

SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 12th May, 2025 in The Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present – Cllrs. P. Clee, T. Hirst, D. Lovett, J. Milne, H. Wareham, P. Wotton. Cllr. J. Brazil and 1 Member of public.

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Election of Chairman – Cllr. J. Milne was proposed by Cllr. Wotton, seconded by Cllr. Hirst. There were no other nominations, passed unanimously.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman – Cllr. P. Wotton was proposed by Cllr. Milne, seconded by Cllr. Lovett. There were no other nominations, passed unanimously.

3. Apologies – Cllr. P. Evans.

4. Declarations of Interest – Nil.

5. Cllr. Brazil's Report – Cllr. Brazil reported - SHDC - Council Tax increase, new council homes, the new woodland at S. Brent, leisure centers being fitted with PV panels, there are more details of these projects in the April minutes. Diesel vans will be replaced by electric vehicles.

DCC - Following the recent local elections DCC is under new administration, there is no overall majority, their meeting will take place on 27th May.

Cllr. Brazil sees the main priorities as working together with partners within all services. Two main topics will be the children's services, following the OFSTED grading of Inadequate they will be working to improve this grading and the pot holes. He would like the Highways to be brought back in house instead of being an outside contract.

The Chairman asked Cllr. Brazil to contact Highways about the continual closure of the road from Devonshire Bridge to Chivelstone, this is well over a year now. He explained how parishioners are cut off for far too long on high tides in the Gullet, Wilton area and Waterhead. No emergency vehicles can access these areas for hours because this road is closed and Holset Bottom a diversion in previous years is now unsafe. Cllr. Brazil will arrange a meeting to hopefully solve the holdup on highway repairs to this road.

The Member of public asked Cllr. Brazil to contact Highways about the cleaning of the gully between Carpenter Cottage to Westcourt. – Cllr. Brazil will contact Highways.

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5. Cllr. Brazil's Report contd:- Clerk reported that Adrian Allen says the buddle holes have been cleaned by Highways but not with the machine only by hand which is the same as Adrian Allen does, so they are probably still blocked. Cllr. Brazil will report.

6. Public Participation – The member of public told the meeting a number of parishioners are very concerned with the inconsistent opening hours of The Millbrook Inn at the moment. In particular the sudden closure on Bank Holiday Monday without prior warning, when it had previously advertised being open with music in the afternoon. Could the Millbrook Inn be included in a future agenda of the Parish Council? After discussion it was agreed to include this item on a future agenda.

Cllr. Wareham reported drunken behaviour on the pontoon recently when children were present, this included throwing glass beer bottles into the water. Cllr. Wotton will contact the Harbour Master and ask for an increased patrol of South Pool Creek this summer. Cllr. Clee reported there is an increase in dog fouling along the road from the pontoon to the stepping stones, could a notice be placed at the pontoon similar to the notice at Creekend to advise dog owners of their responsibility? The Chairman will make enquiries to the sign makers.

7. Minutes – Minutes of meeting 03.03.25. were approved and signed. Minutes of meeting 07.04.25. The Annual Parish were approved and signed.

8. Chairman's Report – The Chairman reported the death of Jan Davis a past councillor of this parish, she had died this past week and we send our condolences to her daughter Sam.

Devonshire Bridge – Cllr. Brazil will deal with this matter, see his report.

PC Email Address – During this next year all PCs need to have a Gov.uk address. The Chairman has read all the information and procedures. This will be a future agenda item.

VE Day Celebrations – The Chairman thanked the organizers of the celebrations held at the hall; he suggested the PC pay towards the hiring of the hall for the day. He proposed £30.00, seconded by H. Wareham, passed unanimously. He also thanked those involved with the lighting of the beacon. The Chairman asked the clerk to send best wishes from the PC for a speedy recover from his operation to Cllr. Evans.

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9. Presentation of Accounts – The Clerk presented the accounts for the year 2024/25. The accounts had been audited by the Internal Auditor, the auditor has completed and signed the Audit Form. There are no recommendations to be carried out, all objectives met with approval. Councillors had no queries with the accounts. It was proposed by Cllr. Hirst, seconded by Cllr. Milne that the accounts be accepted, passed unanimously. Clerk and Chairman signed the Accounting Statement and the Accounts book.

Audit – The Annual Governance Statement was checked and approved by all Councillors present and signed by Clerk and Chairman.

Certificate of exemption – AGAR 2024/25 was signed by Clerk and Chairman.

Insurance – The Clerk has checked the Policy Documents. Community First are offering a 3-year deal, 2024/25 was the 3rd year of our previous 3- year deal.

It was proposed by Cllr. Milne, seconded by Cllr. Wareham to accept the 3-year deal at a cost of £268.49. passed unanimously.

Sign Cheques – Community First – Insurance - £268.49.

South Pool church Village Hall - £30.00.

10. First Responder – A request was made to Cllr. Wotton from Chivelstone PC Clerk for payment of the First Responders car insurance. Chairman explained this is not the correct procedure for a request for money. The PC had previously agreed to support the First Responder with Chivelstone and E. Portlemouth Parishes . It was agreed The Chairman would contact the Clerk of Chivelstone PC.

Date of next meeting – Monday 7th July. 2025 at 6.30pm.

Chairman.

