



Shiplake Annual Parish Meeting

May 2024

Parish Council and other organisations an opportunity to let residents know what they have been doing.
Opportunity for residents to have a say on any topic.

Agenda

- Chairman's Welcome. Apologies for absence, Minutes of the last Meeting held in May 2023 & matters arising from those Minutes
- Chairman Shiplake Parish Council (Cllr Chris Penrose)
- Chairman Memorial Hall trustees (Mr R Partridge)
- How Oxfordshire CC spend our money (Cllr D Bartholomew, OCC)
- BREAK
- AONB/Valued Landscapes update (Cllr D Pheasant)
- Shiplake Summer Event (Cllr A Manning)
- Open Discussion: Shiplake Tree Survey, Shiplake Camping ground & EA, Church Lane, Communications, Green Agenda
- AOB

Apologies for absence

Cllr R Curtis, Cllr D Miller

Both SODC ward councillors (L Rawlins and M Giles)

Minutes of the last Meeting held in May 2023 & matters arising from those Minutes

SHIPLAKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Of Shiplake
Parish Council held in Shiplake Memorial Hall on
Wednesday 31st May 2023 At 7.15 pm

1. PRESENT: Cllr C Penrose. (Chairman) Cllr D Pheasant, Cllr A Manning, Cllr J Stone and Cllr R Curtis, Cllr D Miller, Cllr M R Head
In Attendance Cllr D Bartholomew (OCC), and Cllr M Giles and there were 12 members of the public present.
APOLOGIES received from Cllr L Rawlins (DC) and Cllrs F. Galton-Fenzi and Cllr G Butler and Mr R Hudson (Parish Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the public.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 26th May 2022, the Chairman asked that they be approved by the APM, and this was agreed by a show of hands

3. MATTERS ARISING

None were raised.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Cllr C Penrose then made a presentation of his report, a copy of his full report can be viewed on the village website by clicking APM presentation.

Ideas for using CIL monies for infrastructure improvements were discussed. Suggestion from residents included adding criteria to judge which ones should be progressed. The shared space idea created 5 years ago was reviewed and an update for Badger's Walk playground, creation of a path along A4155 from Mill Lane to the Plough were recommended. Speed bumps for certain roads were discussed and Crowsley Road was highlighted

5. GUEST SPEAKERS

The Chairman introduced

1)Cllr D Pheasant who gave presentations on:

- Neighbourhood Plan now 'made' and activated after last year's referendum approval by the parish and adoption by SODC.
- Shiplake's green agenda and how this might evolve. Suggestion from Cllr Giles was to apply for bathing quality water for the Thames at Shiplake
- Shiplake communications upgrades to expect in 2023
- AONB extension preparations

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further questions or business the Chairman thanked the members of the public for attending and closed the open forum session and meeting at 9.20pm.

C Penrose
Parish Chairman
Shiplake Parish Council
4th June 2023

SHIPLAKE PC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

May 2024

Chris Penrose

Your Parish Council

- Shiplake Parish Council has 9 elected Councillors
- Statutory **consultee on planning** Builds and **maintains** certain **infrastructures**: Memorial Cross, bus stops, playgrounds highways improvements where OCC will not Supports local **charitable groups**



Roger Hudson
Parish Clerk



Ann Manning



Chris Penrose



David Miller



David Pheasant



Dr Fiona Galton-
Fenzi

VACANT



Joanne Stone



Richard Curtis



Roger Head

Role of your other local authorities

- **South Oxfordshire District Council**

- Planning, housing, waste and recycling, street cleaning, leisure, parking
- Cllrs Leigh Rawlins and Mike Giles



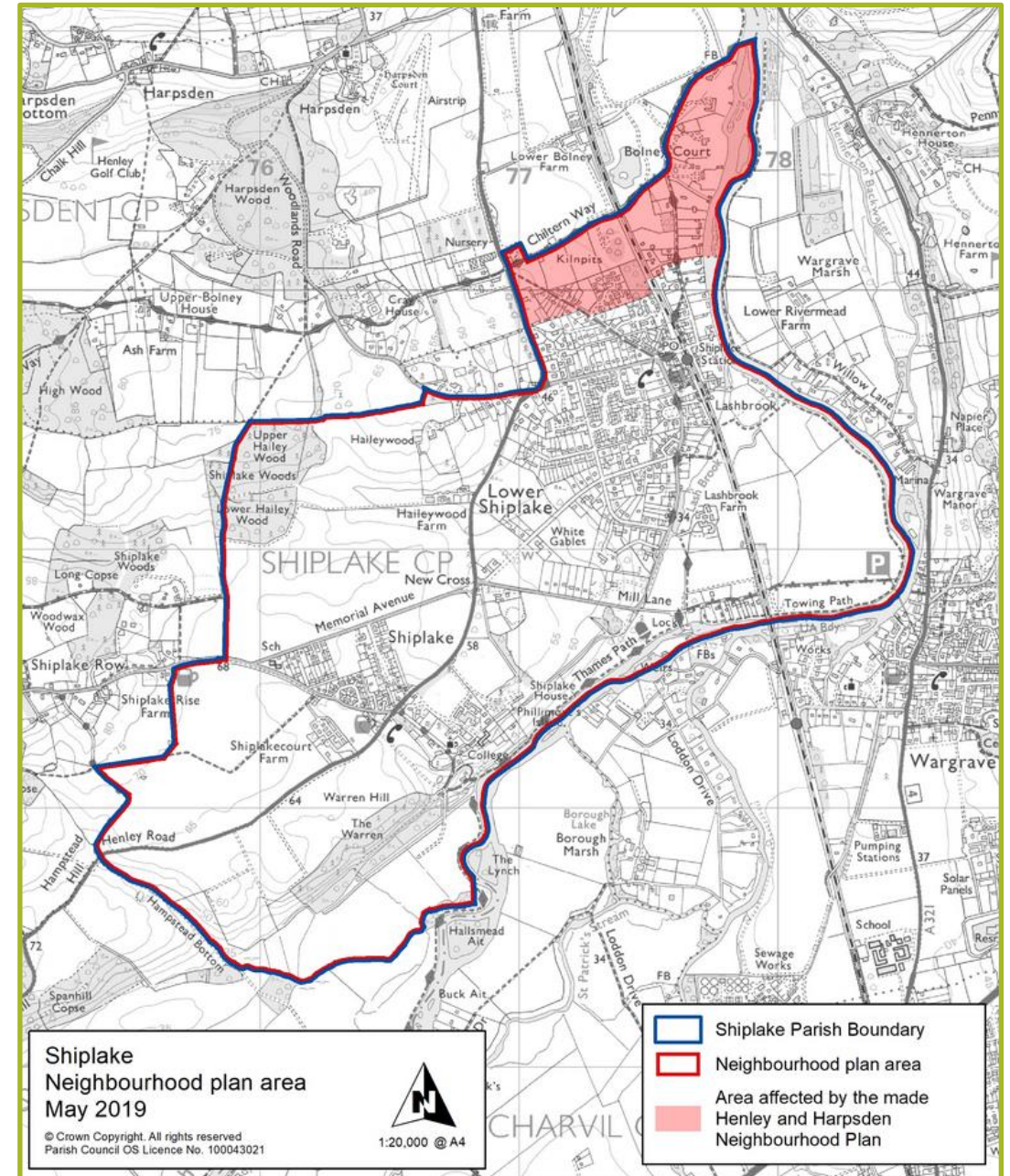
- **Oxfordshire County Council**

- Social care, highways, public transport, education
- Cllr David Bartholomew



Your Parish

- **Shiplake** parish comprises settlements of **Shiplake/Shiplake Cross** and **Lower Shiplake** plus outlying dwellings
- 1494 electors 2023 (up from 1,465 in 2021)
- c. 2,000 residents (2011 census)
- c. 650 households
 - 20% in Shiplake / Shiplake Cross
 - 80% in Lower Shiplake



What have been SPC's successes since last APM?



- Neighbourhood plan 'made' -help protect Shiplake
- Two new bus shelters in Lower Shiplake installed
- New speed devices around the Primary school installed
- Path built from retirement village to LS. Wall moved further back after intervention
- Thames Farm appeal win (in association with TFAG , Harpsden PC and Henley TC)
- AONB extension report (in association with neighbouring PCs)
- Separation of CIL funds for infrastructure investment and ongoing PC business funds (funded by Precept) for PC basic running costs
- Playground at Badgers Walk upgrade planning underway

Capital Spends in 2023-24

Two bus shelters £17.6k

Two VAS in Shiplake Cross £10k

Repairs to BW playground equipment £1.2k

Finance Year ending March 2024

Precept (Parish Council Tax) is one of the very lowest in Oxfordshire generates an income of £38k, grants of c£3k and CIL of £17.5k (down from £42 last year)

SPC Bank RESERVES at end March 2023 was £130.7k (up from £120k last year)

What hasn't gone so well since last APM?

- Thames Farm still unclear and an eye sore
- Roads becoming heavily damaged and not repaired properly by OCC especially Church Lane and Station Road. Outside Retirement village prone to flooding
- Not improved communications approach - on agenda for this year
- APM remodelling (not allowed)



Planning: Most applications are uncontroversial and objections usually amicably resolved

- We've had **44 applications** since last APM (vs 40 last year) including **17 objections** from SPC (vs 11 last year). **4 were refused. 4 went to SODC's planning committee**
- Majority are **uncontroversial** small extensions or rebuilds
- SPC can **support**, provide **comments or object** to applications. Our main comments are :
 - scale and bulk
 - impact on light for neighbours
- **SODC are the planning authority** with officers who enforce the Local Plan policies and Shiplake Villages Neighbourhood Plan policies

Looking forward to the next 12 months

- Shiplake Summer Event
- More infrastructure spending using CIL monies inc Badgers Walk playground
- **Communications for Shiplake**
- Shiplake's response to **Climate and Environmental** Emergency

Spending CIL monies to Develop Shiplake's infrastructure

- Community Infrastructure Levy funds available to use *now £75K (with c.£14k more to come). This is up £25k vs last year despite our investments*
- CIL money must be spent on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure needed to support development

Spending CIL monies to Develop Shiplake's infrastructure- IDEAS

• Shiplake Park- a new woodland amenity area for wildlife and relaxation	???
• Website upgrade PLAN from Comms team in 2024	15
• Church Lane repairs NEW	60
• Playground- Badgers walk FIXES completed ; upgrade PLANNING UNDERWAY	10
• Paint the gates at entry and exit of our southern villages Shiplake/Shiplake Cross	1
• Bus Shelters upgrade Shiplake/Shiplake Cross	25
• White lines around post office junction	5
• Speed indicator / No parking lines at the Plough	6
• Footpath pebbles (Orchard Close/ Badgers walks etc)	5
• Concrete block under railway bridge (to deter car parking)	3
• Pedestrian Crossing A4155 Reading road	100
• Enhanced car parking for commercial centre of Lower Shiplake	40
• Shared space in Lower Shiplake	100
• Additional litter and dog waste bins	2

Annual Report of Shiplake, Harpsden, Dunsden and Peppard Sick Poor Fund

At Christmas 2023 we provided eighteen hampers at a cost of approximately £43 each, as well as £30 gift vouchers which gave our beneficiaries a choice of how to spend it at the supermarkets.

As required in its Trust Deed dated 10th July 1953, the income of the Charity is applied for the benefit of sick poor persons resident in the parishes of Shiplake, Eye and Dunsden, Harpsden and Rotherfield Peppard.

The following Trustees served during the year:

Rev.R.Thewsey
Mr.P.W.Robinson
Mrs.A.M.Gamble
Mrs.S.King
Mrs. J.Phillimore

Financial Report and Accounts:

PR provided copies of the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st July, 2023. He reported that the receipts totalled £810 and payments £1,105 resulting in a deficit of £295. This was due to the fact that the usual grant from the Phillimore Family Trust of £500 was not received during this financial year. Instead £1,500 was received after the current year which JP had kindly arranged, being £750 for this year and next. The actual donations of £620 comprised £370 from the John Hodges Trust and £250 from Shiplake Parish Council.

Investment income was £190, virtually all of which was from the Blackrock Charities UK Bond Fund.

The only expenditure this year, now that we have sold the Treasury Stock and therefore had no investment management fees, was £1,105 representing the cost of seventeen hampers.

The market value of the BlackRock investment was £4,379 at 30/6/23, the latest date available. This had fallen from £5,395 last year, in line with the fall experienced in the UK Bond Market as a whole.

Special Thanks...

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Shiplake Villages Communications team

- Jo Askins, Helen Robinson, David Pheasant, Tim Streather, Gareth Jones



Special Thanks...to those who contribute to our community, including....

• Shiplake clubs including:

Angling	Arts	Scouts
Badminton	Bell ringing	Women's Institute
Bowls	Books	MacMillan's
Exercise	Choir	Royal British Legion
Sailing	Bridge	Phone box library
Pilates	Local history	
Rowing	Shaddo	
Table tennis	Shiplake	
Tennis	Station	
Yoga		

• Services and businesses including:

Baskerville
Post Office & general store
Butchers
Garage
The Plough
Shiplake Church
Shiplake Memorial Hall
Shiplake Village Nursery
Shiplake Primary School
Shiplake College

Shiplake, Harpsden, Dunsden and
Peppard Sick Poor Fund

Shiplake Clerk, Shiplake Parish Councillors,
SODC Councillors and OCC Councillor

CHAIRMAN OF MEMORIAL HALL TRUSTEES

May 2024

Bob Partridge



Memorial Hall Update

Bob Partridge Chair of Trustees

Topics:

1. Overview since last APM
2. Website
3. Infrastructure
4. Centenary Year

HOW OCC SPENDS YOUR MONEY

County Councillor David Bartholomew



Shiplake APM 2024

The role of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and how it spends your money

County Councillor David Bartholomew



...but first, what OCC doesn't do

These are the main services provided by South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC):

- Environmental Health
- Housing
- Leisure & Recreation
- Planning Applications
- Street Cleaning
- Waste Collection



Principal OCC Responsibilities

- Adult & Children's Social Care
- Fire & Rescue
- Highways
- Libraries & Museums
- Public Health
- Trading Standards
- Waste Disposal & Recycling
- Plus some education services



The Liberal Democrat/Green administration's nine priorities are:

1. Put the climate emergency at the heart of our work.
2. Tackle inequalities in Oxfordshire.
3. Prioritise the health and wellbeing of residents.
4. Support carers and the social care system.
5. Invest in inclusive, integrated and sustainable transport.
6. Preserve and improve access to nature and green spaces.
7. Create opportunities for children and young people.
8. Play our part in a vibrant and participatory local democracy.
9. Work with businesses/partners for environmental, economic and social benefit.

Details here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/our-vision-0>



Budget 2024/25

- £899m spend on services

Plus

- £232m passported to maintained schools



How the £899m spend is split:

- 52% Adult & Children's Social Care
- 19% Education & Learning
- 8% Highways & Transport
- 6% Financial Costs
- 5% Public Health
- 4% Waste disposal & Recycling
- 4% Fire & Rescue
- 2% Libraries, Culture, Registration, Coroner



How the 8% spent on roads & transport breaks down:

Service Areas	£'000
Highways & Transport	
Highway Maintenance	28,843
Network Management	13,180
Supported Transport	5,742
Transport & Infrastructure	23,354
Directorate Support	2,062
Highways Contract Management and Service Management team	1,730
Total Highways and Transport	74,911



...so just 3% of OCC spend goes on 'Highway Maintenance'

...which by popular request, brings me on to potholes...



Potholes and other road defects should be reported on FixMyStreet (FMS)

<https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Reports accompanied by photographs will get the best response



FixMyStreet

- Report a problem
- Your reports
- All reports
- Local alerts
- Help

Find and report road or street problems

Enter an Oxfordshire postcode, or street name and area:

Find

Use my current location

What we can and can't fix



Recently reported problems

850

reports in past week

1,641

fixed in past month

853,784

updates on reports



Pot hole which is increasing in size width and depth daily
05:35 today, last updated 05:35 today



No3 streetlight still not working.
Reported 1 day ago, last updated 1 day ago



Hole come up across previous roadworks across road



**Emergency number for
Highways 0345 310 1111**

**Email:
highway.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk**



- A defect is deemed a safety defect if it is considered to have the potential to cause injury/an accident.
- There are many factors at play when determining this, such as: size, depth, edge profile, position in road, speed of traffic/road, etc.



There are three response periods depending on severity of defect and risk of causing an injury/ accident:

- 2hrs (Emergency)
- 24hrs (Emergency)
- 28days (Safety)



Any questions?

EXTENDING THE AONB/VALUED LANDSCAPES UPDATE

May 2024

David Pheasant

Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – AONB Update

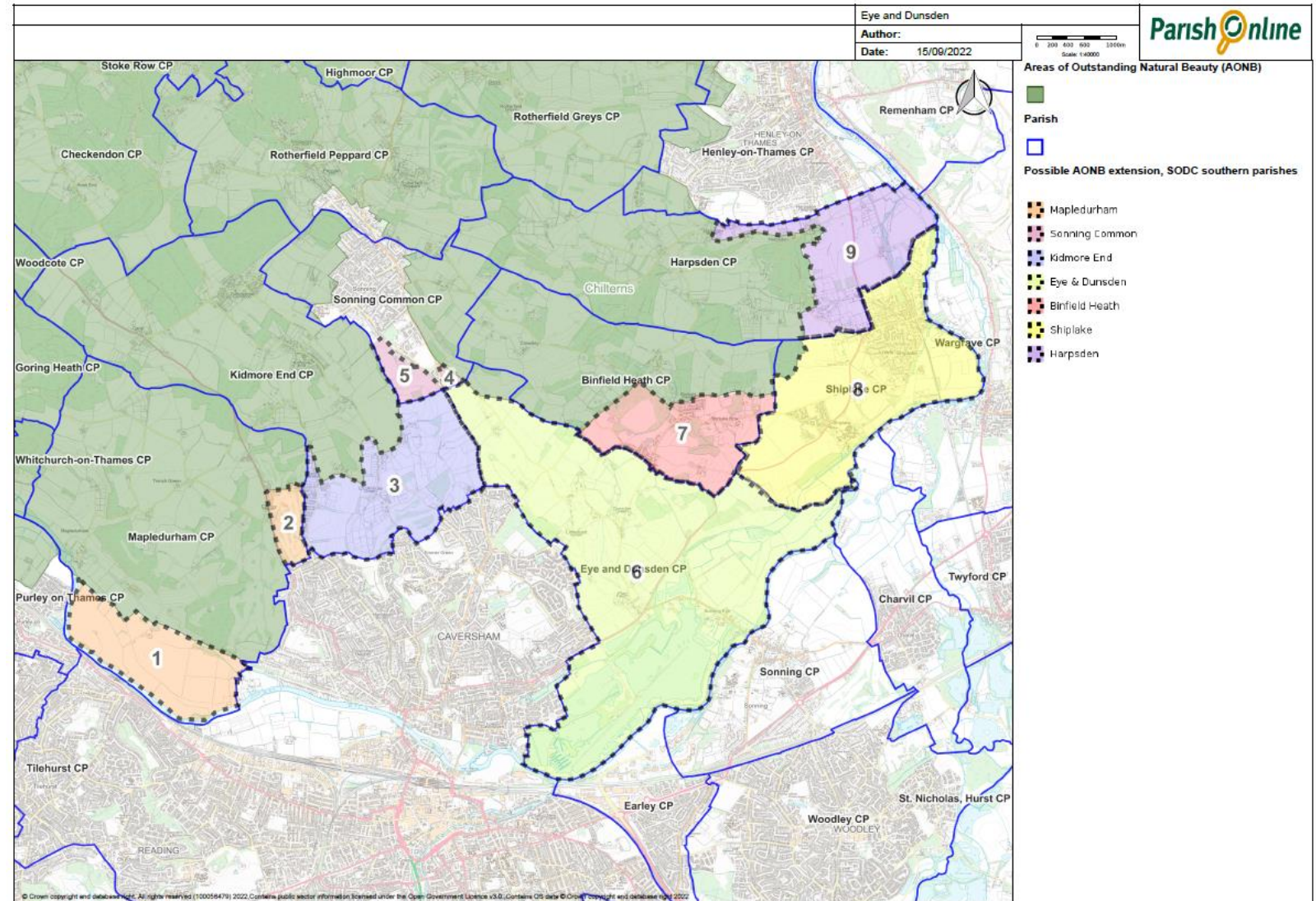
- Lots of terminology – Green Belts, Valued Landscapes, National Parks (15), AONB's (46) in the UK
- Initiated in 1956 guided by CPRE – Campaign for Rural England to protect and conserve the land and enhance its natural beauty.
- Accreditation is very difficult to achieve... 20-25 years?...Roger Head knows!
- Julian Glover Report initiated by Michael Gove and produced in 2019 – highly critical of governance of AONB's and National Parks, which exist for the benefit of the nation – poor strategic direction and unrepresentative of diverse communities. Recommendation to improve access and extend AONB's....important to the physical and mental health of the population.
- Chilterns AONB 1 of 2 selected for review and extension by Natural England

7 Local Parishes' Response

- Landscape assessment of all parishes* by Terra Firma presented the case to consultants advising Natural England for inclusion in the extensions to the Chilterns AONB.
- Assessments concluded. Presentation completed (100 pages). Application submitted
- A programme of engagement with community, press and influencers when 8 week public consultation initiated on our application anticipated before the end of 2024.
- A recommendation & decision by Natural England for approval by the new government (Sec.of State DEFRA) in 2025.

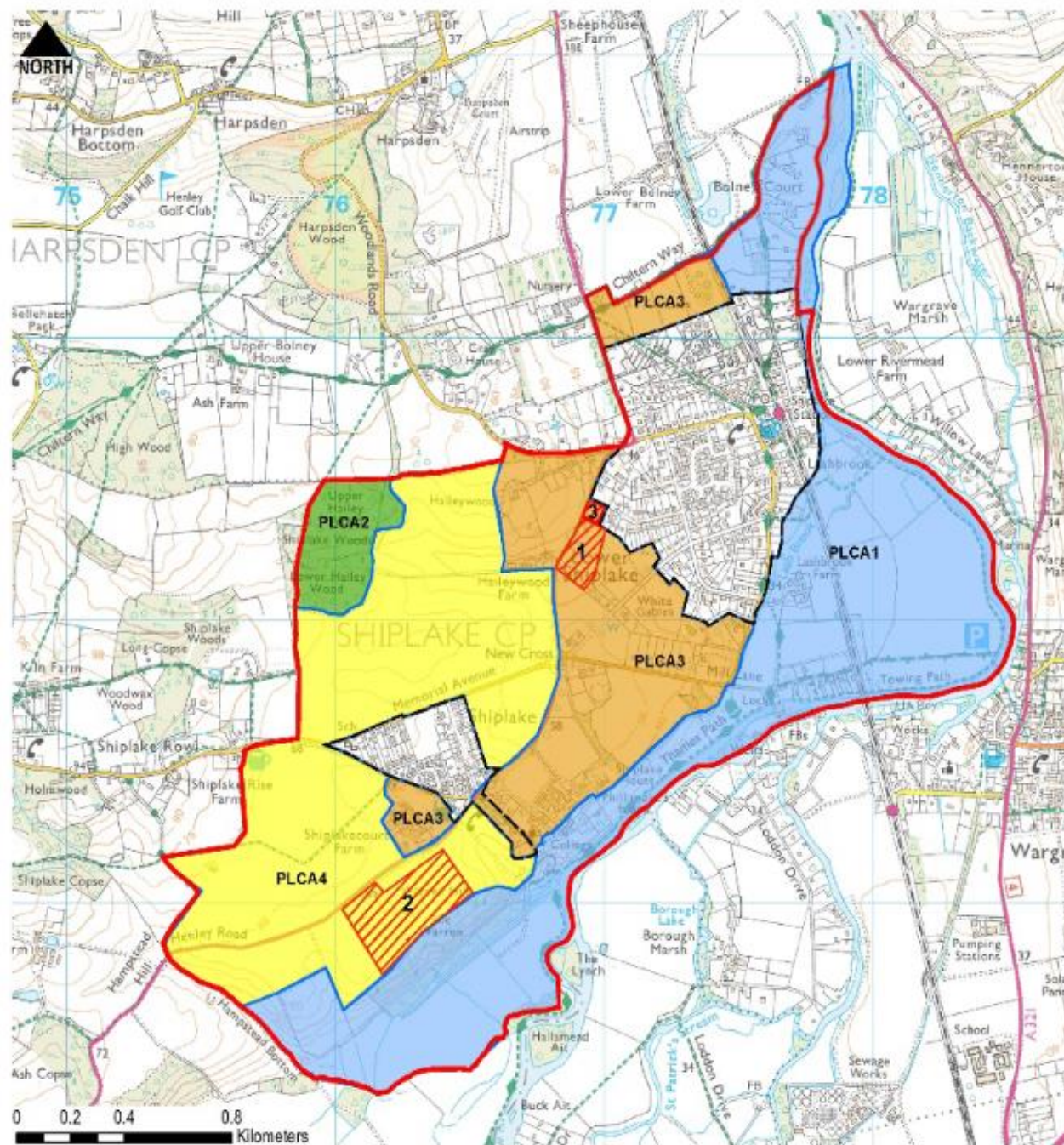
*Shiplake's Neighbourhood Plan already includes landscape assessments

Extending the AONB



Areas 1-4 SHNP

FIGURE 1



KEY

- Parish/Neighbourhood Plan Area Boundary: Study Area
 - Built-up Areas
 - Area of permitted development May 2021
 1. Retirement Village
 2. Shiplake College Sports Field
 3. Land Adjacent The Tower House Reading Road
 - PLCA Boundaries
- ## PLCA
- PLCA1: River Thames Meadow and Terraces
 - PLCA2: Shiplake Woods
 - PLCA3: Shiplake Semi-enclosed Dipslopes
 - PLCA4: Shiplake Open Dipslopes

Title: Parish Landscape Character Areas
Project: Shiplake Landscape Study
Date: May 2021

Planning/Political Considerations

- More and cheaper housing required for expanding population
- Developers say they cannot meet demand unless they can build on 'Green Belt' ..AONB's... and need planning restrictions/barriers reduced/removed.
- Change of Government in an election year.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & SUPPORT

OPEN DISCUSSION

**SHIPLAKE TREE SURVEY, CAMPING
GROUND & EA, CHURCH LANE,
COMMUNICATIONS, GREEN AGENDA**

Q&A AND AOB

May 2023

Thank You
Shiplake Parish Council

