated his Annual Report. This will be shared via the village social channels.
26/031 26/031/1 26/031/2	**Any Other Business:** **Allotments**: The sheds at the allotments on top of Thistle Hill have been broken into again. Cllr. Brant confirmed that any immediate presence of suspicious persons should be reported immediately via 999. **Village Hall:** Stephen Barnes is the current Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

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The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 7.30pm in Shutford Village Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed by Chairman…… Date……