



**Minutes of a meeting of Great Shefford Parish Council
held on Thursday 21st May 2026 at 7.50pm
(following the Annual Parish Assembly)
at Great Shefford Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Miranda Armstrong, Cllr Steve Bullock, Cllr Paul Carter,
Cllr Tony Coard, Cllr Jessica Copcutt, Cllr Nick Pearson and
Cllr Carol Turner

In attendance: Mel Taylor (Parish Clerk)
5 members of public

**05-2026-01 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND APPOINTMENT OF A VICE CHAIRMAN
RESOLVED** that Cllr Tony Coard be elected Chairman of Great Shefford Parish Council for the municipal year 2026/27, and that Cllr Carol Turner be appointed Vice Chairman of Great Shefford Parish Council for the municipal year 2026/27.

05-2026-02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
There were no apologies for absence, all Councillors present.

05-2026-03 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
There were no declarations of interest.

**05-2026-04 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2026 as a true and accurate record.

05-2026-05 OPEN FORUM

- i. A resident enquired whether recent gate work at the recreation ground was installation of a new gate and it was confirmed that this was a replacement for a faulty gate, and not a new installation.
- ii. A resident sought the support of the Parish Council to support the ongoing presence of the Emergency Management Team, to respond to emergency situations. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the lead contact to establish the current status of the group.

1 member of public left the meeting

- iii. **Report from West Berkshire District Councillor Clive Hooker**
Cllr Hooker was not present and therefore there was no District Councillor report.

05-2026-06 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) The following planning application was considered:

Application No.	Address	Details	Resolved
26/00864/FUL	Barn adjacent Silos at Coldridge Copse	Proposed steel portal framed building extension for commercial use under class B8 storage and distribution	No Objection

05-2026-07 FINANCE

a) **Payment**

RESOLVED to approve the following payment:

Payee	Amount	Invoice reference / date	Due date	Description
Great Shefford Village Hall	£125.00	16.04.2026	not stated	Hall hire for Parish Council meetings Nov 2025 to April 2026

05-2026-08 WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBERS' BID

Councillors considered potential projects to apply for a West Berkshire Council Members' Bid.

RESOLVED to apply for funding for a replacement defibrillator, following a report from Jane Turton at the last meeting that two of the village's three existing defibrillators required replacement as they were more than 10 years old.

05-2026-09 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None currently.

05-2026-10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 1st June 2026, 7.30pm, at Great Shefford Village Hall, followed by:

Mondays 6th July 2026, [no meeting in August], 7th September 2026, 5th October 2026, 2nd November 2026, [no meeting in December], 4th January 2027, 1st February 2027, 1st March 2027, 5th April 2027 and May 2027 to be confirmed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.14pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____