

SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 06.07.26 in the Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present – Cllrs. P. Clee, D. Lovett, H. Wareham, P. Evans, in attendance and four members of the public. P. Wotton in the Chair. Clerk J. Lewis

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies: Cllr. J.Brazil, Cllr T.Hirst

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Public Participation:

The spokesperson asked that an accurate map of the proposed road closures for 31st July event be displayed on the notice board to help raise awareness, as there were still residents who remained unaware of the exact extent of the closure.

Cllr Lovett said that whilst he had been impressed by the amount of work done thus far, for the *'Up the Creek'* event, the local communication had been poor and that notices should be displayed as soon as possible.

The Vice Chairman said that he would contact the Rector - who has accepted responsibility for the event - to provide clarification as they have a duty of care.

The spokesperson went on to say that there is great concern over the blatant flaunting of planning regulations taking place at Hazel Paddock. Thirty two people have made their views clear to the SHDC over the last four years and despite saying that a Cease and Desist order would be issued, nothing has been done. The lack of accountability together with the lack of action by the SHDC sets an unacceptable precedent and objections have been raised since 2021 to no avail. The SPPC offered its full support and decided unanimously to contact the SHDC with a view of approaching the Ombudsman with two weeks notice. Clerk to compile file of historic information concerning Hazel Paddock and follow up.

5. Minutes: of the meeting 09.06.26. were approved and signed off.

6. Vice Chairman's Report:

The Vice Chairman began by thanking the outgoing Chairman - after his recent resignation - and it was suggested that the SPPC provide a note of thanks to-

gether with a gift for his long and sterling service which was unanimously accepted. He also said that over the interregnum the SPPC should put out notices for an additional Parish Councillor and then appoint a new Chair when the SPPC reconvenes in September. Cllr Evans suggested a candidate to the SPPC and pointed out its ability to co-opt a new member. Clerk and Vice Chair to initiate the process over the summer recess in line with procedural rules.

7. Clerk's Report:

The SPPC's finances are healthy - Current Acc. - £1,181,59. Business Acc.- £17,763.79 and there are sufficient monies to carry out improvement works under the banner of village maintenance. The new grass cutting contract is currently in operation and working well. The Clerk pointed out that he finally has access to the village website and will populate it with the necessary information during the summer recess.

8. Village Maintenance:

Cllr Evans pointed out that the road from Gullet Corner to Wilton is collapsing and that nothing is being done about the current state of the road. Photos are to be taken and the Clerk is to formally approach the SHDC. Cllr Evans is to be the point of contact for roads and liaise with the Clerk to action. Cllr Evans suggested that he knows of a number of small contractors prepared to carry out maintenance works and is to liaise with the Clerk. Cllr Clee and Cllr Wotton are to liaise regarding signposts. Cllr Clee asked if the current contractors could undertake brush cutting and hedge trimming from the stepping stones to Newquay cottage - Clerk to advise.

9. Planning: There are currently no new planning applications pending.

The meeting was declared closed

Date of next meeting – Monday 7th September 2026 at 6.30pm.

Vice Chairman.

