

Shimpling Parish Council

Agenda for Parish Council Meeting

Monday 12th January 2026 at 7:00pm

You are invited to attend a meeting of Shimpling Parish Council at 7:00pm at Shimpling Village Hall on Monday 12th January 2026.

Members are summoned to this meeting. Press and Public are invited to attend.[2](#)

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Members are summoned to attend the Meeting above to transact the following business. Members are respectfully reminded that each item on the Agenda should be carefully examined. If you have any interest, it must be duly declared.

1	Absence	To receive and accept any apologies for absence	1 min
2	Declaration of Members' Interest(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To receive disclosure of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest(s) including gifts of hospitality in excess of £25To consider requests for dispensation for the agenda item(s) under discussion	2 mins
3	Public Participation Session	<i>This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda. Time for this session is limited to 15 minutes (5 minutes per person) unless extended with the prior permission of the Chair. Members of the public are reminded that the Council may not by law discuss or make any decisions on any matter which is not included on the present agenda. Issues outside the scope of the current agenda may be raised with the Council and where appropriate, it can be considered for the agenda of a future meeting. Whilst the Chair and Clerk prepare the meeting agendas together, the Clerk has the final discretion in law as to what is contained on the agenda for a meeting.</i>	15 mins
4	Minutes of Meeting	a) To Approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10 th November 2025 b) To note any action points from the last meeting and receive an update on these	3 mins
5	Chair's Report	To receive a report from the Chair of the Parish Council	5 mins
6	District Councillors Report	To receive the District Councillors report	5 mins
7	County Councillors Report	To receive the County Councillors report	5 mins

8	Village Hall	a) To receive an update from representatives on the Village Hall Committee b) To discuss quotes for cladding / rerendering Village Hall wall	10 mins
9	Responsible Finance Officers Report	a. To receive and approve bi-monthly Financial Report and Cashbook statements and all related documents, to approve the bank reconciliation(s) and bank statements to date b. To acknowledge payments made outside meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance (Clear Councils) £1,119.67 (LGA 1972, s.111) • Lark Valley Footpath/Hedge Cutting £465.00 (PHA, 1875, s.164) Lark Valley Footpath/Hedge Cutting £741.60 (PHA, 1875, s.164) c. Payments needing approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk's Net salary after Tax £560.76 • HMRC Tax payment £77.20 • Clerk's expenses (Fuel) £8.55 LGA 1972 s. 111 (ancillary Powers) • Renewal of .gov.uk domain and 8 mailboxes £243.50 (LGA 1972, s.111) d. The Council have received money from bank interest £9.62 (Nov) and £8.72 (Dec). We have received £325 for newsletter advertising in 2026.	10 mins
10	Clerks Report	Summary of progress: To consider Clerks report, timesheet and approve payment	2 mins
11	Neighbourhood Plan	To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan	5 mins
12	Planning	Planning Decisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. DC/24/04287 - Rectory Cottage, Old Rectory Lane, Shimpling, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 4HQ - Full Planning Application - Erection of 1No replacement dwelling including enhancement of 5 acre horse paddock (existing dwelling to become Bat Habitat) – Awaiting decision Planning Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. DC/25/05339 - Stable Barn, Thorne Court, Cockfield, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 0JN -Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of Buildings on Agricultural Units and former Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (Class C3), which may include extension of the building and/or building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Conversion of Stable Barn to 1no. dwellinghouse 	5 mins

13	Playground	To receive quotes from the remedials noted during the playground inspection	5 mins
14	EV Charger	To receive an update regarding the EV chargers at the Village Hall	2 mins
15	Village Defib	To receive quotes and an update regarding the installation of new defibrillators	5 mins
16	Parking Mesh	To discuss quotes for grass mesh on the verge by The Bush to stop the grass getting churned up	5 mins
17	Remembrance	To discuss recognising remembrance in the Village and potential purchasing of something to show this	5 mins
18	Chair	To discuss the Chair position for next year	5 mins
19	In Post Lockers	To discuss the In Post lockers at the Village Hall	5 mins
20	Correspondence received	None	2 mins
21	Urgent items to be brought to the attention of the Council	To consider any items not already within the agenda, or any items received after publication of the Agenda and before the date of meeting. <i>Please note: The Parish Council are unable to make any formal recommendations or decisions, or to approve any expenditure on items raised under this item, unless failure to do so could result in placing persons or property at risk of injury or damage. In such circumstances they may exercise emergency powers to conclude a recommendation and action.</i>	5 mins

Total 117 mins

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Please note that this meeting could be recorded for the purpose of creating accurate minutes. If recorded, the recording will be destroyed after the meeting minutes have been approved in the following meeting.

Commonly used Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
SALC	Suffolk Association of Local Councils
SCC	Suffolk County Council
BDC	Babergh District Council
CAS	Community Association Suffolk
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulations
SID	Speed Indication Display
LPA	Local Planning Authority (BDC)
LGA	Local Government Act