



## Sherborne St. John Parish Council

**MINUTES of the  
SHERBORNE ST. JOHN PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
The Chute Pavilion, Vyne Road, RG24 9HX**

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Councillors present: Richard Morgan – Chair (RM), Jane Bechelet (JB), Linda Agnew (LA,) Cllr James Rowley (JR) and Carl Davies (CD)

Plus: Cllr Simon Minas-Bound (Basingstoke & Dean BC), Cllr Rhydian Vaughan (HCC),

Plus: Rosie Burton (RB) – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
Alison Heward (AH) – Admin Officer,  
Terry Buller – Grounds/Site Manager,  
Allotment Warden (Mike Greaves,) members of the public

### MINUTES

**82/25 Apologies for Absence**

PC Ulrike Maier (28153)

**83/25 Declarations of interest**

None

**84/25 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 were approved and signed.

**85/25 To receive a report from PC Ulrike Maier**

PCC Report received – September 2025, made available for viewing.

**86/25 To receive a report from Councillor Rhydian Vaughan (Hampshire County Council)**

A report for August/September was submitted which was discussed at the meeting.

**87/25 To receive a report from Councillor Simon Minus-Bound (Basingstoke & Dean Borough Council)**

Cllr Simon Minas-Bound discussed housing for BDBC area, including applications for SSJ Parish.

## 88/25 Scheme of Delegation

i) The following decisions made under the Scheme of Delegation (adopted on 28 February 2024) were ratified.

Matter under consideration	Decision
<b>T/00414/25/TCA</b> 4 Bournefield Sherborne St John RG24 9JB Removal of 1 dead tree. <b>4 September 2025</b>	By Majority Decision – <b>No Objection</b> (RM, JR,JB by email)
<b>25/01994/RET</b> <b>8 Sireburne Close</b> Sherborne St John RG24 9YZ Partial garage conversion to form multipurpose habitable room to read of existing garage (retrospective) <b>12 September 2025</b>	By Majority Decision– <b>No Objection</b> (RM, JR,JB by email)
<b>Younger Persons Playground at The Chute.</b>	By Majority Decision- <b>agreement made to appoint VitaPlay</b> (RM, LA, JR). RM to notify Vitaplay & confirm lead times.

## 89/25 Planning

To consider applications received and resolve on recommendations to be made to BDBC Planning Authority.

**Reference Number:** 25/0205/FUL

**Location:** Land at Cranesfield - Sherborne St John

**Proposal:** Full Planning Application for residential development of the site with access, roads, parking, open space, SuDs and associated infrastructure for 26 residential dwellings

**Grid Ref:** 460551, 154913

**Observation date:** 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 – 2 wks extension approved 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

**Action:** It was agreed that the need to motivate the public to make their objections as soon as possible, ensuring that they are individual, not just household and written with the same objections but wording slightly different from their previous objections sent.

Reminder that the Inspection Report is on the HCC portal for reference.

JB to put article on Facebook and RM drafted article for Villager.

**Reference Number: 25/0212/HSE**

**Location: Edernish House**

Vyne Road,  
Sherborne St John, RG24 9HX

**Proposal:** Rebuilding section of boundary wall

**Grid Ref:** 462492, 155510

**Observation date:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Action:** Unanimous agreed **No Objection** by SSJ Parish Council.

## **90/25 Public Question Time**

A period designated for Public Participation in accordance with the Standing Orders.

The following comments were made by the public:

- i) Question for Cllr Simon Minas-Bound; The local draft plan; will they build more on Merrydown to hit the new target?

Answer: The north development has already been given approval; other areas are still to be allocated housing numbers.

- ii) Question: Will the SSJ Parish Council Meetings return to monthly.

Answer: To be discussed and agreed for future meeting.

## **91/25 The Chute: Maintenance**

- i) **Carpark:** RM received 3 quotes will resent to committee in couple of weeks. CCTV to be made a priority.
- ii) **Heating:** AH/TB requested quote from SMS Heating and discussed possible date for works.
- iii) **Chute Fence and Table Repairs:** Fencing and tables around the pavilion have been damaged and some parts stolen. AH has submitted insurance claim. Quotes are being obtained and will be presented to committee once received.

## **92/75 Allotments**

- i) Mike Greaves (Allotment Warden) updated on the plots which have been issued notices, 2 vacancies at present. Waiting list is 3 for SSJ and 5 for outside of the village. 1 other plot will be available after 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. All of these plots need to be cleared and sprayed. MG to organise collection of rubbish and he will spray and tidy the plots ready for new tenants. Would need to get new tenants by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.
- ii) MG requested funding for Elm Road hedging, quoted 60 plants for approximately £100.
- iii) Cranesfield Road Allotments.
  - a) Meeting held with tenants to discuss ideas for the water harvesting they wish to propose. MG obtaining quotes and prices of supplies for further discussion.
  - b) Hedges and trees need cutting back. JB to look at the Lengthsman and report back to RM/MG. Possible quotes may be required.
  - c) New Warden is required, JB to advertise in the Villager. Maybe possible to have one of the tenants take this position. MG will enquire.

**93/25 Finance:**

- i. **RESOLVED** the Cash Flow Report and payments were approved.
- ii. **RESOLVED** the Bank Reconciliation prepared by the Locum and were signed off as correct by Members of the Council
- iii. **AGREED** that RB & CD would produce a portfolio of options of banks to create savings accounts.

**94/25 Councillors Reports**

**Question to Cllr RV, HCC** regarding the maintenance of the new gravel path and gate which has been installed from the Chute Pavillion and goes through to Popley. Discussed the cycle access through the gate and the gap that has been left open.

**95/25 Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters.**

- i. Introduction to new member of the Parish Council, Alison Heward, she will be responsible for the administration and first point of contact. She will be working with Rosie who will be responsible for the Finance.
- ii. **New Litter Bins:** Two new litter/poo bins have been installed in village. One at the school end of the path by the village Map and the other one at the Cranes Road and Cranesfield Road corner green.
- iii. **Grey Bin;** Stolen from The Chute. Requesting replacement.
- iv. **Lengthman Budget;** £1200 until April 2026.
- v. **Village Map;** Has not been reinstated after repairs. JB to confirm when it will be completed.
- vi. **Service of Institution of Reverend Stewart Deering as Rector of SWP at St Andrews.** RM attended.
- vii. **Salt Bin;** LA requested a salt bin be obtained for Sherborne Road. AH to arrange.

**96/25 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next **Sherborne St. John Parish Council Meeting** will take place on **26<sup>th</sup> November 2025** in **The Chute Pavilion, Vyne Road, at 7:15pm**

RM closed the meeting at 9:00 pm.

**DRAFT MINUTES TO BE SIGNED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

SIGNATURE:

DATE: