



## Sherborne St. John Parish Council

**MINUTES of the  
SHERBORNE ST. JOHN PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
Wednesday 28 January 2026  
The Chute Pavilion, Vyne Road, RG24 9HX**

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

**Plus:**

Cllr Simon Minas-Bound (Basingstoke & Dean BC),  
Rosie Burton (RB) – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
Alison Heward (AH) – Clerk Admin,  
Terry Buller – Grounds/Site Manager,  
Allotment Warden (Mike Greaves),  
3 Members of the public

### MINUTES

**1/26 Apologies for Absence**

Linda Agnew (LA), Cllr Rhydian Vaughan (HCC),

**2/26 Declarations of interest**

None

**3/26 Minutes**

i) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025, no objections, approved and signed by Chair (RM).

**4/26 To receive a report from PCSO Kane Lucas (19624)**

Brief report submitted to committee.

**5/26 To receive a report from Councillor Rhydian Vaughan (Hampshire County Council)**

A report was submitted to committee. Elections have not been postponed will be held in May 2026.

**6/26 To receive a report from Councillor Simon Minus-Bound (Basingstoke & Dean Borough Council)**

A report was submitted to committee.

7/26 Scheme of Delegation

Matter under consideration	Decision
None to report	

8/26 Planning

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

**25/02561/FUL**

**Location:** The Dell, Aldermaston Road, Sherborne St John, RG24 9JY

**Proposal:** New ancillary annex in garden, new fence and solar panel array. Revised

**Grid Ref:** 462380, 155493

**Observation Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

**Action:** (JR) Objections submitted by JR for the amendments to original planning application which were discussed with committee. (Cllr SM-B) to follow up.

**T/00029/26/TCP**

**Location:** Sherborne St John C of E School

**Proposal:** T1 Horse Chestnut Tree to fell and Eco plug

**Grid Ref:** 462380, 155493

**Observation Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Action:** No Objections by majority

9/26 Public Question Time

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

The following comments were made by the public:

- 1) A member of the public discussed the problem with lack of maintenance and litter on the development of Spiers Meadow and requested whether the Parish Council could help and advise on how to improve the upkeep of the area. Also requested any contacts regarding funding for litter picking and who is responsible for the upkeep. Cllr S M-B to reported on the development (David Wilson Homes) and will send to clerk the contact details at Basingstoke & Dean Borough Council (Litter Picking Funding) and David Wilson Homes (MD).

**ACTION:** Member of public agreed to take responsibility for arranging litter picking.

**ACTION:** Clerk & RFO to contact Rooksdown Clerk to gain information regarding their litter picking /maintenance and funding information.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Basingstoke & Dean Borough Council regarding litter bags to be collected.

- 2) A member of the public informed drain in ditch at bottom of new footpath from The Chute needs replacing and has arranged for the landowner to visit and arrange for the works to be completed by the landowner. Requested approval. Agreed by majority committee.

10/26 The Chute: Maintenance

- i) Chair reported on the progress for the quotations for the CCTV and lighting of the car park. Will report back at next meeting final figures.
- ii) Leaks in roof of The Chute Pavilion. Requires specialised contractor, TB to obtain quotations for the repairs and resolve.

- 11/26 Pickleball**  
JB requested the Tennis Club to accommodate the use of the courts for Pickleball. Discussed the equipment required and how this would be managed. RB to present to committee at next meeting with a resolution for discussion.
- 12/26 Allotments:**
- i) Update of the allotment plots and tenants discussed. Hedge maintenance required.
  - ii) New warden for Cranes Road allotments confirmed and welcomed.
  - iii) To approach the school to use one half of a plot at Cranes Road allotments. Approved.
- ACTION :** Clerk to contact BDBC for list of work they provide in the village.
- 13/26 Finance:**
- i) **RESOLVED & APPROVED** the Cash Flow Report and payments and signed by Chair.
  - ii) **RESOLVED & APPROVED** the Bank Reconciliation prepared by the Clerk & RGO and signed by Chair.
  - iii) **RESOLVED & APPROVED** the Precept 2026/27 and signed.
  - iv) **RESOLVED & APPROVED** the Budget 2026/27.
- 14/26 Play Park Project**
- The Playground has been delayed completion due to the weather conditions and flooding in the playground area. Further completion inspection to be arranged with Vitaplay, JB and TB. 10% payment still to be made on completion.
- 15/26 Councillors Reports**
- JB discussed update of Local Plan and Solar Farm Policy.
- 16/26 Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters**
- i) New Playground at Cranesfield to be installed by BDBC.
  - ii) An introduction to the new Head Mistress for Sherborne St John School was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at the Church.
  - iii) St Johns Ambulance to run First Aid/CPR course in village hall 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026.
  - iv) Complaints for the damage caused by newspaper delivery company.  
**ACTION:** Cllr SMB to contact company.
- 17/26 Date of next meeting**
- The date of the next **Sherborne St. John Parish Council Meeting** will take place on **25<sup>th</sup> March 2026** in **The Chute Pavilion, Vyne Road, at 7:15pm**

Being no further business, RM closed the meeting at 9:30 pm.

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