

SOUTH POOL PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 01.06.26 in the Church Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present – Cllrs. P. Clee, H. Wareham, P. Wotton, P. Evans, T. Hirst., in attendance Clerk. J. Lewis and two members of the public.

The Chairman declined to chair the meeting leaving the Vice Chair to proceed.

The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies – Cllr. J. Brazil, Cllr D. Lovett, Chair. J.Milne.

2. Declarations of Interest – None

3. Public Participation:

Peter Bieneman informed the meeting that the outline for July's Village Festival entitled '*Up the Creek*' had been posted on the village noticeboard, and that all parishioners - with a current email address - had been informed.

Cllr Evans asked if the residents of Goodshelter had been included, as they would be most affected by the road closures. P. Bieneman replied that he would inform all parishioners.

The Vice Chair asked that a public notice be displayed informing parishioners of public liability and insurance cover as a legal requirement. He also asked for evidence of a risk assessment by the PCC.

Cllr Evans asked for greater transparency, from the PCC and the VHC, and for them to publish their accounts.

Cllr Hirst said that he had been told that there was no legal requirement for the PCC to publish their accounts as they are not a charity. The accounts were however available to view on request.

Cllr Wareham said that the PCC was a charity and read out the requirements of charities to publish their accounts.

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

6. Chairman's Report: Not Available

7. Clerk's Report – Current Acc. - £330.09. Business Acc.- £19,747.28.

The internal audit has been carried out and agreed. The accounts will be published on the village noticeboard, and website on or after the 30th June 2026.

8. Village Maintenance - The Vice Chair referred to the 5 page document with a list of tasks which require action.

The member of the public brought up the buddle holes for the second time and asked that the new grass cutting contractor be asked to dig them out.

Cllr Evans pointed out that this was the responsibility of the Council and that they would have to be excavated by digger. Clerk to notify DCC.

The member of the public mentioned the state of the dog bin next to the creek - which is a problem for the District Council. Cllr Clee asked if it were possible for the SPPC to re-paint the bins? Vice Chair to follow up the issue with DCC.

Parking in the Village Square has become a problem with cars blocking the exit from the village at the pinch point, due to inconsiderate use of the parking bay.

Cllr Evans pointed out that a contractor was unable to get through at the weekend and was forced to turn back.

It was suggested that road markings, or residents parking, may be warranted but the Vice Chair pointed out that if controls were applied the SPPC would be liable to the Highways Authority.

Potholes have been partly but not fully addressed - Clerk to follow up with Cllr Louise Wainwright and DCC.

There was a spillage of human waste at Long Cross which is to be reported to SHDC and DEFRA. Cllr Brazil is to be notified.

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

The meeting was declared closed by the Vice Chairman.

Date of next meeting - Monday 6th; July 2026 at 6.30pm.

