

SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 01.12.25 in the Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present – Cllrs. P. Clee, H. Wareham, P. Wotton, P.Evans, J. Milne in the chair. , Julian Lewis and Janet Green. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies – Cllr. D. Lovett, Cllr. T. Hirst, Cllr. J. Brazil

2. Declarations of Interest – Nil.

3. Public Participation – None.

4. Minutes – meeting minutes 04.11.25. were approved and signed.

5. Chairman's Report – The Chairman began with the issue of the overflowing litter bin adjacent to the South Pool pontoon. The bin has not been emptied for over a month. Cllr. Clee has attempted to get the bin emptied on several occasions, but to no avail. Three letters have been sent to the district council but the matter has not been resolved. It was agreed to contact the council again.

The contact details for emptying these bins are displayed on the PC website for all parishioners to report when required.

A large poplar tree has been felled at Rivendell (within a conservation area) without the necessary permissions. It is believed that the correct protocols have not been followed and the matter is to be reported.

6. Finance/Clerk's Report/Budget/Precept. Current Acc. - £440.29. Business Acc.- £21,782.70. Cheque issued to Peter Sandover for £320.65 for the defibrillator pads and batteries. No Budget was prepared, and it was agreed to proceed with last years figures. Precept was increased from £6,650.00 to £7,000,00 with unanimous agreement.

6. Chairmans Report continued;- The Christmas lights have been put up in the village and look splendid. The Chairman will formally thank David Bennett and his team. Internet banking is currently being initiated for the Parish Council accounts and the village website is being updated.

7. Village Maintenance - It was agreed that the two existing planters, adjacent to the telephone kiosk, were beyond repair and that replacements are to be sought. Thanks to all who have recently worked hard trying to rescue the

planters. Maintenance of the verges and banks of the estuary is required, and despite the best efforts of residents a more concerted solution is necessary. *'Green Spaces'* - who currently maintain West Charleton - are to be approached to provide a quote.

9. Planning – The Chairman declared the meeting closed.

A party to celebrate Janet Green's retirement will be held at The Village Hall on Tuesday 9th December at 12 noon. It was agreed to circulate the information as widely as possible. All are welcome to attend to ensure that Janet has a good send off.

Date of next meeting – Monday 05 January 2026

Chairman.