

MEETING OF SHALDEN PARISH COUNCIL HELD Wednesday 12th November 2025 AT 7:30pm

Minutes

Present: Cllr Whitcher, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Green, Cllr Jones and Cllr Orme

Also in attendance: K Horton (Clerk) and 4 residents

- 1) **Welcome.** Meeting opened
- 2) **Apologies for Absence.** None received
- 3) **Declarations of Interest.** None made
- 4) **Approval of Minutes.** *To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th September 2025.* No questions raised and duly signed as accurate record of the meeting.
- 5) **Public forum.** No matters raised
- 6) **Parish Council Finances/Administration**
 - **Clerk's report inc**
 - i) Updates post September meeting
 - SLR returned to Wield PC after 2 week placement. Data has been collated by Cllr Green and will be considered under later agenda item. Thanks noted to Wield PC
 - Recreation Ground.
 - (a) Signage about dog fouling has been placed twice. Clerk will ask AFC for feedback. No further action at this time. Cllrs will keep an eye on the green when passing
 - (b) Fire extinguisher service has been completed.
 - (c) Feedback from Village Hall CIO re pavilion will be considered alongside wider discussion about maintenance or replacement of pavilion.
 - Grants
 - (a) Rural Grant application was unsuccessful. Officer advised application was well put together and scored highly with the scoring panel even undertaking a site visit. The Council sadly just didn't have enough funds: the top seven projects who gained funding didn't receive the full amount they were asking for, and SPC's application was 10th on the list (out of 34 applications).
 - (b) Cllr Grant. Not yet applied as waiting on costs from Countryside Services for kissing gate
 - Rights of Way
 - (a) Drainage at Church. Been advised not Highways issue and that issue needs to be reported to the Utility company as it does not fall under Countryside responsibility. This response does not tie in with historic action undertaken by Highways so Clerk instructed to escalate

(b) No progress made on stiles. Quote for wooden kissing gates requested from one LO. No response from other LO. Clerk to persist with request. Contribution to purchase of metal kissing gate may be available from SPC and EHDC.

(c) Junction of Golden Pot and access to HGVs onto The Avenue has been raised to Cllr Kemp Gee

- IT

(a) Clerk asked Cllrs to follow up on instructions to access the .gov.uk email accounts.

(b) With transfer to .gov.uk domain, the original shaldenpc.org was not renewed and this has saved £39.64

- ii) Correspondence

- Grant request from Homestart. This will be considered at year end meeting

- **Financial summary** for September and October 2025 and in addition:

- i) Notification of Payments made under Item 6.8 of the Financial Regulations since the last meeting

- ii) Notification/authorisation of other payments.

No questions raised and duly signed. Also to note that Cllr Green has provided required documentation for bank authorisation access

7) To consider the latest information on CIL Neighbourhood Portions from EHDC and to then agree whether Shalden PC wishes to draw down a payment.

- Shalden were passed £3,583.13 on the 15th November 2021. This will need to be spent by 14th November 2026 or returned.

- Using current CIL on identified projects

- i) SLR – A grey area; an SLR might stretch to be classed as enabling the better operation of a road network, but may not be considered signage in itself. It is also not considered a permanent fixture.

- ii) Kissing Gate – This could be covered by Neighbourhood CIL.

- iii) Shipping Container/ Toilet block & Changing room – This again would be covered by Neighbourhood CIL.

- CIL monies of £10,253.78 available for Shalden PC to draw down as advised by EHDC. Clerk advised Cllrs that the PC having an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000 and not receiving gross income or incurring gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 is a requirement for exemption from the external audit. The cost of an external audit is a few hundred pounds.

Cllr Orme proposed that the PC take full payment of the available CIL, Cllr Taylor seconded and all in agreement

8) To consider a report presenting the data and findings from the recent Vehicle Activated Sign placement on Old Odiham Road and subsequently to agree whether Shalden Parish Council should purchase its own VAS for use in the parish.

- Cllr Green talked through research and recommendation. Cllr Green had feedback from Golf Club (who are supportive) and residents. Cllr Jones thanked Cllr Green for his work. Evidence of speeding is of use for any future engagement with Highways Dept.

- **Cllr Green proposed that Shalden PC purchase a SID (smiley face) and include solar power and data collection. Seconded by Cllr Orme and all in agreement**

- Clerk noted what remains in the budget against the SID project. Bank accounts and projections for remainder of year were discussed. **Cllr Orme proposed that monies be moved from either "contingency or project" to cover a shortfall for the purchase, Seconded by Cllr Green and all in agreement**

9) Next Meeting - Wednesday 14th January at 7:30pm

Meeting Closed 8:29pm

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Signed: D Orme, Chair of SPC

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