

SHELFANGER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12 March 2026 at 6.30 pm at Shelfanger Village Hall.

Councillors Present: Cllr Marion Paines (Chair), Cllr Mick Paines (Vice Chair), Cllr P Chambers, Cllr D Hurcomb
Cllr P Oldman and Cllr P Ross

In attendance: Elaine Tinsley (Clerk), and Jen Celerier (Volunteer Tree Warden)

1. **Chairman's Welcome and to receive apologies for absence** – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the absence of Cllr M Hurst.
2. **To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 8 January 2026** – The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 January were unanimously agreed as being a true record and signed.
3. **To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and requests for dispensation** – None.
4. **To receive questions or comments from members of the public** – None
5. **To receive County Councillor Catherine Rowett's Report** – County Councillor Rowett had sent her report to the Clerk, which had been circulated, she was not present at the meeting.
6. **To receive the Chairman's Report** – The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and was pleased to welcome Cllr Hurcomb back.
7. **To receive the Clerk's Report** - the Clerk reported the Flood and Water Management Officer had responded regarding the flooding outside Regent House and apart from removing the silt buildup from the ditch, they would be taking no further action. The Clerk also reported the footpath exit from Church Farm paddock had been moved at the request of NCC. The Clerk confirmed the return of the funds to the Boyland Common Treasurer and confirmed she would again chase the replacement of the broken footpath sign on Common Road. **ACTION: Clerk**
8. **To receive updates from individual Council members:**
 - **Speed Traffic Data – Cllr Hurcomb** – Cllr Hurcomb asked why the speed data was being collected and what ultimately it would be used for? Following a discussion, it was decided this would continue to be collated for a complete year and then sent to the Police, but it was encouraging that the average speed was 27MPH or lower.
 - **Boyland Common – Cllr Hurcomb** – Cllr Hurcomb was concerned about the recent publicity of the felling of trees on the Common, but was re-assured this was not Parish Council business.
 - **Shelfanger PC Reporting – Cllr Hurcomb** – following a discussion regarding the demise of Cock Crow, it was agreed the Clerk would approach the Village Hall to see if the Parish Council could put a small report in the Shelflife magazine **ACTION: Clerk**
9. **To receive Boyland Common Report** – Cllr Ross read out the Boyland Common report.
10. **To receive a report from Jen Celerier – Tree Warden** – The Tree Warden read out her report and concluded this by saying the Asset Management Officer at NCC had agreed to 9 trees being planted on Boyland Common – divided half Ash and half Elm.

11. Planning matters – None

12. To receive the financial reconciliation and authorise payments – all payments were agreed:

- NPTS – Annual Sub for 2026/27 year - £72.00

CLlr Oldman requested a full breakdown of the accounts be sent to the councillors **ACTION: Clerk**

13. To discuss Village Hall Accounts – The Village Hall Accounts were discussed and the clerk was requested to contact The Treasurer to see when he would be available for a meeting **ACTION: Clerk**

14. To agree items for the next meeting Thursday 14 May 2026.

Meeting Closed at 8.00pm