

Shotteswell Parish Council

**Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th of May 2025 at the Village Hall, Shotteswell.**

Present were: Cllrs Faulkner (Chair), V Ingram (Clerk) M Pearson & B Zammatt, Cllr Mills (WCC)

Apologies: Cllr Gist (SDC)

Members of the Public: 9

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Pearson (Planning Application IRO of Four Winds)

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Cllr Pearson and Seconded by Cllr Zammatt

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Mills on being returned as our County Councillor.

Matters Arising:

Highways and Trees:

Various potholes had been marked up for repair in the village and on the B4100.

The Mollington Road from the County boundary up to the sewerage field had been resurfaced. The area around the Slow sign had deteriorated and had already been raised with WCC. A request for the repainting of the SLOW sign had also been made.

The Back Hill has been closed several times since the last meeting, one of which was for the inspection of BT poles, which should now enable Voneus to return and help residents down the lower end of the village be connected to the service. The other occasions had been to repair water leaks, initially STW had maintained that there was not any leaks, but persistence paid off and two were identified and repaired.

A request had been made for a replacement horse sign and for repairs to the setts by the village green. It was suggested that a further horse warning sign might slow traffic on the Second Turn. It was reported that traffic didn't appear to be travelling as fast this year.

Trees nothing further to report.

The passing bays had been sprayed and are back in use

The commemorative tree for councillor Burgess was being researched.

New Road Garages, after several discussions with Orbit to try and bring the empty garages back into use, they have agreed to this work. This will bring a further four garages into use and help with parking issues. The necessary tree clearance around the garage block had already taken place to allow access to the site.

Bus Shelter: Bus Shelter nothing further to report

Dog Fouling no incidences reported

Fly tipping lots of white goods dumped in the lay-by on the B4100, reported and cleared promptly.

Playing Field Tree house had been demolished and cleared away.

Playing Field, gate was reported as being open and needed to be closed.

Playing Field annual inspection had been booked

The Contractor had been asked to make sure that the field is tidy for the fete.

A cleaning party needed to be arranged before the inspection in July.

A suggestion had come forward about changing the parasols in the playing field, it needs some shade and although the thatch ones look attractive they are expensive to maintain. It was decided to investigate a suitable replacement.

Finance: Paid since last meeting: Proposed by Cllr Faulkner Seconded Cllr Pearson
Hire of Hall £60

End of year procedures and accounts having been previously circulated to councillors were accepted and agreed by the full council.

Proposed by Cllr Pearson and Seconded by Cllr Faulkner

The Defibrillator Cabinet had jammed. The Clerk will look into getting it mended or replaced and the battery needed to be changed. This would be taken off line whilst repairs were sorted and the emergency services notified.

Planning Applications:

25/01129/LDE Four Winds Shotteswell Certificate of Lawfulness

25/00807/Tree Lynwood

25/00944/LBC Church Farm amendment for works already approved

25/00874/Tree White Cottage Approved

County Council Report: Discussions over the potential split of opinions on the potential unitary authority were ongoing. Disposable vape ban coming into force on 1st of June. Cllr Mills explained that WCC were fortunate to be in a good position financially. 70% of the budget goes towards Social care and the remaining 30% has to cover highways, schools, police etc. Reform had taken over as leading the Council.

Meeting closed at 8.16pm

Next Meeting provisionally arranged for 17th of July 2025

