

SHOCKLACH OVIATT AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on **WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2026 at 7.30pm at SHOCKLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

Present: Cllr G Bowles (Chair), Cllr J White, Cllr J Davies, Cllr K Mackenzie.

In Attendance: C Taylor, Clerk.

PART 1

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr I Carr, Cllr L Stopforth, Borough Cllr A Waddelove.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None.

3.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. None.

4.POLICE/COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE.

i) Report from the Clerk: Update from PC Gardner: It had been confirmed that PCSO numbers were to reduce from 87 to 57. It was, at present, unclear what that meant for the Farndon Ward but for now contact going forward would be via PC Gardner. **Resolved:** To continue to press PC Gardner for a quarterly Ward meeting in the absence of ability to attend regular individual Parish Council meetings.

ii) Community speed gun deployment: No further volunteers had been identified to deploy the gun in Shocklach. Tilston currently had the ward speed gun and had arranged training with a view to deploying the gun in Tilston.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Tilston Mobile Phone Mast: Currently delayed but work ongoing behind the scenes regarding alternative options.

Unstable wall in Caldecott: Raised with CWaC Structures Team.

PROW by St Ediths Church: He had chased up his contact with CWaC PROW Officer regarding where Natural England were up to with regards to the issue and would update as soon as possible. He had previously reported that he was in contact with Natural England regarding the effect of considerable soil tipping near a Site of Special Scientific Interest

(SSSI) at Lane End. No further update available at 25/2/2026. It was queried whether the verge/land at the front of Beech Farm was common land.

(Update received 26/2/2026) Natural England had attended to investigate and advised that the accused 'agri waste dump' was outside of the SSSI boundary, temporary and related to infrastructure upgrades on the farmyard. They were working with the landowner to develop a management plan, for their wider estate and land that did fall into the SSSI boundary).

Asbestos on Bishop Bennett Way: Reported by resident as still not having been removed. Cllr Waddelove had escalated to the Chief Executive.

Council Budget: Budget Council was 26th November and a 4.99% increase in Council Tax was expected to be signed off, the maximum allowed by government without a referendum.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. The minutes of the meeting of 25th November 2025 were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Davies **Seconded:** Cllr Mackenzie

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 25 November 2026.

i) Verge cutting schedule: CWaC Street Care had confirmed that cuts for 2026 would be carried out beginning of May, and then in July, and the last cut in October. Cllr Bowles had been in correspondence with a resident regarding the verge cutting schedule and they had referenced a report on managing grassland road verges which recommended a two-cut management. Also suggested was a cut back simply around junctions to ensure maximum visibility. **Resolved:** Cllr Bowles would send a final response advising that the PC would be leaving the cutting schedule as agreed with CWaC and that the resident should direct any further correspondence on the issue to CWaC. Councillors were reminded not to engage in correspondence with any such being directed through the Clerk in future.

8. GOV.UK WEBSITE, EMAIL ADDRESSES, AND IT POLICY.

Cllr Mackenzie proposed transitioning to a new Gov.Uk website and emails with Hugo Fox as the provider without delay.

Resolved: To transition to Gov.Uk website and emails with Hugo Fox as the provider. Clerk to deal with.

Proposed: Cllr Mackenzie **Seconded:** Cllr White All agreed

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 16 February 2026 was £2044.40.

It was noted that the insurance renewal was due 1 June 2026.

10. 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).

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.

New applications:

25/03746/FUL The Willows Horton Green Lane Horton Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension and front lean-to canopy. No comment made.

Decisions:

Approved: 25/03475/FUL The Methodist Chapel Chorlton Lane Chorlton Malpas Erection of detached garage and stable.

11. CORRESPONDENCE.

i) Dog fouling: A resident had written to Cllrs Bowles and Stopforth complaining about dog fouling. **Resolved:** Clerk to ask the dog warden for advice, any available signage, to visit the village.

ii) Charitable donation to auction: Cllr Mackenzie raised an outstanding pledge of £25 from the PC to the auction. **Resolved:** Bank details to be forwarded to the Clerk to facilitate payment.

12. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) Temporary Road Closure notification received for Caldecott Green on 2nd March 2026 for approximately one day to enable saw cut out and fill potholed fretted area of carriageway.

PART 2

13. CLERKS WORKING HOURS. Minuted separately.

PART 1 RESUMED.

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS at Shocklach Primary School.

Wednesday 13th May 2026 (7pm Village Meeting followed by 7.30pm Annual Meeting).

Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 16th December 2026 at 7.30pm.