

SHRIVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)

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Minutes of Monthly Shrivenham Parish Council (SPC) meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 7:00 pm In the Vic Day Hall at the Memorial Hall

Cllrs. Present: Bob Sheldon (Chair)
Nathan Woodhouse
Richard Bartle
Julia Jones
Elaine Ware
Bjorn Watson
Richard Page
Lucy Brown

In attendance: Liza Whitney (Parish Clerk)
Lyn Frape (Deputy Clerk)
C/Cllr Emma Markham
D/Cllr Kat Foxhall
8 members of the public

26/001 Recording of Meeting

It was noted that the meeting was being recorded.

26/002 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Howell, Winfield & Pearson

26/003 Declarations of Interest

None

26/004 Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of the Shrivenham Parish Council (SPC) meeting held on the 3rd and 16th December 2025 were approved. PROPOSED: Cllr. Page, SECONDED: Cllr. Ware and RESOLVED (unanimously). Minutes were signed. Cllr. Bartle raised matter of Cllr. Winfield streaming a confidential meeting online, Cllr. Winfield removed it immediately after being asked to.

26/005 Electronic communications consent

Councillors should sign a document to agree to electronic communications from SPC.

26/006 Any matters arising from previous meetings and not itemised on this Agenda:

a) EV Charging – Cllr. Pearson

Ongoing

b) Complaint about the state of the pavements in the village – C/Cllr. Markham

Chair to photograph problematic pavements

26/007 Public Representation

a) Relationship between Viscountess Barrington's Trust & SPC

Mr Vizor asked why the Council pays the Trust a grant. The SPC supports the Trust as it is a community asset and that the Trust's income currently does not cover its costs. In the future, we hope we can improve income so that a grant will not be needed. Cllr. Page suggests an idea that a person can be purely a Councillor or a Trustee, rather than both.

b) Village email

A member of the public requested that the village email be reinstated. This was agreed.

26/008 District Councillor's Report

a) Bloor Homes: 200 dwellings proposal

The settlement gap would be destroyed between Watchfield and Shrivenham and therefore the development cannot be accepted.

b) Childcare facility in Coleshill

OCC Highways said that this new facility needed streetlights and pavements.

c) Arrears with Council Tax

Concerns re. council tax fines, there was some help available.

d) Disabled Facilities Grant

Money was available for modifications for accessibility changes to homes. Vale of White Horse District Council was working with Oxfordshire County Council to get more Occupational Therapists approved to speed up the process.

26/009 County Councillor's Report

a) Parking issues

Parking team to possibly patrol wider areas. Concern: parking on pavements.

b) Councillor Priority Fund

The Priority Fund is open, SPC to think of what could benefit and apply.

c) Highways not responding to Bloor Homes 200 dwellings

Cllr. Ware asked about silence of Highway's response re. concerns of access and safety. Cllr. Markham will investigate.

26/010 Chairman's Announcements

One member of staff was off with sickness, and another was hired on a temporary three-month contract.

26/011 Website

Cllr. Page anticipated the website will be finished by the end of February. Short bio and photo needed from each councillor. A photo of entire Council to be organised.

26/012 Training

There is a little money in the budget for training.

26/013 Charlie Maynard's surgery

The next MP's surgery will be in the Memorial Hall on Friday 23rd January from 2-4pm

26/014 Parking

Full report due at next meeting from Cllr. Howell

26/015 Finance

- a) **November reports:** PROPOSED: Cllr Sheldon, SECONDED: Cllr. Brown, RESOLVED: all
- b) **December payments:** PROPOSED: Cllr. Brown, SECONDED: Cllr. Bartle, RESOLVED: all
- c) No unplanned expenditure

26/016 Personnel Committee

- a) Cllr. Page's motion to increase the personnel committee by one. PROPOSED: Cllr. Page, SECONDED: Cllr Ware, RESOLVED: all.
- b) Cllr. Ware PROPOSED Cllr. Page as the new Member, SECONDED: Cllr Brown, RESOLVED: all. Terms of Reference have been circulated; no issues were raised.

26/017 Shrivenham Regeneration & Commercial Committee

Motion withdrawn and deferred until May 2026

26/018 No reports or minutes of committees and working groups

26/019 No communication that the person presiding may wish to lay before the Council

26/020 Planning: Cllrs Ware, Bartle and Jones attended Watchfield's meeting re. Bloor's 200 homes, all in agreement to object.

26/021 Cllr Bartle: mentioned various reports of ongoing works for SEN school that already have planning permission.

26/022 Cllr Bartle & Ware's response from Shrivenham Parish Council to proposal of Bloor Homes' 200 dwellings with Watchfield's response as an appendix was agreed to be submitted: Cllr. Sheldon PROPOSED, SECONDED by Cllr. Bartle and RESOLVED (all in favour).

26/023 Community Transport Project: all going well, Claire Winfield thanked for the sign.

26/024 School liaison: SEN school has an Open Day, 29 January 3.30-4.30pm.

26/025 Speed Watch: 6 occasions, highest speed: 37 miles/hour. Volunteers for the Speed Watch Team are welcome.

26/026 Allotments: 3 available plots, 6 on waiting list. Quotes for gate and overhanging trees obtained and work will happen soon.

26/027 Environmental Matters: A section of the canal is dammed off so it is full of water thanks to the Berts and Wilts Canal Group. Tuck mill is in winter-mode.

26/028 Social Media: Cllr Brown will hand over social media access details.

26/029 Agenda items for next meeting: none.

26/030 Date for next meeting: Wednesday 4th February in Vic Day Hall

Meeting closed: 20.10