

SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: David Napier

Vice Chairman: Andy Thornton

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL on Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 7.30pm at SHROPHAM VILLAGE HALL

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

1. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from F Eagle and P Cowen.
2. **To approve the Minutes for the Meeting held on Friday 12th December 2025.**
The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman, D Napier.
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. **PL/2025/1968/PAQ** - Tall Trees Watton Road, Shropham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1DY - Change of use and conversion of existing agricultural building to a single dwelling, and change of use of associated agricultural land to residential curtilage - The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q. ***Application very similar to the previous one. No objections.***

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DATED:

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- b. **PL/2025/1746/LB** - The Grange Grange Farm Lane, Shropham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1EF - Replacement window and associated works. **Granted with conditions.**
 - c. **PL/2025/1471/FMIN** - Land North Of Hargham Road Land North Of Hargham Road, Shropham, Attleborough, NR17 1DS - Erection of 4 no. dwellings with associated garages, parking and garden amenity space. **Undecided. There had been several objections received on this application. An extension had been granted for a noise survey to be carried out.**
 - d. **PL/2025/1332/DCA** - Linwood Cottage Watton Road, Shropham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1DY - Discharge of Condition 3 on PL/2025/0072/HOU. **Undecided.**
 - 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). **Granted with conditions.**
 - f. **Enforcement.** Deferred in the absence of P Cowen.
 - g. **Local Government Reorganisation, Devolution and Local Plan.** Deferred in the absence of P Cowen.
6. **Finance – to approve and report the following expenditure:-**
- a. To approve payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman for the month of January in the sum of £335.16.
 - b. To approve payment to Shropham Village Hall for hall hire on 12 December 2025 in the sum of £10.00.

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

7. **To consider budget and agree precept for the financial year 2026/27.**
The budget was considered and a precept was agreed at £4,200 for the financial year 2026/27.
8. **Matters to Report**
- a. **Financial Balances**
£10,558.00
 - b. **Asset Register**
A Thornton and P Bush have discussed and have noted the following.
Computer – value approx. £299
Printer
Parish Land – 34.64 acres (Grade 3) – approx. £277,000 (£8 per acre)
Noticeboard

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The Clerk to review and obtain up-to-date replacement prices.

c. **Parish Land/Land Registry**

A Thornton and P Bush to get together to discuss. Consideration was given to the preparation of a Statutory Declaration as to proof of ownership. It was suggested that we should fence the area which we believe to be covered by the Statutory Declaration and after 5 years it will be declared to belong to the Parish Council.

d. **Oxygen Conservation**

The Clerk will extend an invite to Oxygen Conservation to attend our next meeting on the 24th March.

e. **11 Watton Road**

Concerns remain regarding the stacked rubbish outside 11 Watton Road. The landlord will be speaking to the residents in this regard.

f. **Highways – 40 mph speed limit**

The 40mph speed limit has had some impact however, there are still a few top speeders who travel through the village, generally at night. The Police have been in attendance and recording vehicles.

It was noted that the speed limit from Bradcar Road is still showing 60mph.

The bus shelter at Bradcar Road has been cleared up.

A query was raised in relation to verge bollards at the Westgate Road entrance. Highways have installed them on one side but not the other.

This will be raised with Highways directly. The sign on the chicane has been reported and is being replaced shortly.

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

None.

10. **Correspondence**

None.

The Chairman opened the meeting for public participation.

A member of the public enquired whether it would be possible to print a list of planning applications in the Shropham Grove. The Clerk explained that this can cause problems as some are likely to be missed which fall between meetings. This can sometimes be seen as favouritism and should not be encouraged. The

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Clerk suggested that we could put a link to where people can view the applications themselves. To be considered at the next meeting.

A member of the public asked about an overgrown hedge, opposite the garage. It is unclear whether it is the responsibility of the landowner or Highways but this will be investigated.

11. **To agree date for next meeting: Tuesday 24th March 2026.**
Agreed.

Meeting closed: 8.00pm

Jo Blackman
Parish Clerk

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