



Sherborne St. John Parish Council

**MINUTES of the
SHERBORNE ST. JOHN PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
Wednesday 25th March 2026
The Chute Pavilion, Vyne Road, RG24 9HX**

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

Plus: Cllr Rhydian Vaughan (HCC),

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

MINUTES

Informed that meeting is being recorded and any objections. (Data Protection Policy)

19/26 Apologies for Absence

PCSO Kane Lucas

Cllr Cark Davis (CD)

Cllr Simon Minas-Bound (Basingstoke & Dean Borough Council)

20/26 Declarations of interest

None

21/26 Minutes

i) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **28th January 2026**.

No amendments requested – Approved by majority

22/26 Received a report from PCSO Kane Lucas.

Details provided by clerk

23/26 To receive a report from Councillor Rhydian Vaughan (Hampshire County Council)

A report was submitted which was discussed at the meeting.

- I. Potholes within Sherborne St John and nationally discussed. Recommendation that all potholes ?
- II. Government re-structure discussed, outline agreed areas.
- III. May 2026 Elections discussed.

24/26 To receive a report from Councillor Simon Minus-Bound (Basingstoke & Dean Borough Council)

A report was submitted.

68/25 Scheme of Delegation

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

Matter under consideration	Decision
SMS Heating, Boiler – Repairs/descale boiler, flush water, install TMP & TMV. (Legionella)	Discussed quote and works required – Resolved, Approved by majority

26/26 Planning

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

- i) **25/02561/FUL** – JR Updated application withdrawn from planning.
Location: The Dell, Aldermaston Road, Sherborne St John, RG24 9JY
Grid Ref: 462380, 155493
Observation: 23rd January 2026
Action: No action required

27/26 Public Question Time

Period of time designated for Public Participation in accordance with the Standing Orders. The following comments were made by the public.

- i) Complaint from parishioner regarding allotment hedge being cut by tenants. Stating their main concerns.
 - 1. Security and Privacy
 - 2. Trees unstable (TPO)
 - 3. Fence screening request

JR comment on the site being visited by members of the Parish Council and Allotment warden, reported findings.

MG gave advice on the cultivation of the hedge and the re-growth.

Parishioner left meeting.

Action Required: RM & AH to draft a response in writing and hand deliver.

28/26 The Chute: Maintenance

- i) Roof Repairs – reviewed and postponed until later in year.
- ii) Water Scale Out System – Resolved & Approved Quote.
- iii) The Gutter Cleaning Company – clean & repair. Resolved and approved. Another quote to be obtained by AH
- iv) SMS Heating – Quote for boiler repairs and legionella requirements. Resolved & Approved
- v) Hitch Rail – Village Hall – Resolved & Approved quote.
- vi) Clothes Collection Bins & Carpark surface – TB to obtain quote to remove hedges. LA to supply contractor to provide quote for carpark surface.
- vii) CCTV & lighting – Further discussions. RM to follow up. To be approved by Scheme of Delegation.

20.02pm Cllr R V Left meeting

29/26 Pickleball

JR presented resolution. Discussion on details with tennis club members present. RJ to send details to RB. Resolved & approved.

30/26 Allotments:

- i) MG provided update on allotments and maintenance on unoccupied plots.
- ii) Water Supply for Cranes Road. Quotes obtained by CC (Warden Cranes Road) discussed. Resolved & approved.
LA to obtain quotes from Stacey's for water containers.

31/26 Notice Board – Village Hall & Church Path. – Resolved & Approved Quote. AH to order

32/26 Village Map Repairs – Update provided AH to chase.

33/26 The Chute Play Park Project

AH updated latest situation regarding Vitaplay Limited. Discussion on the inspection reports from BDBC and independent inspector and their findings.

AH to obtain quotes for surface to be levelled, turfing and relaying of grass matting.

Playground to remain closed until the surface has been resolved.

AH to enquire situation with insurance company.

34/26 Finance:

- i) RESOLVED & APPROVED the Cash Flow Report and payments and signed by Chair.
- ii) RESOLVED & APPROVED the Bank Reconciliation prepared by the Clerk & RFO and signed by Chair.

35/26 Village Hall Funding.

RM to respond to Village Hall committee regarding postponing any funding until next year.

36/26 Speed Funding – RB to contact Speed Watch to discuss details and invite to next SSJPC Meeting.

37/26 Councillors Reports - None

38/26 Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters

JR requested update on Spiers Meadow Litter Picking project – AH to report back.

RB produced Assertion 10 which was adopted at meeting 28th May 2026

39/26 Date of next meeting

The date of the next **Sherborne St. John Parish Council Meeting** will take place on **27th May 2026** at **The Chute Pavilion, Vyne Road, at 7:15pm**

Being no further business, RM closed the meeting at 8:56 pm.

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE SIGNED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING