

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 9th of October 2025, at the Village Hall, Shotteswell.

Present were: Cllrs Faulkner (Chair), V Ingram (Clerk), B Zammett, D Sadler, Cllr Gist (SDC)

Cllr Faulkner welcomed Cllr Sadler to the council

Apologies: Cllr Pearson & Cllr Mills (WCC)

Members of the Public: 11

Declaration of Interest: None

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Cllr Zammett and seconded by Cllr Faulkner.

Matters Arising:

Highways and Trees:

The horse warning sign on the Mollington Road had been replaced, thanks were expressed to the County Council.

The quality of the repairs on Chapel Lane and Mollington Road had been queried by a resident. The county had been contacted and confirmed that the repairs met the required standards.

Cllr Mills had kindly agreed to fund the repainting of the white road markings throughout the village, the timeframe for these works is yet to be confirmed.

Several pot holes have been reported in various locations.

A fallen tree on the Mollington Road, following the recent storm was kindly cleared to the side of the road by Cllr Faulkner. Oxfordshire County Council had been contacted to remove the debris, as the tree in question was located on Oxfordshire's boundary. Trees also cut back within the village following a high sided vehicle again by Cllr Faulkner.

The New Road garages project has been completed and the units are now being rented out. It is hoped that this will bring ongoing benefits to residents.

The expression of Interest regarding trees has been submitted to Stratford District Council.

A minor water leak remains present on Back Hill.

Blocked gullies in certain areas will be reported to the council.

The SLOW sign on the Second Turn turned out to be more challenging than originally envisaged. The installation has now been approved, following an initial refusal.

The Memorial tree for Cllr Burgess will be planted in the Autumn, the optimum season for planting. A date to be confirmed and agreed with the family.

Parking issues continue, with complaints received regarding people parking on grass verges and at junctions.

The missing fire hydrant cover near the Village Hall has been replaced.

The annual village tidy up has been booked.

Bus Shelter: The Ivy is regrowing on the shelter and needs removing. The noticeboard post needs replacing.

Fly tipping: This remains an issue, with rubbish bags left on the layby on the B4100.

Dog Fouling: Appears to have improved recently.

Playing Field: The tree house has been burnt and the area swept for metal debris, our thanks to Cllr Pearson for doing this.

The Rocking horse has been repaired by Gordon Spencer.

Damage to the swing seat has been reported and the tyre on the zip wire requires replacing. Recommendation for a full inspection of the mechanism to be carried out at the same time. A request for additional shade over the picnic tables had been received. Shade sails had been suggested as a more practical option than parasols. This would be considered for the spring.

The Footpath steps require replacement, quotes are currently being sought and these will then be submitted for consideration by the county, it was agreed, however, in principle that these would be replaced by the Footpath Officer.

Pigeon guards, still required to be fixed over the swings, Cllr Faulkner offered to undertake this.

Fencing, the wire has fallen down and the posts have rotted at the top of the Playing field and this urgently needs replacing, it might also help improve security for one of our residents who had a recent attempted burglary.

Finance: Paid since last meeting: Proposed by Cllr Faulkner, seconded by Cllr Zammett
[Agreed the inverse was true, 8th January 2026]

RoSPA Inspection	£ 134.40
Repairs to Rocking Horse	£ 182.00
Temp Vacancy Election [Agreed Casual not Temporary, 8th January 2026]	£ 2,576.99

Cllr Sadler asked how much we would have been charged if this had been in conjunction with other elections, this would have been £100.

Review of Council documents this was deferred to the next meeting as Cllr Zammett said Cllr Pearson had a list.

Consideration of a proposal by Cllr Sadler was also deferred to the next meeting as he wanted a full compliment of Councillors.

Planning

25/02327ADCON Infrastructure to do with Junction 10

25/02249/Tree The Manor tree works

25/02086/LBC Church Farm

District Council Report

See website for individual reports

County Council Report:

See website for individual reports

Meeting closed at 8.14 pm. Next Meeting provisionally arranged for 8th January 2026