

Shafton Parish Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee.
Shafton Community Centre.



Monday 11 November 6pm

Minutes

Present Cllr Ruth Booker (Chair) Cllr Pete Makinson, Cllr Janice Giles, Cllr Barry Lee, Cllr D Hall, and D Gill, (Clerk)

Cllr Jim Johnson chaired the meeting.

254. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

255. Apologies for absences.

Cllr Jim Johnson (Vice chair), Cllr Jordan Gray, Cllr Linda Knight

256. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

None

257. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Community Centre on Monday 14 October were read.

258. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting Monday 14 October

236.02 Community Centre removal of old heating system

Works completed.

236.03 Community Centre Girls toilet grant application

Awaiting outcome of application; expected at the end of November.

251.02 Grimethorpe Solar Farm – Public Information Event Thursday 17 October

It was reported that elected members Cllr Dorothy Coates and Cllr Ashley Peace attended the event.

252.03 Shafton Primary School Gardening Club

Cllr Jordan Gray to investigate and provide more details.

259. Ratification of the minutes of the meeting Monday 16 September

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

260. Accounts for payment.

260.01 S P D Gas and heating Services

Community Centre main hall removal of old heaters £350

260.02 Lancall Yorkshire Ltd

Asbestos Survey management report £540

Agreed

261. To receive and note the monthly statement of accounts.

The Clerk presented the following statements of accounts to the meeting:

- October Bank Statement
- October Financial Summary
- October Bank Account Reconciled Statement
- October Paid Expenditure Transactions

Financial summary

- The opening balance as at the 1st April 2024 was £46274.51.
- The total income for the period from 01/04/24 to 31/10/24 was £64552.50.
- The total expenditure for the period 01/04/24 to 31/10/24 was £47434.75.
- Giving a closing balance of:
 - Instant access 468.25
 - Direct Plus account of £62924.01
 - **Total £63392.26**

Reserve balances £35257.78

N. B the Reserve balance forms part of the total £63392.26.

Agreed and noted.

262. Items for Decision/ recommendations to the council/business matters

262.01 Draft Precept, Budget and Fees setting Report discussions 2025-2026.

The Clerk reported that Barnsley MBC will be sending the official request for the precept on 8th January 2025, and they will need a response by 31st January.

The following schedule of discussions were agreed:

- Monday 16 December Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting initial discussions.

- Monday 16 January Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting finalise Precept, Budget and Fees setting Report.
- Monday 27 January 2025 report presented to Full council.

262.02 Shafton Community Centre Asbestos Survey Report and quotation:

The Asbestos Survey Report was presented to the meeting.

It was proposed that consideration of recommendations and quote be deferred until after the outcome of the grant application for the girls and boy's toilets was known.

Agreed

262.03 Churchyard of St Peter's Church, Felkirk request for grant funding

The Clerk read out a request from Fr Craig Tomlinson asking the Parish to consider making a donation toward the ongoing maintenance of the Felkirk Churchyard.

The Clerk stated any donation would have to come from the reserves as the parish does not have a budget to cover this item.

Following a discussion, it was agreed not donate due to the current financial constraints of the council.

262.04 Bowling Green Path Improvements up dates

The Clerk reported that the next visit of Community payback team would take place on Tuesday 26 November.

262.05 Community Centre Fire audit/Risk assessment

On going awaiting feedback from Cllr Steve Ellis

263.06 Dual Authorisation for bank payments

It was agreed to arranged meeting in thew new year for members to learn how to set up the dual authorisation banking app.

264. Planning Applications

None

265.00 Correspondence.

Correspondence. was received from Utility Cost Reduction offering a quotation to renew the Community Centre electric account which is due for renewal on 1 November 2025.

It was agreed to consider the electric account in the new year.

266. Any other business.

266.01 Christmas Tree Lights switch on event.

A discussion took place as to who would switch on the Christmas Tree Lights, it was agreed to invite Tracey in recognition for her excellent work as a volunteer litter collector. Cllr Booker make the invitation.

266.02 Parking outside the Shafton Working Men's Club

Cllr Makinsion stated that supporters and footballers were parking in front of the Shafton Working Men's Club blocking access to legitimate users. Cllr Makinsion requested that the Clerk send a letter to the football clubs requesting they park further up the road to resolve the problem.

Agreed

266.03 North East Ward Alliance Youth Work

Cllr Ruth Booker outlined a North East Ward Alliance youth work scheme involving contacting youths on the street and asking the youths what activities they would like to do. A request was received from the youth workers to use the community hall after 6pm for two nights a week.

Cllr Booker to find more details of the scheme.

253. Date and time of next meetings.

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Meeting closed 7:25 pm