MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2026

Present: Ian Cannock (Chair), Tim, Marchant, Joe Williams, Tricia Wastvedt, Fiona Crockett and Jean Fossaceco (Clerk)

1. **Apologies**: Lisa Coles, John Whittock
2. **Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** None declared
3. **10 Minutes public participation:** None present.
4. **Minutes of the last meetings:** All in order

5. Clerk's Report	**ACTION**	**TIMELINE**
As distributed. Clerk to request a capital statement from the VHMC Treasurer.	JF	ASAP
Discussions took place regarding a gate between the car park and the Recreation Ground and the Council are in favour of a kissing gate. The Clerk will ask DC about this. A decision was agreed to maintain the starting time of PC meetings at 7.30 p.m. The clerk will inform the VHMC bookings secretary.	JF JF	ASAP ASAP
6. Ward Councillor Report		
As distributed.		
7. Financial Matters		
Replacement of parts of the Village Hall play area fencing - £1,440.00 plus VAT together with the realignment of the gate, the levelling out of the entrance area to the Recreation Field and the installation of a kissing gate between the car park and the field – costs to be confirmed.	Agreed Agreed to assess costs	
Clerk's Salary - £1,083.50 - HMRC £270.00 - Expenses - £59.33	Agreed	
VHMC – Financial Report (as distributed) – the clerk will ask the Treasurer for a capital statement.	JF	ASAP
Potential costs for Safer Routes to School pathway hedging maintenance - this would be discussed once permission has been granted by the landowner for the path to go ahead. The clerk will message our Ward Councillor, Matt McCabe to ask for updates and request that, once permission for any footpath has been given, they "combine the Safer Routes to School path with B&NES initiative Walk, Ride, Cycle."	JF	ASAP
Funding request from FOSSA - £300**.** The Council are broadly in favour of this but would like the clerk to request reassurance that the correct permissions have been applied for, granted and in place such as planning. The clerk will contact FOSSA and request clarification. FCr will also speak to the Head Teacher about this	JF FCr	ASAP ASAP
Dunkley's Payroll - £52.79-paid		
Newsletter additional printing costs - £16.20 - paid	Agreed	
CIL Funds – It was agreed the Council would purchase up to 6 trees to be planted at the bottom of the Recreation Field in the new year together with a water container to enable regular watering. The clerk will ask DC to prepare 6 holes in the new year in preparation of planting.	JF	ASAP
A review of Insurance costs and quotes will be investigated in the new year.		
Money Received:		
C&N Refund - £291.49	Noted	

8. Planning		
Braysdown Stables - 26/03517/VAR **Weeks** - 26/03590/ADCOU - Lower Shoscombe Farm, Rag Hill Shoscombe BA2 8LT **Local Plan Updates** – Comments have been submitted and acknowledged by B&NES. No further updates to date. Plans and comments will be submitted by B&NES to the inspectorate before Christmas with these being considered during 2027. **Concerns raised regarding building at Land West of St Julian's Farm –** a site visit took place on Wednesday 11th November with councillors, the clerk and the B&NES Planning Officer. On visiting the site, the Planning Officer confirmed that the removal of hedging/trees along St Julian's roadside and on the side to the rear of the site did not contravene any planning conditions. However, concern was raised that the boundary line had been contravened. It was also felt one of the retaining walls had extended the permitted size and there could be an issue with a badger sett. The Planning Officer agreed to investigate the Council's concerns and contact us in due course. The clerk received an update from the Planning Officer stating that the developers have been asked to submit a further planning application for the boundary extension for what are deemed to be the rear gardens. The Council have asked that the clerk formally contact the Planning Officer copying in the Head of Planning thanking them for investigating our concerns and requesting we are kept fully updated of any developments with these issues. It was noted, and passed on to the Officer, that councillors felt strongly that any further applications in the village should include conditions to plant more trees and limit the ones removed before approval is granted.	Agreed - comments previously submitted JF	 ASAP
9. Climate, Nature and Sustainability Working Group		
Environmental concerns raised over the development to the West Of St Julian's Road – already covered. **People's Emergency Briefing –** Meetings have taken place in the area including one in Shoscombe which was well attended and TW has been in touch with the organisers and with Wellow PC including looking at resilience. Wellow are investigating communal charging points for vehicles as well as household ones. Shoscombe would like to explore the idea of more community gardens for food growth. TW is also involved with The Community Energy Project which is ongoing and it is hoped Shoscombe will be active. Notifications have been included in the newsletter. JWi suggested the link be published on Everything Shoscombe page.	TW	Ongoing
10. Village Hall and Recreation Field – Report distributed		
• **Accessible/disabled toilet facilities/Drainage** – Minor adjustments have been made and some works have taken place to mitigate the drainage issue. • **Fire Risk Report** – Following the report, liaisons are taking place with Bristol Fire Security, quotes are being sought and progress is developing.		

• **Shoscombe Village Hall Safety and Governance Handbook** – has been distributed by TM. Amendments suggested by IC will be made. • **Play Area** – fencing and gates discussed under Item 7. Following receipt of the latest inspection report, overhanging trees will be cut back. Quotes will be sought for a refresh of the area making good some minor repairs and the potential purchase of new equipment will be discussed in the new year. ******January Agenda Item*** • **Tree Planting** – it was agreed under Item 7 for the Community Infrastructure Levy to be used to purchase trees for the Recreation Field.	JF	Agenda Item***
11. Walk/Ride/Cycle - Sustrans's Update		
The Council has been informed this has now been passed to B&NES and is on hold. The clerk will contact our Ward Councillor, Matt McCabe for updates and, once permission for any footpath has been given, to request the "Safer Routes to School proposed footpath be combined with B&NES initiative Walk, Ride, Cycle."	JF	ASAP
12 .Councillor Reports		
A) HELAA/Local Plan – already discussed under Item 8. **B) PROW** – an issue with burnt out cars in Public Footpaths in the area general was raised. JWi reported that he has been told by our B&NES Footpaths Officer that there is a plan to resurface the Cinder Path at some point in the next financial year. **C) School** – Report distributed. **D) Highways**. – nothing to report. **E) Burial Board/Church** – Report distributed. A finance report has been submitted to the clerk. It was confirmed, a precept will be required in the next financial year.		
13. Risk Assessment		
Distributed. It was proposed this was acceptable for the coming year. An additional specific one for the Village Hall will be compiled using the Safety and Governance Handbook.		
Dates of Next Meetings: **14th January 2027 – Parish Council** **11th March 2027 – Parish Council**		