



SHENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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You are cordially invited to attend the meeting of Full Council to be held on
Tuesday 10 March 2026 at Shenstone Community Library at 7.15pm.

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Parish Clerk/RFO - Shenstone Parish Council

Date of notice: 4 March 2026

AGENDA

- 146 Register of members in attendance
- 147 Acceptance of apologies.
- 148 Public Participation.
Members of the public are invited to address Council for a maximum of 15 minutes.
- 149 Declarations of interest. Members should consider whether they should partake in any discussion or vote on matters on the agenda unless they have a dispensation:
- 150 To accept and confirm minutes of the last Full Council meeting on Tuesday 10 February 2026
- 151 To receive reports from District and County Councillors.
- 152 Finance.

Current financial position as of Wednesday 4 March 2026
Unity Account £34,435.05 Nat West Current Account
£1,031.30. Nat West Business Reserve £18,938.17. Nat West Liquidity
Account Ring Fenced funds for ear marked projects £88,089.47

1. Recommendations from Finance Committee meeting held Tuesday 24 February 2026
 - a. To move £16,772 (residue of the Cemetery fund not required) from earmarked reserves held in Nat West Liquidity A/C to the General Reserves held in Nat West Reserve A/C
 - b. To open up an interest bearing Unity Bank deposit account to hold the precept funds and drawn down as required.
 - c. Nat West Bankline – to facilitate dual authorisation to open a bank line facility at a cost of £20 per month.
 - d. To consider the ringfenced £15k Traffic Calming BID to go back into general reserves.
 2. Community Grants 2025/26
 - a. Confirmation that no community grants can be considered until after 1 May 2026.
 - b. Recommendation to cap the limit per application to £500 subject to availability of funds.
 - c. New grant procedure to be updated.
 3. Financial transactions for February 2026 for approval
 4. Consideration of current financial position against budget and forecast.
- RECOMMENDATION: Fully approved for proposed resolution at Council.
5. Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) for noting it has increased its deposit protection limit from £85,000 to £120,000 per eligible person 1 December 2025.

6. Cemetery Fees for consideration to keep fees for EROB & internments at current rates but to add admin fees for change of ownership etc @ £50 - £100 depending on complexity
7. Council structure – to consider having three committees reporting to Full Council being Finance, Employment/H&S and Planning and Property, work to be done on this with a view to it being reviewed at the May 2026 Annual meeting, along with Policy updates and Terms of reference.

Next meeting of the Finance, Legal, Health & Safety Committee
Tuesday 21 April 2026 (note change of date)

153 Clerk's update on outstanding items from last meeting:

- **Review of contracts**, for Utilities, IT support, Telephone & Broadband and Website

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- Grounds Maintenance grants for Shenstone/Stonnall and Little Aston playing fields
- Clarification of scope of work by LDC/Lengthsmen and Tonks Tree Services
- Review of 2025 and proposed procedure for 2026, with recommendation from Finance Committee.

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- To consider a Councillor led grant for Stonnall Community room for additional chairs, Cllr M Cox (up to £1,000)

156 **Planning.**

Approve planning applications received in last month and update on any objections/ developments.

Next meeting of the Neighbourhood, Planning & Property Committee
Meeting: Tues 24 March 2026, at 5.30pm Parish Office.

- 157 **Neighbourhood plan reviews.** (if any)
Shenstone- update & next steps: Cllr Thompson
Stonnall- update & next steps: Cllr Whitehouse
Little Aston. Update on Reg 14 flyer and to note the date of the consultation being 17 March 2026 at Little Aston VH
- 158 **Westgate GP practice** reduced opening hours update (Cllr D Thompson)
- 159 **Shenstone Playing Fields Management Committee (SPFMC)**

 a. SPFMC constitution formal confirmation
 b. AGM 20 May 2026, two SPC nominees required
- 160 **Severn Trent Pinfold Hill Pumping Station** (Cllr D Thompson)
- CLOSED SESSION**

 Under the public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, a resolution has been made for the public and press to be excluded from the meeting at this point during consideration of the following item 161
- 161 **Employment**

 a. **Lengthsman** – recommendation from Finance Committee to extend the temporary self-employed part time contractor until the end of June and to start the recruitment process of a part time employed Lengthsman.
 b. **Cemetery Records** – update on transition of the burial duties now being done in house.
- 162 **Next meeting of Full Council 14 April 2026 at Little Aston Village Hall at 7.15pm**