SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Shipton Gorge Parish Council will be held 7.00pm on Thursday 13th November 2025 at Shipton Gorge Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- 1. To Receive apologies for absence
- 2. To Receive Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations
- 3. Democratic Time
- 4. Approval of minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 11th September 2025.
- 5. Matters arising since the previous meeting not part of this Agenda.
- 6. Dorset Council Overview: Ward Councillor for Chesil Bank: Cllr Sally Holland
- 7. Chairman's Report
- 8. Clerk/RFO's Report, including correspondence
 - 8.1 Approval of invoices for payment shown below and on the schedule provided prior to the meeting.
 - 8.2 To note and approve the Schedule of Regular Payments (inc Salary payments) shown below and on the schedule provided prior to the meeting.
 - 8.3 The new IT Policy to be approved under Agenda item 9.2 (b) states that councillors should be trained. Online training courses in Basic Cyber Security and Cyber Security on Phishing are available for councillors from DAPTC at £14 each session. Total spend would be £56.00. Consider and approve spending if wanted.
- 9. Policy Review
 - 9.1 HR Policies Review and adopt the following new policies (required as referenced in the Clerk's Contract):
 - a) Dignity at Work Policy new version taken from NALC model template.
 - b) Expenses Policy Councillor new version based on current Litton Cheney Parish Council policy.
 - 9.2 Council policies Review and adopt new/reformatted policies:
 - a) Email Policy new version based on current Litton Cheney Parish Council policy.
 - b) IT Policy new version taken from NALC model template
 - c) Reserves Policy new version based on current Litton Cheney Parish Council policy.
- 10. Mobile Signal Update

11. Councillors' Portfolios:

- 11.1Planning: Cllr Crafter
 - 11.1.1 Discuss and agree response to Planning Application P/HOU/2025/05254
 Proposed alterations to front garden of dwelling house including demolition of outbuilding; installation of paving, steps and water feature; repair of retaining wall.
 Property: Innsacre Shipton Road, Shipton Gorge. DT6 4LJ
 - 11.1.2 Discuss and agree response to Listed Building Consent Planning Application Planning application P/LBC/2025/05253 relating to the Planning Application shown in Item 11.1.1
- 11.2 Highways/Transport: Cllr Forte
 - 11.2.1 Update on parish council Finger Posts.
- 11.3 Playground/ Playing Field: Cllr Thimont
 - 11.3.1 Update on playing field equipment and assets
 - 11.3.2 Routine visual inspections of playground equipment
- 11.4 Countryside Matters/Footpaths/Rights of Way: Cllr Forte
- 11.5 Climate and resilience: Cllr Simmonds
 - 11.5.1 Update on Emergency Resilience Planning.
 - 11.5.2 Update of surface flooding report.
- 11.6 IT/Website: Cllr Crafter
- 11.7 Phone Box/Bookstore/Seed Swap: Cllr Forte
- 11. Date of next meeting: 7pm on Thursday 8th January 2026
- 12. Meeting close.

Debbie Hollings Clerk/RFO

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Report 13 November 2025

Parish funds	Total
Balance brought forward as at 1 April	£14,804.10
Income to date	£14,406.05
Expenditure to date	£6,111.00
Parish funds as at above date*	£23,099.15

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* Of which the following is held in reserves or CIL	
Playing Field (ringfenced)	£5,236.63
Total reserves held	£5,236.63
Approved spend since last reported/meeting	
	£0.00
Income since last reported/meeting	
Precept - 2nd Tranch	£7,082.50
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Invoices/Payments for approval at time of publishing agenda	
DAPTC On-line H & S training for Clerk and Councillors	£70.00
DAPTC On-line DSE Workstation Assessment for Clerk	£14.00
S Lee Garden Services - Annual Maintenance Contract	£2,760.00
Invoices arrived after the publication of the agenda	
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Schedule Payments due (as detailed on Budget and Commitments for the coming year)	
Scheduled: November & December Clerk's wage	£885.92
Scheduled: Clerk's Expenses	£52.00
Bank A/C service charges	£12.00
	£3,793.92