

SHOCKLACH OVIATT AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on **TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2025 at 7.30pm at SHOCKLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

Present: Cllr G Bowles (Chair), Cllr J White, Cllr I Carr, Cllr J Davies, Cllr L Stopforth, Cllr K Mackenzie.

In Attendance: Borough Cllr A Waddelove.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: C Taylor (Clerk).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor Stopforth noted an interest in Planning application 25/00448/FUL

3.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

4.POLICE UPDATE. Police not in attendance. Report not circulated prior to the meeting.

i) Update on potential tri-annual Farndon Ward cluster meeting -- Noted

ii) PCSO staffing levels 2026/2027 police budget -- Noted

iii) Community speed gun deployment

Councillor White reported that eye-catching notices, asking "Is speeding is a problem in Shocklach", had been placed on the Council noticeboard and in The Tilston and Shocklach Reporter for 2 months and on the Parish Council, Facebook and WhatsApp websites for 1½ months, asking for volunteers to contact him.

So far he had received only one response, so concluded that there is NOT a speeding problem in Shocklach. Apparently, two councillors and one member of the public had expressed verbal interest. This level of interest is insufficient to run a rota, as three people are needed for each speed gun session. He felt that, with such limited enthusiasm, the scheme would not be viable. It was agreed to re-visit this at a future meeting.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr Waddelove reported that he is in contact with Natural England regarding the effect of considerable soil tipping near a Site of Special Scientific Interest at Lane End.

The resurfacing of Worthenbury Road at the bends between Castletown Lane and Church Lane is appreciated and he understands that more re-surfacing is planned for this road.

The ability of the A543 and Sibbersfield Lane junction to cope with the proposed 500 plus new house in Farndon was discussed.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. The minutes of the meeting of 11th September 2025 were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Davies Seconded: Cllr Stopforth

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 11 September 2025.

i) PROW by St Ediths Church: Previously reported as unpassable. Cllr Mackenzie reported that the CWaC PROW Officer has been in contact with the landowner and will follow up where necessary.

ii) Tilston phone mast is still work in progress with no indication of when it will be commissioned.

8. EXPLORING COMMUNICATION METHODS.

Cllr Stopforth has investigated new rules, to come in to force next year, which will regulate the way Council websites should be set up and how councillors communicate between themselves and the clerk, and also with the general public.

She presented some information on available systems, charges etc. but pointed out that changes will be necessary to set up and run a new website.

This will need further consideration and Councillor Stopforth volunteered to investigate alternatives and to present her findings for discussion at the next meeting.

9.ACCOUNTS.

Resolved: That the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted. Balance at 17 November 2025 was £2916.54.

Proposed: Cllr Davies Seconded: Cllr Bowles

10. BUDGET/PRECEPT SETTING 2026/2027.

Budget proposals and precept recommendation for 2026/2027 as prepared and circulated prior to the meeting by the Clerk were discussed.

A small precept increase of 2% was agreed in view of the expected expense in setting up the new communication methods.

Proposed: Cllr Bowles Seconded: Cllr Davies, and agreed by all present.

11. PLANNING.

Noted that any planning applications are circulated to members between meetings.

Existing applications:

25/00448/FUL Manor Barns Parr Green Lane Church Shocklach Change of use from agricultural buildings into one residential dwelling, conversion of barn into outbuilding. Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of carport. Small barn to be converted into annexe accommodation.

25/00635/FUL the Methodist Chapel Chorlton Lane Chorlton Alterations to dwelling appearance and curtilage (amendment to approved planning application 23/01837/FUL).

New applications:

1. 25/03198/FUL The Old Vicarage Worthenbury Road Church Shocklach Ground mounted solar panels and wind turbine to be installed within the adjacent field of the old vicarage.

Noted - that comments, agreed at the Extraordinary Meeting of 10th November 2025 had been passed to CWaC planning department,

2. 225/03475/FUL The Methodist Chapel Chorlton Lane Chorlton Malpas Erection of detached garage and stable. There were no comments.

Decisions:

Approved: 25/01890/FUL Old Petrol Filling Station Worthenbury Road Church Shocklach Single storey rear extension.

12. CORRESPONDENCE. None

13. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) Encouragingly, there appeared to be no reports of flooding on local roads despite recent heavy rain.

ii) Concern was expressed about a seemingly unstable wall adjacent to the road in Caldecott. It was suggested that there should be an appraisal of the possibility of it collapsing into the road, but it was not apparent who should be notified, as it is private property. Councillor Waddelove will investigate.

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS.

Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 20th May 2026 (7pm Village Meeting followed by 7.30pm Annual Meeting).

To be held at Shocklach Primary School.