

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



Monday 9 June 2025 6pm

Minutes

Present Cllr Ruth Booker (Chair), Cllr Jim Johnson (Vice chair), Cllr Steve Ellis, Cllr D Hall, Cllr Pete Makinson and D Gill, (Clerk)

Cllr Ruth Booker chaired the meeting.

351 Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

352. Apologies for absences.

Cllr Janice Giles, Cllr Jordan Gray, and Cllr Barry Lee

353 Absent

Cllr Linda Knight.

354. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

None

355. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Community Centre on Tuesday 6 May 2025 6pm were read.

356. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting Tuesday 6 May 2025 6pm

262.05 Community Centre Fire audit/Risk assessment

On going.

349.01 Defibrillator training

Cllr Pete Makinson stated that defibrillator training would take place at 11am on the 2nd of August in the Shafton Working Men's Club. The training would be free of charge, but he would require the numbers of people attending.

349.03 Footpath between Acacia Grove and Recreation Ground Proposed New Chicanes.

Cllr Steve Ellis to obtain a quote to install extra chicanes.- ongoing.

349.05 Foot path exit drop kerb by school.

Clerk to check ownership plans – ongoing.

357. Ratification of the minutes of the meeting Monday 14 April 2025 6pm

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

358. Accounts for payment.

- Kingfisher Accountants Ltd (Independent Exam of accounts) £360
- Turner Signs Hanging basket plaques £108.

Agreed

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

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

- April Bank Statement 01/05/25 to 31/05/25
- Financial Summary 01/04/25 to 31/05/25
- March Bank Account Reconciled Statement 01/05/25 to 31/05/25
- March Expenditure Transactions paid between 01/05/25 to 31/05/25.

Financial summary of receipts and payments between 01/04/25 and 31/05/25

- The opening balance as of the 1st of April 2025 was £40,500.58
- The total receipts £68475.04
- The total payments £11260.11
- Giving a closing balance of:
 - Instant access £475.58
 - Direct Plus account of £97239.93
 - **Total £97715.51**

Agreed and noted.

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

360.01 Land/Banking at the rear of 26 & 24 Park View

The Clerk reported his finding of his site visit to the above area and recommend the overgrown Russian vine be treated with herbicide.

Further discussion took place regarding the orientation of the football field. It was agreed to hold a site meeting to investigate this further.

360.02 Community Centre Electric supply renewal quotes

Members carefully considered three Electricity supply renewal quotes.

It was Proposed to select the EDF Business Energy quote 2-year contract as best value contract.

Agreed

361. Planning Applications

None

362.00 Correspondence.

None

363.0. Any other business.

363.1 Cllr Booker up dates

Cllr Booker welcomed the new climbing frame in the recreation ground play area, but stated further funding was required.

363.2 New Benches

Cllr Pete Makinson suggested installing benches in the Shafton play areas, Cllr Booker to enquire if there is any S106 finding left.

363.3 Walk to school route.

Cllr Steve Ellis stated he had received complaints from members of the public that the walk to school route was becoming overgrown. Clerk to contact the school and also asked the parishes caretaker to tidy the area up.

363.4 Clerks' Holiday

The Clerk stated he would be on leave from June 24 to July 6, 2025

364.00. Date and time of next meeting:

Public meeting 6pm Monday 23 June 2025

Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting 6pm Monday 14 July 2025

Meeting closed 7:15 pm