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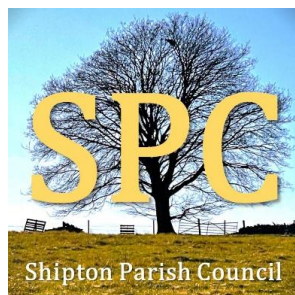
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Minutes of the Shipton Parish Council Meeting. THURSDAY 22nd January 2026

THE READING ROOM, SHIPTON

62201/1	Chairman's Opening Remarks and Welcome The Chair welcomed the Councillors and 2 members of the public in attendance
261101/2	Apologies for absence Apologies received from CDC and GCC Councillors – reports circulated. Present: Cllr Hellens (Chair), Cllr Gibbs, Cllr Tyler, Cllr C Gibbs, Cllr A Hanagarth
261101/3	Declaration of Interests: All up to date.
261101/4	Approval of minutes from the previous meetings (19th October) These were signed and approved. Also, as per item 11, The updated Standing Orders were approved, signed and published
261101/5	Village Green Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Septic Tank It was resolved that a team will proceed with drafting a proposal and liaising with the relevant property owners to ensure all legal obligations are met. The Parish Council, as landowner of the village green beneath which the septic tank is located, • Mowing Contract • It was resolved to renew the contract with the current gardener for a further period of one year. A quote has been received, and the agreement will remain in effect each year. • Shipfest 2026 Licence It was agreed that the licence for Shipfest 2026 will be slightly amended and reissued for the forthcoming year. • Christmas Lights – Power Supply It was resolved that Cllr Gibbs will research the use of solar power for the Christmas lights to address the issues experienced with trailing leads last year. Cllr Gibbs will also investigate the provision of a permanent power supply to the village green with SSE. • Wayleave – The Rise In accordance with Section 15 of our Standing Orders, it was noted that the wayleave for power to the houses being refurbished on The Rise was approved between meetings by the Chair and the Clerk.
261101/6	Finance The third quarter accounts were received by the Councillors and resolved The precept for the coming year was discussed and it was resolved to approve the precept request, following discussions regarding the use of reserves last year, to reduce the balance held by the Parish Council. This shows an increase in precept to £24,826. The precept request form was signed by the Chair and returned to CDC.



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261101/7	<p>Highways</p> <p>Cllr Tyler reported that she is keeping a spreadsheet of reports and repairs to Highways and will keep this updated.</p> <p>Required repairs such as blocked drains and laybys on Syreford Road have been reported at www.fixmystreet.com.</p> <p>Unsafe parking in the village was discussed, and further deterrent options will be explored.</p> <p>It was observed that, because of expenses, the 'caution horses' sign that Councillor Tyler requested from Highways could no longer be considered feasible.</p>
261101/8	<p>Planning</p> <p>Cllr Hanagarth and the Clerk continue to monitor planning applications and respond when required. Details of planning applications are available at https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/searchResultsBack.do?action=back</p>
261101/9	<p>Communications & Website</p> <p>It was noted that the email hosting with LCN has been renewed. The web hosting renewal is due shortly and will be renewed in due course. These renewals were approved.</p> <p>The Hugo Fox website continues to be paid monthly by direct debit.</p> <p>Following previous concerns regarding GDPR compliance of the former village email distribution list, Cllr Gibbs has reviewed and resolved the database and re-verified all users. The mailing list is now managed via MailChimp, and the Parish Council is satisfied that it is fully GDPR compliant.</p> <p>Work is currently underway to update and improve the IT, Data and Communications policies.</p>
261101/10	Village Matters – Nothing to report
261101/11	Approval of updated policies – updated in section 4 above
261101/12	<p>Date for next meetings - Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Village Meeting - Thursday 14th May 2026 at 6.30pm, Parish Councillors to meet informally at 2.30pm on 11th May 2026.</p>
	Meeting concluded at 19.23
	Public Forum – nothing to report