

Minutes of Parish Council Mtg 21.05.2026 at SC Village Hall – 7.30pm

Participants: Councillors David Soper, Peter Cook, Mike Semmons, John Griffiths and Elizabeth Tabor. SDC Councillor Heywood Burt, Plus 6 members of the public.

Apologies: Isobel Rorison

1. No Declarations of interest were received
2. The Clerks report was read out, payments were approved as per this report,
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. Correspondence received was related to a letter from a parishioner requesting village signs to be erected, it was agreed to install these and contact highways regarding that.
5. It was agreed to take forward the finger post repair, the CPRE allocation had been used up for this year.
6. The vacancy for Parish Councillor was discussed. There are now two vacancies as Mike Toop has resigned. The council acknowledged his many years as councillor and a card was signed to thank both him, and Cherry Toop the previous clerk.
7. The Unitary reports were read out.
8. The signage off the A303 has been hit, this was to be raised with Highways.
9. Heywood Burt spoke at length about the Local Plan Public Consultation which will begin in May 2028. He also discussed the change in use of Sherborne Recycling centre, Planning legislation and the fact that over 1 million homes have been approved but not built!
10. No new planning applications were received. A decision on SM Village Hall floor was expected by 14th June.
11. Councillor John Griffiths will complete a refresher course, all other councillors had already attended this.
12. It was discussed that meetings should take place at both village halls, as they previously did, not solely Sutton Montis.
13. Future meeting sates were approved.
14. The accounts were approved.
15. Training for the new clerk was approved and payment for ongoing standing orders and bills.

The Meeting ended at 8pm, when the Annual Parish Meeting then began.