

SHIRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes for the meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026 in the Community Space at St Michael’s Church, Church Lane, Shirley, Ashbourne DE6 3AS.

Councillors

present:

Angela Staley
Chair

Ian Crabtree
Sue Walker
Bill Leeney

Apologies: Cllr Tony Taylor

Others:

Debbie Leeney
(note taker)

PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

*Report / Action
Required
Noted*

26/1 The CCTV notice was read out by the Chair

26/2 Apologies: Cllr Taylor

Approved

26/3 Declaration of members’ Interest in Agenda Item - None

26/4 Public Speaking - None

26/5 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).

26/6 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th November were read and approved.

Approved Cllr Walker and Cllr Staley

26/7 Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- Locum Clerk Status –Shirley Parish Council have been granted a Locum Clerk. Cllr Staley to invite the Locum to the next Parish Council meeting in March.
- Road Verge top of Mill Lane: The situation has been reported to Derbyshire County Council
- Tree/Phone line issue: This continues to be an open issue with BT Outreach. Cllr Leeney reported that J Minton is happy with the level of communication he is receiving from Cllr Leeney about the developments of this issue.

Cllr Staley

26/8 Brailsford Solar Farm Proposal: It was agreed by all members of the Parish Councillor that they should support Brailsford residents against the Solar Farm proposal. It was suggested a letter be written directly to Mr John Whitby outlining the Parish Council’s objections. Cllr Leeney agreed to draft a letter and share with the Council as soon as possible.

Cllr Leeney

26/9 Burial Ground Wall Repair Project: It has been revealed that a 5 yearly assessment of the Church and grounds revealed that the Church wall needed lime mortar replacement not a complete rebuild. As a result of this Cllr Leeney proposed that the Parish Council allow the students to finish the current project up to the boundary with Mr & Mrs Parsons property and the reassess the situation. Possibly follow the guidelines set out in the above assessment. Cllr Leeney to speak to J. Fletcher regarding paperwork regarding the PC’s responsibility of the church burial ground. Any Parish Council paperwork may be archived at Derbyshire Dales Offices

Cllr Leeney

26/10 Finance and Audit: Parish Councillors agreed to pay the Zonkey Invoice

Approved Cllr walker and Cllr Staley

Chairman’s Signature Date.....

26/11 Neighbourhood Watch Update – D. Leeney informed the Parish Council that she had resigned her position as NHW Co-ordinator. She had asked the Neighbourhood Representatives and Residents of the Village if anyone wanted to take on the role but had not received any volunteers. It was recognised that the introduction of the Village WhatsApp group had been instrumental in keeping most residents of Shirley Village well informed. The NHW box of resources is to be kept at the church to ensure access is available if needed. Cllr Staley thanked Mrs Leeney for her hard work.

20.18 Cllr Bull entered the meeting

26/12 Parish Clerk’s Ongoing Matters
Drains and Hedges
 Derby Lane – drain blocked requires investigation. S Bull recommended exploration by camera. Cllr Leeney proposed obtaining a quote from R Steadman to clarify the situation. Cllr Bull suggested the Parish Council apply for a small grant from him under Improvement to Village to access some funding. Cllr Leeney to speak to R Steadman. Cllr Leeney
 Mill Lane – Blocked drains due to field draining onto the road. Cllr Bull requested exact information of the drains that are blocked. Cllr Staley agreed to forward the information to Cllr Bull. Cllr Staley

26/13 **Potholes** – Cllr Crabtree has identified several potholes on the roads in the village. He is to report these directly to Cllr Bull using What Three Words to identify each pothole accurately. Cllr Crabtree to report

26/14 Planning Applications

- New:
- Derbyshire Dales – None
 - Derbyshire County Council – None
- Existing:
- Derbyshire Dales – None
 - Derbyshire County Council – None

25/15 SS&SA – Mrs D Leeney reported that:
 Considering the Parish Council’s agreement to donate funds to Shirley Sports and Social the 100 Club draw has been withdrawn as a fundraising measure.
 The field continues to be used by Ashbourne Aztecs.
 There has been no information from the Cricket Affiliation regarding reinstating the Cricket square.

25/16 Churchyard Maintenance:

- Mowing – To commence in April. A total of 8 Mows through the year, less dependent on the weather.
- Sycamore tree – Quotes have been extremely difficult to acquire. A local resident with experience has agreed to pollard the tree as recommended in the inspection.

26/17 Precept/Budget for 2026/27

- The Cllrs accepted the budget but asked how the best way would be to ensure Shirley Sports and Social received their funding. It was suggested SS&S raise an invoice for the agreed amount. Cllr Staley to ask the locum Clerk
- Cllr Staley ask the locum Clerk about the process relating to budget and precept.

Approved by
Cllr Staley and
Cllr Crabtree

26/18

Correspondence –

A further sick note has been received from S Bacon.

It was agreed that Cllr Staley and Cllr Walker visit S Bacon by appointment to retrieve the laptop and other paperwork belonging to Shirley Parish Council.

Cllr Leeney had received an email regarding the Village Defibrillator and the resources needed to keep it in working order. The resources will no longer be available, as a result we will be unable to keep the current Defibrillator after August 2027. Cllr Walker assured the PC that funds were available to replace the Defibrillator and agreed to investigate this further.

Cllr Staley &
Cllr Walker

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS –

- 9th March 2026, 11th May 2026

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