

SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: David Napier

Vice Chairman: Andy Thornton

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL on Friday 12th December 2025 at 7.30pm at SHROPHAM VILLAGE HALL

Those in attendance: David Napier, Andy Thornton, Lesley Brown, Peter Bush
Wayne Linge

1. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from F Eagle, P Cowen, R Wylie and C Allen.
2. **To approve the Minutes for the Meeting held on Tuesday 30th September 2025**
The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 30th September 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman, D Napier with one small amendment as to attendees which was initialled 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)**
Ashlee Murrell, Oxygen Conservation
Ashlee Murrell ('AM') from Oxygen Conservation ('OC') attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on the current position in relation to OC's submissions to the Local Plan.

OC will submit representations in line with their previous submissions before the deadline on 15 December 2025.

Three parcels of land have previously been submitted with the focus being on land to the East of Rocklands Road. OC are working in-house with Bidwells to formulate their submission. It will be for 20 dwellings as per the previous submission.

All three sites are in consideration however they are only concentrating on this one site.

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A member of the public expressed concern about the density of the proposal and if there would be additional properties added at a later date. AM advised that there would be no phase 2 proposed, there would be green spaces in place with the 20 properties spread over the whole site.

A further member of the public expressed concern that this proposal is outside of the settlement boundary and also concerns regarding the existing attenuation ponds being sufficient for a further 20 properties. AM confirmed that further attenuation ponds would be installed.

Further, there are no mains sewers to the site and any new properties would have to have their own system installed.

D Napier asked AM about the works that had been done to the River Thet. AM confirmed that restoration works were completed at the end of October. 17 acres have now been reconnected to the River Thet. This will alleviate flood risks elsewhere. The river has been diverted through ponds and it has transformed the landscape. D Napier advised that it would be good to let the village know about the good work they had been doing. AM acknowledged that from the outside it does look like not a lot is going on but they are working hard behind the scenes.

A suggestion was made to post an article in the Village Magazine or on the Village Facebook page. AM confirmed that anyone is welcome to come and see what has been going on. An open day may also be considered in due course.

D Napier thanked AM for attending the meeting and requested that the Parish Council be kept informed of developments introduced by Oxygen Conservation.

5. Planning – Applications

- a. **PL/2025/1746/LB** – The Grange, Grange Farm Lane, Shropham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1EF – Replacement window and associated works. **No objections.**
- b. **PL/2025/1471/FMIN** – Land North of Hargham Road, Shropham, Attleborough, NR17 1DS – Erection of 4 no. dwellings with associated garages, parking and garden amenity space. **Undecided – comments submitted.**
- c. **PL/2025/1332/DCA** – Linwood Cottage, Watton Road, Shropham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1DY – Discharge of Condition 3 on PL/2025/0072/HOU. **Undecided.**
- d. **PL/2025/1313/PAQ** – Tall Trees, Watton Road, Shropham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1DY – Prior approval application for change of use and conversion of existing agricultural building to a single dwelling, and change of use of associated agricultural land to residential curtilage – Town and Country Planning

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(General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) –
Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q. **Prior approval required and refused.**

- e. **PL/2025/0489/FMIN** – Land off Hargham Road, Shropham, NR17 1DS – Erection of 4 dwellings and garages (1 no. self-build and 3 no. market homes). **Planning Committee – 16 December 2025. D Napier will be speaking against the application at the meeting along with P Cowen and Mark Gorton, TNP.**
- f. **PL/2025/0268/OMIN** – East Cottage, Watton Road, Shropham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1DY – Erection of one self-build dwelling. **Breckland – Refused. Appeal Refused.**
- g. **Enforcement**
There is no update available at the current time. Still under review.
- h. **Local Government Reorganisation, Devolution and Local Plan.**
Nothing further to report.
Oxygen Conservation – update
See 4 above.

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

- a. To approve payment including holiday allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman for the month of December in the sum of £310.63.
- b. To ratify payment including holiday allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for the month of October in the sum of £310.63.
- c. To ratify payment including holiday allowance to the Clerk Mrs Joanne Blackman, for the month of November in the sum of £310.63.
- d. To approve payment to Shropham Village Hall for hall hire on 12 December 2025 in the sum of £10.00.

One additional item for payment:-

- e. To approve payment to Andrew Deptford for a replacement battery for the defibrillator in the sum of £354 (incl VAT).

All payments were approved. Proposed by DN and seconded by PB.

7. **Matters to Report**

- a. **Financial Balances**
£11,362.63
- b. **Asset Register**
A Thornton and P Bush to get together to discuss.
- c. **Parish Land/Land Registry**
A Thornton and P Bush to get together to discuss.
- d. **11 Watton Road**
D Napier has contacted Bromford Flagship regarding the condition of the front of the property at 11 Watton Road. Bromford Flagship are communicating with the resident to try and address the issues.

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e. **Royal British Legion Donation**

D Napier proposed a donation of £100 be made to the Royal British Legion. A discussion took place and a vote was taken. Four voted in favour, one objection was received. A payment will therefore be made to the Royal British Legion as soon as possible.

f. **Highways – 40 mph speed limit**

The 40mph speed limit is now in place. It was noted that at the top of Bradcar Road, the sign says 60mph. A Police speed camera team has already been seen monitoring the speed.

D Napier advised that unfortunately, the Community Speedwatch team has had to stop due to lack of volunteers.

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

Budget/Precept.

9. **Correspondence**

None.

10. **To agree date for next meeting: Tuesday 20th January 2026**

Agreed.

Meeting closed: 8.34pm

Jo Blackman
Parish Clerk

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