

Shilton Parish Council

Minutes of Council meeting on Thursday 26th March held at The Old School, Church Lane, Shilton, OX18 2AE at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr David Cuthbertson (Chair), Cllrs Andrew Bray, Andrew Pearson & Steve Harrison. Parish Clerk Julie Alden.

Members of the public: 32

Agenda

1. Welcome from the Chairman.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To receive or accept apologies for absence.

Apologies from Sarah Royle and Nick Field-Johnson.

3. David Wilson Homes/Turley presentation of proposed development North of Price Way.

Handout attached. Following the presentation, the floor was opened to questions.

There followed a lively discussion on the proposal to build up to 150 houses on the site. The proposal is to leave the existing football ground and club in place, build the new houses on the existing training pitches and move these six pitches towards the B4020.

There was no support for the proposal from the public or the councillors. The following issues were raised:

- Coalescence of Shilton with Carterton
- Increasing traffic particularly through the dip.
- Lack of local GP and other medical facilities
- Increased noise from the football pitches
- Lack of parking facilities for the football club and the pitches
- Water and sewage infrastructure
- Wildlife and bio-diversity

The David Wilson Homes/ Thurley representatives thanks the Council and the public for their input and time and left the meeting

4. To approve and sign minutes of Council meeting on 29th January 2026.

The minutes were approved.

5. Matters arising from that meeting not on the Agenda.

None.

6. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

None.

7. Councillor vacancy & elections.

There will be a vacancy from May, as Sarah Royle is standing down, so if anyone is interested in taking this role on, please let us know.

8. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.

As attached.

Policy and Finance

9. Finance update – to review and approve finance update.

As attached.

10. Payments and receipts – to review and approve current payments and note receipts.

Review and approved.

11. Application of funding from Oxford Citizens Advice.

Cllr AP asked if anyone from the parish has benefited from this service. Cllr DC said that the email referenced 6 people in the parish consulting them. Paul Hedges asked how they were currently funded. Louise Waterhouse said that they were funded by charity. The Council agreed to a grant of £50.

Planning

12. To comment on any planning applications received before the date of the meeting.

An application has been made to build a datacentre in Scrubbs Lane. It was originally two industrial units, now it is a datacentre. The council have commented re the effect on water, electricity and broadband. The public are encouraged to comment There is a scoping application submitted for 1000 houses for Crest Homes at the bottom of Alvescot Rd. Alvescot and Filkins parishes are opposing this application and Shilton Parish Council will support them. So far over 100 objections have been received.

13. Update on previous planning applications.

None.

14. Carterton/Brize Norton planning including Crest Homes Carterton West proposal.

Partially covered above.

Highways, flooding & village maintenance

15. Highways.

There is general dissatisfaction with the state of the roads. Potholes are the main issue. The closure of the road from Alvescot to Carterton has caused an enormous increase in traffic through the village. The council are still working towards changing the speed limit through the dip.

16. Flooding.

Cllr AP reported back on the WODC Section 19 report and their recommendations. Some of these recommendations will be used as the basis for the Council's application to Oxfordshire County Council Flood Project Funding Scheme which can provide up to £25,000 of funding.

John Colson noted that 3 or 4 houses have, over the past 25 years, restricted the flow of the stream from 6-8 foot to 3-4 foot by using edge stones, and that this results in fields flooding.

17. Grass cutting.

From the 3 quotes received the council decided to grant the contract to McCrackens. They have done the first cut already.

18. Trees.

There is nothing to report on the trees. The planting has been successful in most cases.

19. Conservation.

As above.

Other matters

20. Opportunity for the public to speak – to provide members of the public/press with the opportunity to comment on items on the agenda or raise items for future consideration. In accordance with Standing Orders, this will not exceed 15 minutes in total and 5 minutes per person.

John Colson reported that the transport company down Alvescot Rd (where the green Tufnells tankers are), seem to be putting up buildings. John has reported this to WODC, noting that even though the land is in Alvescot parish, it needs addressing. Cllr DC will investigate and refer this to the enforcement officer.

Cllr AB said that there had been a litter pick a few weeks ago down Alvescot Rd (thanks to all those who contributed!), and that having been up there since, there has been more left. He appealed for everyone to keep an eye out for fly tipping, as carpets etc have been left there recently. It may be linked to drug dealing in that area, so also keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles. Andy Berisford noted that there is little support for the booking system for the tip, and usage is down 30%. Rosie Pearson said that this system is under review.