

MEETING OF SHALDEN PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD Wednesday 11th March 2026 AT 7:30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Whitcher, Cllr Green and Cllr Orme

Also in attendance: K Horton (Clerk) and 8 residents

- 1) **Welcome.** Meeting opened.
- 2) **Apologies for Absence.** Received and accepted from Cllr Taylor and Cllr Jones.
- 3) **Declarations of Interest.** None made.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes** – Extraordinary PC Meeting held on 9th Feb 2026. No questions and duly signed.
- 5) **Public Participation**
 - Resident. Acoustics in the Village Hall are difficult at busy events. To be shared with Village Hall.
 - Member of the public. Golden Pot: Better traffic calming is required would like to suggest reduction in speed limit through the junction of 40mph. Would ideally like reduction in speed to start back at Powntley Copse. Also believes that gateway signs confirming “Shalden” might help speed reduction. Also concerned about speeding and “rat running” along The Avenue and subsequently through Shalden and Lasham. A reduction in speed to 50mph along The Avenue might address these issues.
 - Resident interested to hear the PC’s position on Sunacres Cottage planning application.
- 6) **Recreation Ground and Pavilion.** *To receive a verbal report from the Working Group and approve any identified actions. Working Group met 4th March. Tasks were assigned to Cllrs: review of site and sourcing of quotes to consider. Cllrs are aware of delivering longevity and a unit that can be maintained.*
- 7) **Humbly Grove - Liaison Panel Meeting.** *To receive a verbal report form Cllr Whitcher who attended on behalf of Shalden PC and agree any identified actions. Site Management are aiming for meeting to be every 6 months to maintain communication with neighbours and local organisations. June 2025 saw all planning applications approved and the site now has permission to operate until 2055. Hope to restart oil production in 2026. Emergency scenario planning is schedule and further notification will follow. A range of parties attended the meeting along with the Environment Agency who provided update on their work. Roads and Transport: Signage and speeding were discussed.*
- 8) **Planning.**
 - a) **To consider a response to the following planning application(s):**
 - i) *EHDC-26-0121-FUL. Sunacres Cottage Shalden Lane, Shalden, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4DT*
Proposal: Application for the erection of 1 no. self-build dwelling together with landscaping and parking

Cllr Taylor had shared resident feedback with Cllr Orme. Cllrs were also aware of the planning history of the site. Cllr Orme noted that new building outside boundary and should not be permitted under CP19. Cllr Green proposed objecting on that basis, Cllr Orme seconded and all in agreement.

9) To confirm the date and the format of the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting (APM). Cllrs were in agreement that same format as previous years should be followed. Ideally would like Hampshire Constabulary to attend too. Clerk to identify convenient date.

10) Parish Council Finances/Administration

a) Clerk's Report inc

i) Updates post January and February meeting

- Golden Pot development – Proposal of Golden Pot Close accepted by Royal Mail and developer.
- Planning – Comments have been noted via EHDC portal
- Rec – installation of water meter. SE Water advised that roll out of smart meter rollout began in January but limited amounts of meters available. Contact them again end 2026.
- Humbly Grove – access from Golden Pot. Have confirmed they are restricted in accessing Golden Pot. Highways Officer has been asked whether restriction can be extended to other businesses along route.

ii) Correspondence

- Golden Pot – speed reduction. The three-week consultation period goes live this Friday (13 March 2026). There will be local publicity. Cllr Green proposed and Cllr Orme seconded that Clerk will also share details on PC website. Cllr Green proposed that the PC note support for speed reduction, Cllr Orme seconded and all in agreement.

b) Financial summary for January and February 2026 and in addition:

- i) Notification of Payments made under Item 5.5 of the Financial Regulations since the last meeting**
 - ii) Notification/authorisation of other payments**
- No questions raised and statement signed.

11) Insurance. To confirm the renewal of the insurance policy with Zurich in line with the LTA. Cllr Orme proposed that the PC extend the policy in line with the LTA, Cllr Green seconded and all in agreement

12) To consider any grant requests and agree any funding to be awarded under Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 (Free Reserve). Requests were considered in line with LGA guidance. Cllr Whitcher proposed £300 for CAB, seconded by Cllr Green and all in agreement.

13) Date of next meeting(s) – Wednesday 27th May 2026, 7:30pm for the Annual Meeting of the PC.

Meeting Closed 8:25pm

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Signed: D Orme, Chair of SPC

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