



Sherborne St. John Parish Council

**MINUTES of the
SHERBORNE ST. JOHN PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
Wednesday 24th June 2026
The Chute Pavilion, Vyne Road, RG24 9HX**

Councillors present: Chair (Temporary Chair – Carl Davies (CD)), Jane Bechelet (JB), Cllr James Rowley (JR)

Plus: Cllr Simon Minas-Bound (Basingstoke & Dean BC), Cllr Karl Rand

Plus:

Alison Heward (AH) Clerk

Rosie Burton (RB) Responsible Financial Officer

Terry Buller – Grounds/Site Manager,

Martin Steward – Litter Picker

EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

- 65/26 Election of the Chair for temporary period while new chair is appointed**
Carl Davies proposed by James Rowley (JR), seconded by Jane Bechelet (JB)
- 66/26 Election of the Vice-chair for the municipal year 2026/27**
Linda Agnew proposed by Carl Davies (CD), second by James Rowley (JR)
- 67/26 Co – opt of new Parish Councillor**
Simon Minas-Bound proposed by James Rowley (JR), second by Jane Bechelet (JB).
Declaration of Acceptance of Office, signed by Simon Minas-Bound (SMB), witnessed by Clerk (Alison Heward AH).
Pack including, Code of Conduct document and Role & Responsibilities of a Councillor document provided
- 68/26 Apologies for absence -** Linda Agnew (LA), MG (Allotment Warden)
- 69/26 Declaration of Interest -** None
- 70/26 Public Question Time -** None

- 71/26 Report from Cllr Rhydian Vaughan – June 2026 Report presented for review.**
- 72/26 Report from Cllr Simon Minas Bound**
Reported on Basingstoke & Deane updates and discussion was had regarding potential planning applications within the area, including Spring Close & Kiln Farm. Due to the re-organisation of the Borough Councils and local authorities, the Planning and Development process may be more difficult to object too for future developments.
JR requested that we obtain expert advice from ET Planning and discuss funding for this.
- 73/26 Playground Surface Replacement**

Discussion on the way forward with the contractor and after site visit with Parish Councillors, BDBC, Bernard Crisp and Inspector of Playgrounds, Kevin Hoare. Council **Resolved & Approved** for contractor Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance, subject to written revised quote or replacement of surface of playground. It was agreed that until the existing surface is removed a final price for works could not be confirmed. Contractor to keep informed on progress once surface lifted. It was approved a value no more than £15,000. **ACTION:** Clerk (AH) to chase quote and arrange start date.

Watering of the new surface was discussed (TB – Warden to arrange hoses ready for installation of turf). It was agreed that Health & Safety precautions would need to be carried out. Clerk (AH) to investigate and Risk Assessment Report to be sort.
- 74/26 Correspondence, AOB, urgent matters – None**
- 75/26 Next Parish Council Meeting Date – Approved Wednesday 22nd July 2026 – 7.15pm at The Chute Pavillion.**
- Meeting officially closed to the public by Chair (CD) and requested all members of public to leave the meeting**