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Shapwick Parish Council

**Minutes of a meeting held on 19th August 2025
at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Shapwick**

25/26/31 Present:

Graham Croucher (GC), Wendy Anderson(WA), Lesley Gaskell(LJG), Tracey Lockyer (TL)

25/26/32 Also Present:

6 villagers

25/26/33 Apologies for Absence:

Paul Rogers, Moray McGovan (on sabbatical) Roger Scott.

25/26/34 Declarations of Interest

None

Villagers' Open Period

It was reported that the highway in Kent Lane has eroded making it dangerous. GC agreed he would investigate.

25/26/35 Planning Application number:43/25/00010/GNN: Manor Farm

The Applicant explained that the application was made to ensure he complies with new Environmental legislation. It will provide enhanced storage with long term benefits. Approved proposed WA seconded TL unanimous approval.

25/26/36 Planning Application number: 43/25/00014/FHY 5 Main Road

The Applicants explained the application was to provide a dormer garage with storage/gym. It will be clad with blue lias stone to match the adjoining old school building. WA queried that the application stated no trees were to be removed but she thought there were two fruit trees. The Applicants confirmed they will be

moved. Approval proposed TL seconded WA unanimous approval.

25/26/37 Shapwick Jam Memorial Bench

GC explained that the actual application which had prompted the item on the agenda had been withdrawn. However it allowed the council to consider the principle of dedicated benches on the village green. TL had raised this with the PC some years before and her application was refused on various grounds. She proposed that instead of new benches there could be plaques attached to existing benches, subject to a donation to the PC for the upkeep of the village green. GC said this would have to be at the discretion of the PC so that we do not bind future councillors with a policy that is no longer approved. The plaques would be at the cost of the villager making the application and wording to be agreed beforehand with the PC. Proposed TL seconded WA unanimous approval.

25/26/38 Shapwick Preparedness Survey

GC working on this to be discussed at the next full meeting.

25/26/39 Play Area replacement gate:

Following the ROSPA report GC has made enquiries on the cost of a new gate with safety sprung hinges. GC proposed we set a budget of £350 to progress the purchase and he will then obtain a detailed quote seconded WA unanimous approval.

25/26/40 Minutes of previous meeting

GC signed the previous minutes

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed.....

Date.....



