

SHIRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes for the meeting held on Monday 8th September 2025 in the Community Space at St Michael’s Church, Church Lane, Shirley, Ashbourne DE6 3AS.

Councillors present: Angela Staley Chair
Tony Taylor
Ian Crabtree
Sue Walker
Bill Leeney
Apologies: Sian Bacon

Others: Debbie Leeney (note taker)
1 Parishioner

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

| | <i>Report / Action Required</i> |
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| 25/1 The CCTV notice was read out by the Chair | Noted |
| 25/2 Apologies: Sian Bacon | Approved |
| 25/3 Interest in Agenda Item 25/16 :Cllr Walker declared an interest in the SS&SA | Noted |
| 25/4 Public Speaking Cllr Taylor informed the PC that a Shirley resident, Philip Beetham, had passed away. Cllr Staley agreed to send a card of condolence on behalf of the Parish Council | Cllr Staley |
| 25/5 There were no items on the agenda to exclude members of the press and public in order to discuss the following item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960). | |
| 25/6 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 nd December 2024 were unavailable for approval | Next meeting |
| 25/7 Matters Arising from the previous meeting (non-decision making) Deferred to the next meeting | |
| 25/8 Burial Ground: Cllr Leeney reported significant progress had been made on the wall. It assumed that Mr & Mrs Parsons were happy with the result so far as they had not been in touch. Cllr Crabtree raised a concern regarding the large amount of rubble that was currently an eye sore in the Church grounds and asked who was responsible for its removal. Cllr Leeney agreed to contact the college to investigate the situation. A discussion followed about the possibility of hiring a skip and raising a working party to remove said rubbish if the college were unable to give a solution. It was also decided that as the college were unable to increase the speed of the build the PC needed to investigate how much it would cost to hire an independent builder. Cllr Leeney agreed to acquire 3 quotes. Cllr Crabtree also queried how long the materials that are currently in his field will remain there. The acquisition of the 3 quotes would help put a timeline on this point. | Cllr Leeney |
| 25/9 Derbyshire Dales Local Plan review Cllr Staley has not received any information from Cllr S Bull. No information available | Next Meeting |
| 25/10 Parish Council Email Addresses Cllr Leeney thanked Cllr Staley for replying to his request via her new email address. Cllr Leeney requested that the rest of the PC reply to his email. Training had to be postponed and will be reorganised later. Cllr Leeney agreed to re-send invitations to use the new addresses to Cllr Walker and Cllr Crabtree. | Cllr Leeney |
| 25/11 Finance and Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New expenditure to approve: PCC Shirley – Community Space Hire 25 – Cllr Walker agreed to ask JF at the earliest opportunity • Garden Services – Churchyard Mowing – 15th Aug £200 Cllr Leeney agreed to pay for the services and seek recompense later. Tony Taylor approved, • Income to note | Approved Cllr Taylor and Cllr Staley |

Chairman’s Signature Date.....

- 25/12 Neighbourhood Watch – Mrs D Leeney – nothing to report Noted
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- 25/13 Parish Clerk’s Ongoing Matters
- Drains and Hedges – Cllr Leeney and Cllr Taylor announced that there was a map of all the drains in Shirley on the Parish Council Web Site. Villagers could access this map to pinpoint the exact location of any faulty drain. Cllr Taylor remarked that there was still a blockage near Appleton House on Mill Lane.
- 25/14 Potholes – Cllr Crabtree noted that there was a potential watermain leak at the junction of Derby Lane and Back Lane. This is a recurring problem. The constant leak at the junction of Park Lane and Hall Lane was also discussed. Cllr Crabtree agreed to contact Severn Trent. Cllr Crabtree
- 25/15 Planning Applications Noted
- New:
- Derbyshire Dales – None
 - Derbyshire County Council – None
- Existing:
- Derbyshire Dales – None
 - Derbyshire County Council – None
- 25/16 SS&SA – Mrs D Leeney reported that: Precept/costs
noted
- The Autumn Football season has started and the Ashbourne Aztecs U14 teams have a schedule of matches for most weekends up to December.
- A quote is expected soon regarding improved accessibility to the sports field
- Ashbourne Aztecs are donating two mobile goals in the hope that they will be easier than having to put the nets up every match. This is on a trial basis and will be reviewed.
- Mrs Leeney asked the Parish Council to consider the proposal that Cllr Leeney would present. All councillors had been sent a copy of the proposal with the agenda of this meeting and both documents were posted in the Village Notice Board.
- Cllr Crabtree indicated an initial reluctance to the concept and wanted to confirm that although there were no village teams using the field it was still an asset for the residents. There was lots of discussion about the principle of keeping the field for use by the village and the difficulty in funding the maintenance and insurance of the Sports Field.
- It was agreed by all on the PC in principle the concept of putting a contribution to SS&SA into the precept. The amount of the contribution was deferred to the future meeting relating to the setting of the precept. Cllr Crabtree mentioned he would talk to some residents to assess their views.
- 25/17 Churchyard Maintenance
- - Mowing – Cllr Taylor reported that he was very pleased with the current works done by MDH Garden Services.
 - Sycamore Tree – Cllr Staley agreed to acquire quotes from Tree surgeons to ensure the tree was pollarded as recommended by the Tree Specialist. Cllr Staley
- 25/18 Correspondence –J Fletcher reported that he had received a complaint from a visitor to the church. They were appalled by the condition of the board walk and the amount of Himalayan balsam that was growing by the river. Cllr Walker
- A resident also complained that the recycle lorry was dropping glass on the road on a regular basis. Cllr Walker agreed to contact the council on both matters.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS - Monday 10th November 2025

All meetings held at 7.30pm in the Community Space at St Michael’s Church, Church Lane, Shirley, Ashbourne DE6 3AS. - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND