SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Shipton Gorge Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 12th November 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 the Parish Council meeting held on 16th September 2026.
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. Administration and Finance
   - 8.1 Receive the Clerk's Report
   - 8.2 Consider and adopt a Risk Assessment Policy for community/volunteer events.
   - 8.3 Receive information on the current financial position.
   - 8.4 Approval of invoices for payment (appended to this agenda)
   - 8.5 To note and approve the Schedule of Regular Payments (appended to this agenda)
   - 8.6 Consider spending options and projects for the 2027/2028 financial year. This will help to enable the clerk to prepare the budget and precept calculations ready for full discussion and agreement in the January 2027 parish council meeting.
9. Co-option of Parish Councillor. To consider applications received and resolve to co-opt a new member(s) to fill vacant seats.
10. Consider and approve an amount to be paid to an organisation for First Aid training for residents. Quotes provided.
11. Consider and approve full council Councillor Training by DAPTC in conjunction with two other local Parish Councils. Quote provided.
12. Consider and approve the location of an additional Defibrillator to be installed in the village, along with funding options.
13. Consider and approve the purchase of a Christmas Tree for St Martin's Church.
14. Consider the introduction of a bi-annual Newsletter for distribution via the BVN and online channels.
15. Consider suggestions made in the 2019 Village Appraisal for Shipton Gorge.
16. Councillors' Portfolios:
    - 16.1 Planning: Cllr Crafter
      - 16.1.1 To consider any planning applications, appeals or enforcements in circulation.
    - 16.2 Highways/Transport: Cllr Thimont
      - 16.2.1 Update on Finger Posts and to consider the schedule for work to be carried out and to discuss how to organise additional help from volunteers within the village.
      - 16.2.2 Update on the condition of the village Grit Bins.
      - 16.2.3 Update on the safety concerns on Shipton Road between the village of Shipton Gorge and the A35, Port Lane and Cuckoo Lane.
      - 16.2.4 Discuss 20mph speed limit in Shipton Gorge.
    - 16.3 Playground/Playing Field: Cllr Crafter
      - 16.3.1 Update on the work carried out by the working party volunteers in September, and to confirm what is still required and to schedule a further working party.
      - 16.3.2 Provision of additional equipment and Playing Field Charity.
      - 16.3.3 Consider the offer of a Badger Sculpture.
      - 16.3.4 Routine Inspections
      - 16.3.5 Feedback from Cllr Crafter on the SLCC Public Play Spaces training attended on 5th November 2026

16.4 Countryside Matters/Footpaths/Rights of Way. Cllr Dowling

16.5 Climate and resilience: Cllr Simmonds

16.5.1 Update on Emergency Resilience Planning.

16.5.2 Update on Surface Water run-off issues.

16.6 IT/Website/Communications: Cllr Thimont

16.6.1 Consider the quotes for the new website. A separate summary has been provided to Councillors.

16.6.2 Mobile Signal Update

16.7 Phone Box/Bookstore/Seed Swap.

17. Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7 pm on Thursday, 14th January 2027.

18. Meeting close.

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Financial Report for Shipton Gorge PC Meeting - 12th November 2026

Parish funds	Total
Balance brought forward as at 1 April	£17,465.17
Income to date	£16,541.38
Expenditure to date	£7,044.04
Parish funds as at above date*	**£26,962.51**

*** Of which the following is held in reserves or CIL**	
Playing Field (ringfenced)	£4,896.63
Defibrilator	£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	
Minuteman Press (paid 31st July 2026) - Banners for fete	£110.40
Clerk's expenses - Posters for fete	£24.00
Shipton Gorge Village Hall - Storage April 2026 to March 2027	£50.00
Clerk's back pay for April - August 2026	£72.80
Scheduled: September & October Clerk's wage	£915.04
Scheduled: Clerk's Expenses	£52.00
Bank A/C service charges	£14.00
	£1,238.24
Income since last reported/meeting	
Precept - Tranche 2	£7,780.57
	£7,780.57
Invoices/Payments for approval at time of publishing agenda	
Online Playgrounds - Surface repair kit	£119.34
SLCC Training - Practical Advice for Owner/Operators of Public Play Spaces - Cllr Crafter	£105.30
Clerk - Expenses for obtaining Property Title and Plans for The Village Green.	£18.00
S Lee Garden Services - Grass Cutting Contract 2026/2027	£2,856.00
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	£982.16
Scheduled: Clerk's Expenses	£52.00
Bank A/C service charges	£14.00
	£4,146.80