



## Sherborne St. John Parish Council

**MINUTES of the  
SHERBORNE ST. JOHN PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
Wednesday 26th November 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) – Clerk Admin,  
Terry Buller – Grounds/Site Manager,  
Allotment Warden (Mike Greaves,)  
PCSO Kane Lucas (19624)  
Revd. Stewart Deering  
2 members of the public

### MINUTES

**97/25 Apologies for Absence**

None

**98/25 Declarations of interest**

**99/25 Minutes**

i) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24 September 2025 were approved.

**100/25 To receive a report from PCSO Kane Lucas (19624)**

PCSO Kane Lucas (19624) introduced himself and explained the Rural Team as 3 x PCSO, 4 PC and 1 x Sergeant. They are on duty as a skeleton team, cover area from Basingstoke to Winchester and across to Andover. Hoping to recruit further officers in March 2026.

**101/25 To receive a report from Councillor Rhydian Vaughan (Hampshire County Council)**

Report was submitted and discussed.

**102/25 To receive a report from Councillor Simon Minus-Bound (Basingstoke & Dean Borough Council)**

Cllr Simon Minus-Bound updated his report, discussing Local Planning, Local Budget, Solar Panel update, Local Government elections.

Question: Green waste bins collection. Answer: Informed that there have been complaints of them not being collected regularly and being damaged.

**103/25 Scheme of Delegation**

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

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Details of Application</b>	<b>Decision by Parish Council</b>
<b>25/02330/FUL</b> <b>The Vyne</b> Vyne Road Sherborne St John RG24 9HL	Replacement of existing timber bridge with new, wider timber bridge	By Majority decision by email  <b>No Objection</b>
<b>25/02336/ROC</b> <b>Land on Vyne Road</b> Vyne Road Sherborne St John	Variation of Condition 1 of 24/00009/ROC Change of use of land from Class B1(Office) to C3(Residential and erection of 1no 2 bed dwelling – Amendments to dwelling form	By majority decision by email  <b>No Objection</b>
<b>T/00535/25/TCA</b> <b>Weybrook Grange</b> 23 West End Sherborne St John	T1 and T2 Eucalyptus Trees: Fell	By majority decision by email  No Objection
<b>25/02140/RET</b> <b>15 Wyeth Road</b> Basingstoke RG24 9ZP	Conversion of existing detached garage to home office space, involving replacement of garage shutter with window, new side door and internal alterations (Retrospective)	By majority decision by email  <b>No Objection</b>
<b>T/00529/25/TPO</b> <b>1 Vyne Meadow</b> Sherborne St John	Remove 1 contorted willow tree, 1 large eucalyptus tree and 1 Field Maple tree	By majority decision by email  <b>No Objection</b> – Final decision made by Tree Conservation (Removal of Willow and Field Maple. Eucalyptus to remain)
<b>25/02356/RET</b> <b>12 Munday Way</b> <b>Basingstoke</b> <b>RG24 9XX</b>	Change of use of amenity land to residential to form vehicle access and parking involving laying of hardstanding (retrospective)	By majority decision by email  <b>Objection</b> - location seems too small and the parking is on a corner of a bend. A garage is already present.
<b>Save Our Green (SOG)</b>	Request for funding. Payment of £1750.00 to be paid on invoice.	Approved by majority

**104/25 Planning**

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

**i) REF: PPO 5268**

**Location:** Footpath 17b

**Proposal:** Re divert part of Sherborne St John Footpath 17b under section 119 of Highways Act 1980.

**Action:** Majority approved

**ii) REF: BDB/0730**

**Location:** Land at 41 Stoneham Way, RG24 9WW

**Proposal:** Removal of 1 no. TPO Tree

**Action:** Tree Conservation Officer report required to determine Councillor's response. (JR)

**iii) REF: 25/02561/FUL**

**Location:** The Dell, 13 Aldermaston Road, Sherborne St John

**Proposal:** New ancillary annex in garden, a new garage, a new fence/entrance/gate and solar panel array.

**Action:** A request for a 2-week extension to consider details of application – Approved by BDBC

New observation date 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025. – **Majority Objection**, comments to be submitted by (JR)

**105/25 Public Question Time**

Period designated for Public Participation in accordance with the Standing Orders.

The following comments made by the public:

- i) Complaint of drains and Gullies not cleared regularly. Explained this is an ongoing problem within the village with local council.
- ii) Discussed hedges on Sherborne Road, Viddler's Farm land not cut back. Advised by Council it is the responsibility of the landowner.

**106/25 The Chute: Maintenance**

- i) The Chute Heating – 2 new heaters have been installed. The remaining 2 heaters will need replacing in the future.
- ii) Car Park – CCTV and Lights. RM to put together the finances and present next year.

**107/25 Allotments – Mike Greaves (Warden)**

- i) Plot MH19 has been given two more weeks to complete the terms of reinstating tenancy. MG to inspect and have new Agreement and Rules signed. The plot will be monitored over next year and must be cultivated as per agreement. This is the final agreement to the tenant.
- ii) Plot MH21 has been cleared and a new tenant to start asap, subject to signed Agreement and Rules.
- iii) Plot MH4B, rubbish and trailer removed, clearing to be completed.
- iv) Potential new warden for Cranes Road Allotments. MG to finalise.

**108/25 Finance**

- i) **RESOLVED** the Cash Flow Report and payments approved.
- ii) **RESOLVED** the Bank Reconciliation prepared by Clerk & RFO signed as correct by Members of the Council (Chair)
- iii) **PRESENTED** 1<sup>ST</sup> Draft Budget 2026/2027 prepared by Clerk & RFO

**109/25 Speed Enforcement Scheme**

- i) After investigation of the grant funding from OPCC it was rejected by majority. The funding grant was £20,000, the cost of the speed camera would be £90,000, plus a yearly maintenance of £1,000. This camera would then still belong to the Hampshire Constabulary.
- ii) Speed Watch in Sherborne St John could apply for the grant.
- iii) Further investigation required on purchasing a camera from another resource. To contact Bramley Parish Council to enquire where they purchased their cameras.

**110/25 Play Park Project**

Works to start on playground beginning of December and completion approximately 3 weeks (weather permitting). Savings has been made by changing some of the equipment. Equipment invoice to be paid in advance. On Completion of works LA to inspect the works and approve Post Completion Report.

**111/25 Councillors Reports**

Approved

**112/25 Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters.**

- i) Discussed Village Hall request for finance RM to contact for more information before decision made.
- ii) Village Map has been removed for repairs

**113/25 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next **Sherborne St. John Parish Council Meeting** will take place on **28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2027** in **The Chute Pavilion, Vyne Road, at 7:15pm**

Being no further business, RM closed the meeting at 9:00 pm.

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