SHEPRETH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Shepreth Village Hall Monday 19th October 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Stone (Chair), Downer, Fisher, Maison, Pankhurst, and White. Also in attendance were nine members of the public and the Shepreth Parish Council (SPC) Clerk.

Public Participation.

MOP1 commented that some of the 20mph and 30mph Greenway signage is unclear and that the new street lights on Fowlmere Road are too tall and are obscured by foliage.
MOP2 stated that the dog poo bin at the Angle Lane junction, repositioned as a result of Greenway work, was now too far from the pavement. It was noted that the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) are already discussing moving this bin.
MOP3 commented that the repositioned light and poo bin at the Angle Lane junction spoiled the look of the entrance to the conservation area.
MOP4 commented that the new 20mph sign at Pithayes was obscured by foliage. He also asked when the signage for the Docwra's Close parking restrictions was to be installed – Cllr Stone will contact GCP to find out.

26/129 Co option

This was deferred until the end of the meeting.

26/130 Apologies for absence

None received.

26/131 Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

- Cllrs Maison and Pankhurst (26/135 Station Road development)

To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests – none received
To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate – none received.

26/132 Minutes of previous meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2026 with no amendments. Proposed by Cllr Downer, seconded by Cllr Pankhurst, all in favour.

26/133 County and District Councillor reports and updates.

Report noted. Clerk is to publicise the new planning tool.

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26/134 Climate and Nature Action Plan (CANAP)

Report noted. Clerk is to publicise dates of upcoming Sustainable Shepreth events. It was **RESOLVED** that SPC should not get involved with SAFER resilience training as there were concerns that it would be an inappropriate use of public funds to align with a national campaigning group. Proposed by Cllr Fisher, seconded by Cllr Downer, all in favour.

26/135 Planning Applications for consideration and agreement of response:

Proposal : New Replacement Outbuilding
Site : Rushmoor Cottage Dunsbridge Turnpike Shepreth Cambridgeshire SG8 6RB
Reference : 26/03502/HFUL
Public access link https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/03502/HFUL
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval of this application. Proposed by Cllr Stone, seconded by Cllr Pankhurst, all in favour.

Proposal : Change of use from commercial, business and service (Use Class E) to eight residential flats (Use Class C3).
Site : 29 Station Road Shepreth Cambridgeshire SG8 6PZ
Reference : 26/03737/PRIOR
Public access link https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/26/03737/PRIOR
It was **RESOLVED** to object to this proposal. Proposed by Cllr Stone, seconded by Cllr Downer, Cllrs Maison and Pankhurst abstained, all else in favour.

26/136 Greenway

Clerk is to contact the heritage officer at SCDC to ask for their opinion on the new intrusive signage in the conservation area at the bridge.
SPC is to assemble a map of poor signage and any other issues to pass to GCP.

26/137 The Plough

It was **RESOLVED** to renominate the Plough public house as an Asset of Community Value before its current listing expires. Proposed by Cllr Pankhurst, seconded by Cllr Fisher. All in favour.

26/138 Christmas tree

It was decided to defer any decision on buying a Christmas tree until November.

26/139 Poppy wreath

It was **RESOLVED** to buy a poppy wreath and offer a donation to the RBL of £150. Proposed by Cllr Pankhurst, seconded by Cllr Stone, all in favour.

26/140 Updates on ongoing matters

Six free trees – it was decided not to apply for any trees this year as no volunteers have come forward to water the saplings.
Potential village Speedwatch – it was decided not to pursue a village Speedwatch scheme due to lack of volunteers and limits on locations that could be monitored within the village. Cllr Fisher is to investigate alternative speed cameras.

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Allotments – gate is still sticking – Clerk to chase up installers. After the recent unsuccessful application for a ZCC grant to finance a water harvesting system, Cllr Fisher is to seek new grants, possibly from the National Lottery.
Meldreth Road level crossing. It was noted that SCDC are taking enforcement action to make Network Rail clear up their compound at the crossing.
Angle Road development site. It was noted that the contractors have extended their fencing slightly beyond their boundary. Cllr White is monitoring.

26/141 Financial matters

It was **RESOLVED** to approve monthly finance reports to end of September 2026. Proposed by Cllr Stone, seconded by Cllr Fisher, all in favour.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the budget review showing the financial position of the council at the end of September 2026, and to reorganise reserves, with the excess in the Election reserve being transferred to the Legal Fees reserve. Proposed by Cllr Downer, seconded by Cllr White, all in favour.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve Cllr Maison as a bank signatory. Proposed by Cllr Stone, seconded by Cllr Pankhurst, all in favour.
It was **RESOLVED** to approve all payments (see below). Proposed by Cllr Stone, seconded by Cllr Fisher, all in favour.

26/129 Co option (deferred from start of meeting)

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude members of the public to allow for free discussion. Proposed by Cllr Downer, seconded by Cllr Fisher, all in favour.
Voting took place and Howard Carter was co opted to the Parish Council with four votes.
Members of the public were readmitted.

The meeting was closed at 21.03

Invoices to be paid:

Voucher No	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier
132, 131	£1,028.30	£0.00	£1,028.30	Staff costs	Staff
130	£360.00	£72.00	£432.00	Repairs to War Memorial	Hibbett and Sons Masonry
129	£19.00	£0.00	£19.00	key cutting	Timpsons (to be reimbursed to Cllr Maison)
128	£175.00	£35.00	£210.00	Grass cutting	Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance Ltd
127	£270.00	£54.00	£324.00	car park fence clearance	Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance Ltd

September payments not listed on previous agenda:

Voucher No	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier
126	£2,173.59	£0.00	£2,173.59	Council Insurance	Zurich Municipal
125	£3.00	£0.00	£3.00	Bank Service Charge	Lloyds bank
124	£2.48	£0.50	£2.98	Refreshments for public meeting	Lidl
123	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	CCTV data	Giffgaff Ltd
122	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	Mobile top up	Tescos
121	£7.00	£0.00	£7.00	Bank Service Charge	Unity Trust Bank
120	£225.00	£45.00	£270.00	CCTV camera	Jackson Fire & Security UK Ltd
119	£43.25	£8.65	£51.90	Street Lighting charges	SSE Energy Solutions
118	£11.00	£0.00	£11.00	CCTV data	Tescos
117	£414.00	£0.00	£414.00	notice board repair and reinstallation	TJC Services
116	£362.45	£0.00	£362.45	New bollard for VH car park	TJC Services

RECEIPTS in September 2026

VAT refund	£ 6,394.58
SCDC precept payment	£ 23,380.00
Field Rent	£ 120.00
Bank interest	£ 412.52

Bank Accounts at end of September 2026:

Unity Trust Savings account	£ 84,342.18
Unity Trust Current account	£ 48,584.82

Signed…… (Chair)

Date……..