

SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: David Napier

Vice Chairman: Andy Thornton

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL on 28 January 2025 at 7.30pm at SHROPHAM VILLAGE HALL

Those in attendance: David Napier, Andrew Thornton, Lesley Brown,
Peter Bush, Wayne Linge, Rob Wylie

1. **Apologies for absence**
C Allen and P Cowen.
2. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11 November 2024.**
The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 November 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. **To record any Declarations of Interest and to consider any requests for Dispensations from Council Members.**
None.
4. **Guest speakers (County Councillor/District Councillor)**
None.
5. **Planning – Applications**
 - a. **Local Plan Update**
D Napier read an update from P Cowen. The full report follows these Minutes.
“Since sending our January report, attached for convenience, we still await further information from MHCLG regarding planning matters although the housing numbers we are required to deliver are not likely to reduce and as identified in recent planning committee meetings the result of the increase by some 39% means that we do not have a 5 year housing land supply and we will be looking to send out a further call for sites in the near future. As to local government reorganisation NCC has not seen fit to engage at any level with any district councils in the county to discuss proposals and nor do we know if government has agreed NCC’s ask to be considered in the first wave. Devolution on the other hand seems to be on track leading to an election of a Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk. Otherwise all other matters are as reported in the attached report.”
 - b. **Planning Reform Working Paper: Planning Committees**
D Napier advised he was surprised that 95% of planning matters are determined by delegated powers.

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- c. **Enforcement**
Nothing to report.

Three planning applications had been received post Agenda:

PL/2025/0072/HOU – Linwood Cottage, Watton Road, Shropham, NR17 1DY – Propose 2 storey rear extension, to include demolition of the existing garage and conservatory.

It was noted that this application has a large footprint which almost doubles the size of the existing property. Although visually the property will not change a great deal from the road, there are concerns that it may have a detrimental effect on the direct neighbours given the size and/or layout of the plans. The Parish Council will reach out to the direct neighbours to consider their views and a response will be formulated thereafter.

PL/2025/0051/VAR – 8 Harper Close, Shropham – Variation of condition 2 on pp 3PL/2017/0311/F – larger garage proposed.

The Parish Council were informed that the Applicant proposes to move into the dwelling in the near future. The larger garage will block off the garages from behind and will enable the Applicant to house a collection of vehicles.

No objections were raised and the Parish Council support this application.

PL/2025/0029/PAAF – Spinney Farm, Watton Road, Shropham, NR17 1EA – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Erection of an Agricultural Storage Building for Agricultural use, The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) – Schedule 2, Part 6.

No objections were raised and the Parish Council support this application.

6. **Finance – to approve and report the following expenditure:-**

- a. To ratify salary payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman for the month of January in the sum of £310.63.
- b. To ratify payment for Use of Home Office in the sum of £35 payable to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Claire Blackman.
- c. To approve payment to Shropham Village Hall for hall hire on 28 January 2025 in the sum of £10.00 (invoice SHR538).
- d. To ratify salary payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman for the month of December in the sum of £345.86.

Proposed by D Napier seconded by L Brown. All voted in favour.

8. **Matters to Report**

a. **Financial Balances**

£8,335.72

b. **Parish Land/Land Registry**

A Thornton advised that the solicitors have confirmed that we would need to submit a supplementary application in relation to the slithers of land outside of the boundary. This would involve additional costs and would require more information than we currently have. The Land Registry plan looks accurate. P Bush suggested that the Parish Council may consider fencing off the area and if any queries are raised these could be answered as necessary.

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A Thornton further advised that to get the 12 years' timescale, which was set by the Land Registry, reduced would also require a supplementary application. It was set at 12 years because we were unable to provide sufficient historic information at the initial stages.

There is a temporary agreement for use of the land, with a peppercorn rent. If this is to continue, it should be formalised on an annual basis to confirm the agreement in writing.

It was felt that enough money had already been spent and that A Thornton will request the documentation which was originally submitted.

c. **Highways**

Thanks was expressed to A Thornton for cutting the hedge back along the Hargham Road which has made visibility much better. The road appears to have sunk slightly which may need reporting once the hedge has been cut back on the other side.

There has been some progress on the 40mph limit to be extended near Stuart Power. Comments in support have been submitted from various sources, including the Parish Council. Other Councillors will submit their own support on the reply slips provided.

9. **Any items to be noted for the next Agenda**

None.

10. **Correspondence**

None.

The Chairman opened the meeting to allow public participation.

A member of the public enquired whether there was a guarantee that the 40mph limit will be put in place as this has been ongoing since 2023. D Napier said that there was no guarantee but that he would be very surprised if it doesn't happen. The member of the public asked if there was anything that the public could do. D Napier advised that there was nothing further to be done at this time.

11. To agree date for next meeting: Tuesday 25th March 2025.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Jo Blackman
Parish Clerk

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