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Shavington-cum-Gresty Council
Parish Council Meeting
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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 September 2025 at 7:30pm

In attendance: Cllrs R. Jones, S. Jones, K. Gibbs, B. Gibbs, McIntyre, Wain, ¹Randle, Galt,
Buchanan, Cruickshank
Also in attendance: H Marshall (Parish Clerk)

ScG/05/01	To receive and consider apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs Hancock, Marren
ScG/05/02	To note declarations of Members' interest Cllr Randle declared an interest in items 8, 10 & 12.
ScG/05/03	To confirm and sign the minutes of the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Meeting held on 23 July 2025 RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 July 2025 were approved and signed as an accurate record.
ScG/05/04	Public Participation A period not exceeding 20 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments Ms McIntyre attended on behalf of the WI. She thanked the Parish Council for their swift response in moving the planter from next to the old coop and asked where it is planned to go. The Clerk responded that we are awaiting confirmation from Cheshire East that it can be moved to Dodds Bank.
ScG/05/05	To receive and consider updates from Committee Chairs in relation to meetings held since the previous Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council meeting on 23 July or any items arisen since then: Committee: Community and Engagement Committee Chair: Cllr K Gibbs

	<p>The Heritage Book is being reserved by residents and the Parish Council will consider buying some to keep at a future meeting.</p> <p>Committee: Village Hall Committee Chair: Cllr McIntyre</p> <p>Committee: Environment and Recreation Committee Chair: Cllr Cruickshank</p> <p>Committee: Finance & Strategy Committee Chair: Cllr C Wain</p> <p>Committee: Staffing Committee Chair: Cllr Cruickshank</p> <p>The Clerk's probationary review was held on 15 August and will be discussed later in the agenda.</p> <p>Committee: Planning Committee Chair: Cllr McIntyre Meeting held 3 September</p>
ScG/05/06	<p>To note the YTD Parish Council finance position</p> <p>Members NOTED the report</p>
ScG/05/07	<p>To note and approve all payments since 1 April 2025</p> <p>RESOLVED: that payments listed since 1 April 2025 are approved</p>
ScG/05/08	<p>To receive and consider the next round of payments</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the payments listed are approved</p>
ScG/05/09	<p>To consider a resolution under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and representatives of the press from the meeting during the consideration of items 10, 11 and 12 on the grounds that the matters contain sensitive information and by reason of confidential nature of the business being transacted.</p> <p>RESOLVED: to exclude the public and representatives of the press from items 10, 11 and 12.</p>
ScG/05/10	<p>To receive a recommendation from those who conducted the Clerk's probationary review and make a decision regarding sign off.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the Clerk's probation is passed and her contract is to become permanent.</p>

<p>ScG/05/11</p>	<p>To thank the Interim Locum Clerk for her support and make a decision on concluding her support.</p> <p>I am really sorry that I cannot be here in person tonight but I have had an extraordinary meeting called elsewhere about a controversial planning application. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all for the welcome shown to me and the way in which we worked together for the good of the parish. You are a very forwarding thinking and progressive council and should be proud of all you have achieved to date and of your aspirations going forward. Your council is now in Holly's capable hands and I am sure she will continue the good work with you. Thank you once again. Anne</p> <p>Members NOTED the comments from the Locum Clerk.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Members agreed to conclude the working relationship with the Locum Clerk.</p>
<p>ScG/05/12</p>	<p>To receive a report on the NJC decision on pay awards for 2025/26 and to agree to implement these for the Clerk and Community Manager in September pay, back dated to April 2025.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Members agreed to implement the recommended pay awards for the Clerk and Community Manager in September's payroll, backdated to April 2025.</p>
<p>ScG/05/13</p>	<p>To receive an update on the Clerk's training and agree to attendance at the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Clerk's series (Part 3 of 5), (already agreed and booked) • SLCC Cheshire Branch Conference, 18th September, £35 (covering Martyn's Law, gov.uk domain names and changes to the planning system) • Budgeting, 11th or 30th September, £35 • Operation London Bridge, 8th October (already paid for, postponed in August) <p>Members NOTED the report and agreed to the training courses.</p>
<p>ScG/05/14</p>	<p>To receive a recommendation from Staffing Committee to review ToR for Staffing Committee and amend to 4 meetings for 25/26.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Members agreed to amend the ToR and schedule additional Staffing Committees on the following dates: 15 October, 18 March</p>
<p>ScG/05/15</p>	<p>To receive a report on the Sustainability Review conducted by the Clerk and consider the recommendations</p> <p>Members NOTED the report.</p>

	<p>RESOLVED: That the Clerk is instructed to undertake the ‘quick wins’ as soon as possible as well as the water butts. The Clerk is delegated to spend from reserves as necessary to cover these costs, reporting back to the Parish Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Finance and Strategy Committee is delegated to give a portion of the excess funds from this year to other appropriate budget lines to carry out some of the additional recommendations from the Sustainability review.</p>
ScG/05/16	<p>To receive an update on a meeting held with local Police Inspector around expectations of the PCSO role</p> <p>Members NOTED the report.</p>
ScG/05/17	<p>To receive a report on conducting joint Speedwatch initiatives with Rope and Wistaston Parish Council</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Clerk is instructed to work with interested Members to join the initiative and work with Rope, ensuring the necessary equipment and training is arranged.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To delegate authority to Clerk to vire money from reserves to spend on the speed camera as necessary.</p>
ScG/05/18	<p>To review and agree a policy on hire for the Village Festival Committee for Festival day.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To agree to the policy on hire for the Village Festival Committee for Festival Day</p> <p>RESOLVED: To waive the 10 month notice period for 2026, due to the policy timing and instead request confirmation and fee payment within 30 days.</p>
ScG/05/19	<p>To give thanks to Cllr B. Gibbs for his time as Chair of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Members thanked Cllr B. Gibbs for his time as Chair.</p>
ScG/05/20	<p>To note the date of the next Council Meeting – 1 October 2025 7:30PM</p> <p>Members NOTED the date.</p>

Meeting closed 2118

Chair: Cllr R. Jones
 Clerk: H Marshall
¹Cllr Randle left at 2012