

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
held on Wednesday, 29th April 2026
at the School Green Centre commencing at 19.30

Present: Cllrs Bowler, Boyer, Clarke, Masseron, Matic, Montgomery, Peer, Pollock A and Pollock H

Attending: B Winton (Clerk)
S Herring (Deputy Clerk)
J Mason (Finance Manager)
S Bell (Customer Care Supervisor)

41 members the public

The Parish Council had provided light refreshments prior to the start of the meeting.

1 Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 Apologies had been received from Cllr James

2 Stand-up comedian

- 2.1 Light entertainment was provided by a stand-up comedian – Becky Walsh.

Becky Walsh whose experience as a local council communications officer added a humorous, relatable twist throughout her performance and she interacted well with the audience.

3 Chair's Report

- 3.1 Cllr Nigel Boyer, Chair of Shinfield Parish Council delivered an engaging presentation reflecting on the parish's achievements over the past year and outlining exciting plans for 2026/27, including the continued success of the Youth Club, the Council's takeover and launch of The Tin Roof Café, and a range of community events alongside the new 2026 Grants Scheme.

4 Community Awards

- 4.1 The evening celebrated the incredible contributions of local groups through the Community Awards Scheme; winners were:-

- Happy Trails Nursery – Community Minded Business
- Shinfield Running Club – Community Organisation

A third winner would be announced at the Annual Council Meeting to be held on 27th May 2026.

5 Questions from the floor

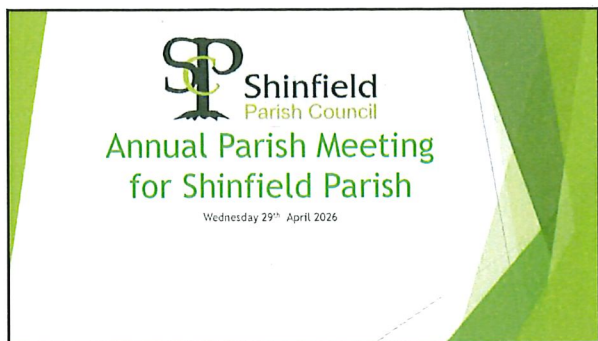
- 5.1 A request was made for more regular hard-copy newsletters. Currently, an annual newsletter was distributed to all homes in the parish, however, this was a lengthy piece of work with high distribution and staffing costs. Monthly newsletters were sent out via email to those who had signed up, and it was reiterated that individuals could request a copy to be printed, if required.

The Council would consider what other steps they could take to make information more readily available.

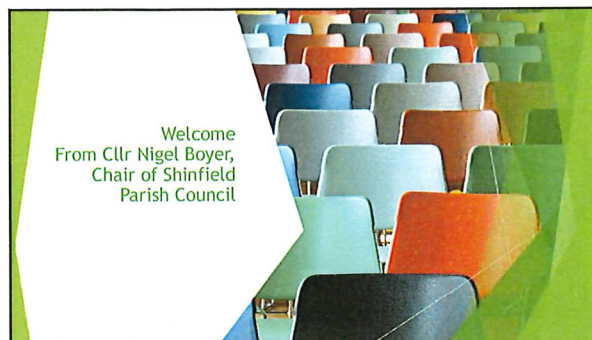
6 Date of the next meeting

- 6.1 The next meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 31st March 2027

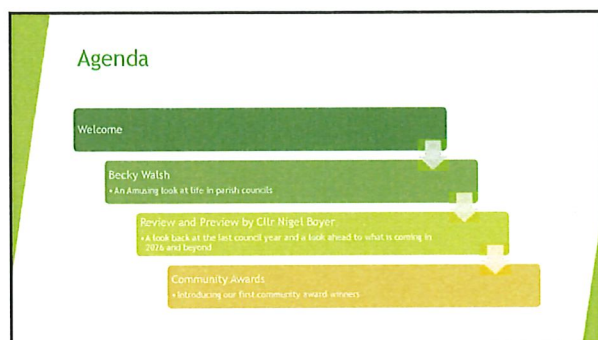
Attach Cllr Boyer's presentation slides.



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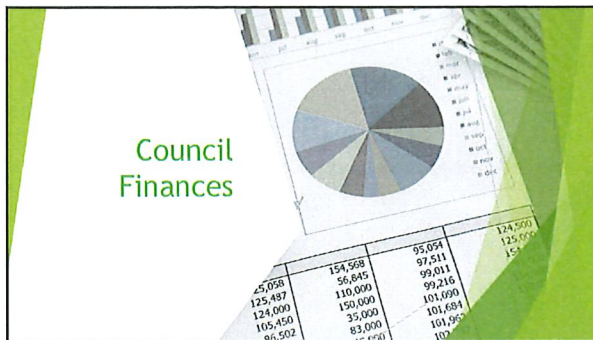
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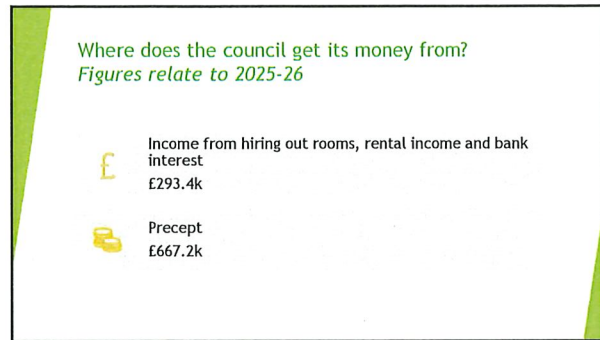
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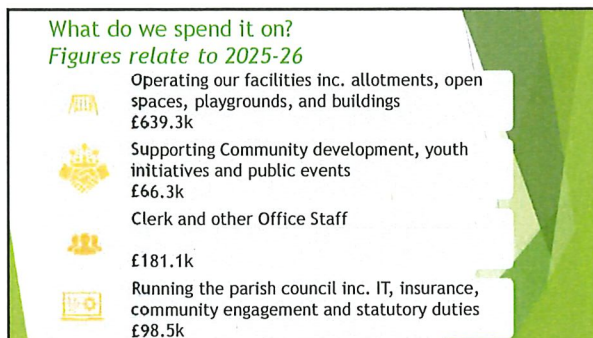
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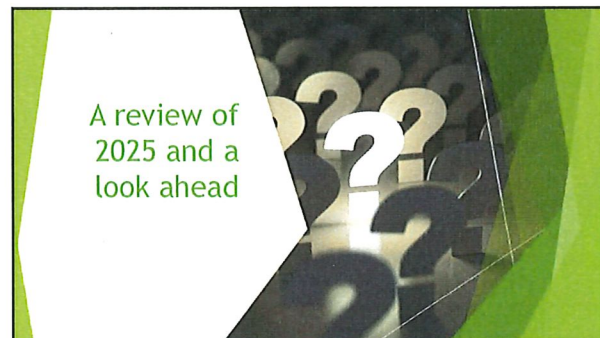
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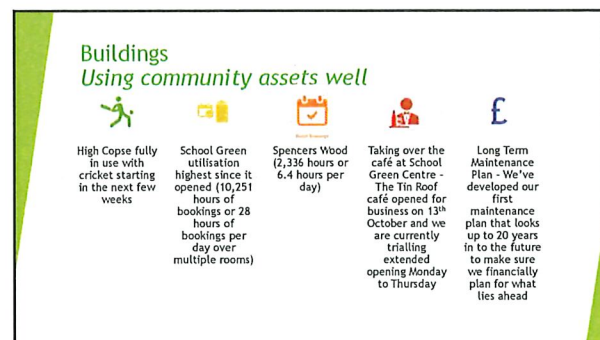
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Arts Culture and Community Life

Making the parish an interesting place to live

VE80th anniversary commemoration

2nd Arts Showcase held in February 2026

Our busiest ever community Litter Pick in Easter 2026

Remembrance Sunday

Continuing Community Grants including three new defibrillators for the parish

Being a good neighbour - Hosting Share at School Green Centre

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Arts Culture and Community Life

Making the parish an interesting place to live

Supporting coffee mornings and baby & toddler sessions

Continuing Friday Fun Days and cheap film days

National Theatre Live

New community events - photography, art, miniature gardens, easter egg decorating

Thriving youth club

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Planning & Advocacy

Shaping where we live

Objecting to Body Farm proposed Development

Loddon Garden Village representation

Clarification on the DEPZ as a concept

Education in the parish

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Annual Grant Scheme

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Annual Grant Scheme



Every year we set aside a budget of £30,000 for our community Grant Scheme



The 2026 round is now open for applications



We will be publicising through all our usual channels but please do tell anyone you think may be interested in applying



The maximum award is £5,000 and our preference is to use the funds to help launch new initiatives ahead of ongoing funding



In 2025 we introduced small awards of up to £150 for people under the age of 18 to support arts or sports. These awards will continue in 2026



Closing date is Friday 3rd July 2026 with a view to announcing the award winners towards the end of that month

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The Future

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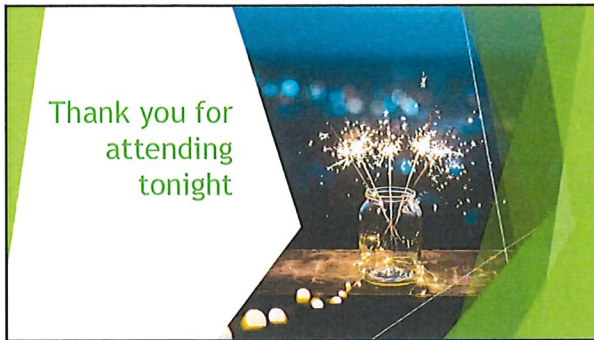
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