

# Shelford Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of Shelford Parish Council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 6.00pm, Shelford Village Hall.**

**Councillors present:** Cllr Bingham (Chair), Smith, McLoughlan, Stephens and Miller

**Officers:** Emma Goodman Clerk to the Council

Also present: 2 members of the public and Cllr Debbie Soloman and Cllr Roger Upton

- 1) Apologies – none
- 2) Declarations of Interest – Cllr Bingham re payments
- 3) Minutes – the minutes of Parish meeting 26th November 2025 were **APPROVED** and **SIGNED**.
- 4) Open session for members of the public –

Concerns were raised about the ongoing issues of vehicles speeding through the village. Cllr Bingham updated the meeting at agenda point 6. The resident reported that it appeared that the focus had been on the Manor Lane end of the village whereas the speeding seems to be more of an issue at Shelford Hill end of the village.

- 5) County / Borough Councillor updates

Cllr Soloman reported the following:

- An objection had been submitted for 4 out of the 5 Newton planning applications. No objection was submitted for the regrouping of HGV's as it may be of benefit to the residents as it will widen the 40mph zone. Support will be given with a number of design considerations.
- A request was made for more photos of the rubbish being left in the pull in as previously reported to Streetwise.
- Roadworks will become a further issue as the project for the junction of Saxondale Drive and the a52 will last for around 40 weeks. Concern has been raised over removing the central bollard due to safety risks. The proposed start date is July with 4-way traffic lights.
- RBC have frozen Council tax for 26/27.
- Elections in May 27 due to the Local Government Review.

Cllr Upton updated the PC with the following:

- There are temporary traffic lights on Shelford Road for drainage works.
- The Lowdham to Cropwell Bishop bus seems to be well used.
- Potholes are an ongoing issue as are the state of pavement.
- The hope is to speak at the Constituency Speech and raise the issues.

- 6) Manor Lane update – it was reported that Councillors had recently met with representatives from Via East Midlands to carry out a site visit and discuss recommendations for speed calming measures.

The PC are limited as to what measures can be implemented as some become more of a hazard or are too much of a distraction for drivers. As no accidents have occurred it again restricts what measures can be taken.

The closure of Manor Lane due to flooding had led to more traffic speeding on Shelford hill.

The outcome of the meeting was to have the 30mph repainted onto the roads. The lamppost signs will be replaced in the 26/27 budget year but there was no definitive date given.

Speed humps would not be installed.

The PC **RESOLVED** to continue the dialogue with Via.

- 7) Boules – the PC **NOTED** the request to install a boules area. It was **RESOLVED** that due to the lack of interest it would not be creating an area to play boules.
- 8) New playground equipment – it was **NOTED** that the installation was now complete. The PC discussed arranging an opening event with a suggested date of Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk will send invitations to the grant providers.

It was suggested to look at a Sports England grant for replacement football goals.

- 9) Finance:
- a) Schedule of payments/reimbursements – **NOTED** and **SIGNED**.
  - b) Budget monitoring report – **NOTED**.
  - c) Asset register - **NOTED**.

- 10) Planning applications – none

- 11) a) Report from Clerk – none  
 b) Report from Councillors –

Cllr Bingham reported that the boiler had been serviced.

Contact had been made with Carter Jonas regarding the Crown providing solar panels for the village hall. It was confirmed they would subsidise the installation, but funds would need to be repaid.

It was **NOTED** that litter picking could no longer take place on Manor Lane due to health & safety reasons and needs to be left to Via.

12) Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 6.00pm**

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

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