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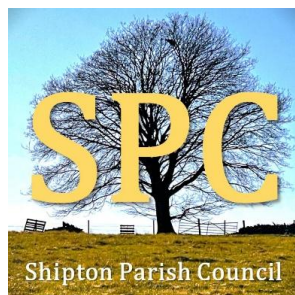
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Minutes of Shipton Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 16th October 2025 at 6.30pm

THE READING ROOM, SHIPTON

251016/1	Chairman's Opening Remarks and Welcome The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. Two members of the public were present. • District Cllr Jeremy Theyer reported that rubbish collection continues to experience some issues across the district, although the situation in Shipton has improved. He requested that any further problems be reported directly to him. He also provided an update on recycling across Gloucestershire and outlined where some of the district's waste is processed. • He confirmed that Shipton is not classified as a principal settlement and discussed the forthcoming revision to the Cotswold District Council Local Plan, noting that the housing target for the whole Cotswold District is expected to double and houses will possibly be built in neighbouring Andoversford. • Cllr Theyer also spoke about the planned transition to a Unitary Council in 2028 and advised that further details are awaited regarding how this change will affect local governance.
251016/2	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Ann Hanagarth. County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson. Present: Cllr David Hellens (Chair), Cllr Andy Gibbs, Cllr Jasmina Tyler, Cllr Claire Gibbs, District Councillor Jeremy Theyer
251016/3	Declarations of Interests: Cllr C. Gibbs updated her Register of Interests to include her role as Treasurer of the Reading Room Committee.
251016/4	Approval of minutes from previous meetings The minutes from 19th June meeting were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.
251016/5	Village Matters: • Cllrs A. and C. Gibbs reported on their walk-through assessment of the village; a summary of the report is below. • Cllr Hellens advised that discussions are ongoing with Willans Solicitors regarding the legal responsibility for the septic tank beneath the village green. The issue has arisen due to the conversion of the former care home back into two dwellings, which share this tank with other nearby properties. If no response is received from Willens, the Parish Council agreed to seek advice from an alternative solicitor (contact details held by Cllr Gibbs). • Concerns were raised about cars parking on pavements in the village. It was agreed that Cllr Gibbs will prepare a safety notice for the village website, reminding residents to park considerately and safely. • The battery in the village speed sign has been replaced. • The Parish Council has successfully registered for the "20 is Plenty" road safety scheme. • Cllr Tyler has requested "SLOW – Horses" road signs and is awaiting a response from Gloucestershire Highways.



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251016/6	• Finance • The budget review and finance report were approved (attached). • During discussions on the 2026–2027 precept, it was reminded that the Public Works Loan will be included within expenditure calculations. As in the previous year, the Parish Council will continue to subsidise costs to help reduce the level of reserves held. Final approval will take place at the January meeting.
251016/7	Highways Discussion regarding Highways were covered in Village matters above.
251016/8	Planning 25/02497/FUL Installation of two open-air padel courts - no comment was submitted by the Parish Council.
251016/9	Communications Cllr A. Gibbs advised that he is liaising with the current manager of the village email list to ensure full GDPR compliance. He will provide an update and action plan to the Council via email following their meeting.
251016/10	Next meeting: Parish Council Meeting Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 6.30pm in the Reading Room (Parish Councillors only to meet 19 th January at 2.30pm) MEETING CONCLUDED 19.57

Village walkthrough

1. Grit bin has disappeared - not sure why.
2. Practically no litter throughout the length of the village
3. Broken access cover to underground telecoms chamber. Cones above implies that either Highways or Telco know about the issue.
4. Road signs are in good order. A few could benefit from a wash but remain visible.
5. Based on the above, there is little to be benefited from organising a village tidy up this side of winter.
6. Leaves are starting to build up on Dark Lane but not a hazard at present. A pavement sweep on www.FixMyStreet.com can be submitted, if things get bad.
7. There were several cars parked on pavements, but most had left sufficient room to allow clear. Two cars by the graveyard were a problem. A notice about village safety and parking has been drafted.
8. A new battery has been purchased and installed for the speed alert box. The unit is continuing to work well throughout the late evening hours and through the night now.
9. We have registered our interest in participating in the GCC Road Safety Initiative.