

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

**A Meeting of the Shipton Gorge Parish Council will be held at
7.00pm on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at Shipton Gorge Village Hall**

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 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th July 2026.
5. Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 19th August 2026.
6. Matters arising since the previous meeting not part of this Agenda.
7. Dorset Council Overview: Ward Councillor for Chesil Bank: Cllr Sally Holland
8. Chairman's Report
9. Finance
 - 9.1 Clerk's Report including current financial position.
 - 9.2 Approval of invoices for payment (appended to this agenda)
 - 9.3 To note and approve the Schedule of Regular Payments (appended to this agenda)
10. Consideration of the suggestions made by residents at the village fete for future issues to be followed up by the Parish Council.
11. Councillors' Portfolios:
 - 11.1 Planning: Cllr Crafter
 - 11.1.1 To consider any planning applications, appeals or enforcements in circulation:
P/LBC/2026/04755 and P/HOU/2026/04580 Innsacre Shipton Road Shipton Gorge DT6 4LJ
Erect rear extension and demolish and replace link. External and internal alterations which include new flue, stone cladding, windows and doors
 - 11.2 Highways/Transport: Cllr Crafter
 - 11.2.1 Update on Finger Posts
 - 11.3 Playground/Playing Field: Cllr Thimont
 - 11.3.1 Consider and agree how a working party could be used to improve the playground equipment and playing field.
 - 11.3.2 Consider and approve spending for the improvements to the playground, including specialist paint and primer.
 - 11.3.3 Routine Inspections
 - 11.3.4 Consider actions required to raise funds for the Shipton Gorge King George's Field charity.
 - 11.4 Countryside Matters/Footpaths/Rights of Way.
 - 11.5 Climate and resilience: Cllr Simmonds
 - 11.5.1 Update on Emergency Resilience Planning.
 - 11.5.2 Update on Surface Water run-off issues.
 - 11.6 IT/Website/Communications: Cllr Crafter
 - 11.6.1 Discuss options for an upgrade to the current website.
 - 11.6.2 Mobile Signal Update
 - 11.7 Phone Box/Bookstore/Seed Swap.
12. Consider and agree any changes to Portfolio holders.

13. To consider moving to Closed session to consider Staff matters - Public and press will be excluded from this part of the meeting.

14. Clerk's Employment

14.1 Clerk's Annual Employment review.

15. Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7 pm on Thursday, 12th November 2026.

16. Meeting close.

Debbie Hollings

Clerk/RFO

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Report for Shipton Gorge PC Meeting - September 2026

Parish funds	Total
Balance brought forward as at 1 April	£17,465.17
Income to date	£8,760.81
Expenditure to date	£5,910.08
Parish funds as at above date*	£20,315.90

* Of which the following is held in reserves or CIL

Playing Field (ringfenced)	£4,896.63
Defibrillator	£100.00
IT Equipment	£50.00
Fingerposts	£250.00
Election costs	£0.00
Total reserves held	£5,296.63

Approved spend since last reported/meeting

ROSPA Play Safety - Annual Playing Field inspection	£114.00
DH Townsend Ltd - Playing Field entrance gate	£612.00
DH Townsend Ltd - Playing Field entrance gate	£996.00
Scheduled: July & August Clerk's wage	£885.92
Scheduled: Clerk's Expenses	£52.00
Bank A/C service charges	£14.00
	£2,673.92

Income since last reported/meeting

HMRC VAT Refund	£980.24
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Invoices/Payments for approval at time of publishing agenda

Vision ICT - Annual Website hosting and support (paid 20th July)	£246.52
MinuteMan printers - Banners for fete (paid 31st July)	£110.40
Clerk's Expenses - Posters for fete	£24.00
Shipton Gorge Village Hall - Storage April 2026 to March 2027	£50.00
Clerk's backpay - April 2026 - August 2026	£72.80

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: September & October Clerk's wage	£915.04
Scheduled: Clerk's Expenses	£52.00
Bank A/C service charges	£14.00
	£1,484.76