

## **SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL**

**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 02.03.26 in the Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.**

**Present** – Cllrs. P. Clee, D. Lovett, H. Wareham, P. Wotton, P. Evans, T. Hirst., in attendance J. Milne in the chair. Cllr. J. Brazil, Clerk. J. Lewis

**The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting -**

A minutes' silence was observed in honour of Linda Luckes.

**1. Apologies** – Cllr. H. Wareham, likely to be late to the meeting.

**2. Declarations of Interest** – None

**3. Cllr. Brazil's Report:**

Budgets have been set and council tax is to increase - District by 2.99% and County by 4.99%. £15 million has been apportioned for highway resurfacing, capping and drainage. £190 million has been used to write off SEND debt, with an extra £1 million for rural transport and libraries. Car parking charges are frozen for local people and an Ofsted report is pending for schools. There is no additional news regarding the Slapton Line, but Caroline Voaden MP represented the issue well in Parliament.

**4. Public Participation** – Peter Bieneman asked that his proposal for the Village Fete may be considered. The proposal was discussed, and it was agreed that the church fete should be broadened out to a village fete but that there should be closer working links between the PCC, VHC, PC and that Peter Bieneman could present his proposal at April's APM; 13.04.26.

**5. Minutes** – of the meeting 02.02.26. were approved and signed off.

**6. Chairman's Report:**

The Chair explained why AOB cannot be included in Parish Council meetings and suggested that AOB should be raised under Public Participation. PP rules limit sessions to 15 minutes with 5 minutes allowed for the presentation of points raised. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be passed to the Clerk in the first instance. Online banking procedure is now finalised and we await the bank's response.

**7. Clerk's Report** – Current Acc. - £438.84. Business Acc.- £18,233.84.

Cllr Wotton presented two sympathy cards for Linda Luckes to the Clerk.

The Clerk is to contact P.Bieneman with a list of meeting dates as 3 months notice is required for all road closures.

**8. Village Maintenance** - Cllr Wotton presented a 5 page document to all Cllr's with a list of tasks which require action and asked that it be disseminated for discussion at April's meeting.

**9. Planning** – There are currently no new planning applications pending.

**10. Traffic Calming/Speed Restrictions** - Cllr Clee asked that the Council review the current situation, with regards to passing traffic through the village, in order to limit its speed. The matter was discussed and a number of solutions were put forward including the Government Guidelines as specified by Devon County Council. 4 Cllr's were in favour of speed restrictions, and 2 were against. It was decided that the Chair passed the Government Guidelines to Cllr Clee who is to investigate the options available with the wider community.

The meeting was declared closed

A Funeral Service for Linda Luckes is to be held at South Pool Church on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 12 noon.

**Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 13th; April 2026 at 6.30pm.**

**Chairman.**

