

Sherborne Parish Council - Monthly Meeting Minutes

Held at Sherborne Social Club, Monday 21st July 2025

Councillors in attendance: Y Blankley (YB), H Greyson-Gaito (HGC), E Richardson (ER) and T Whiffen (TW) C Humphries (CH), S Challis (SC)

1. Neighbourhood Plan/Local Plan , EN18 Working group

Neighbourhood plan/Local Plan (NP) - Government withdrawn NP funding for Parish and Town Councils. This is likely to be more onerous for PCs to produce plans but in of itself may not stop NP from happening. More information required.

Alternative sources of funding for NP to be investigated ,YB to contact Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) and Cotswold District Council (CDC). SC to contact Gloucestershire Association of Parish & Town Council (GAPTC).

CDC has limited scope due to funding cuts and shift in focus to New House Builds to achieve Government targets so may not be able to help.

Terms of Reference proposed to the National Trust (NT) using the CDC terms of reference. A dual approach to be taken, TW to liaise with the NT to encourage proactive action and PC members to put forward a list of names from the village to co opt onto the EN18 and NP working group

PC Actions Post Meeting

- YB to contact GCC, CDC, County and local councillors
- YB to contact GAPTC
- TW to liaise with NT
- SC to check with CDC if they would take notice of a neighbourhood plan.

2. Verge Management

Rangers from the NT have received and are going through the [survey](#).

Feedback from the NT will be discussed at the 11th August NT meeting, this also should be in written format, TW to request.

GCC to be contacted to obtain mowing days for August

Survey showed some villagers wishing to take ownership of their own verges, which will help plans for next year as to who will cut. NT, Highways or Villagers.

3. Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes, timings and process discussed.

PC Actions Post Meeting

OP to send minutes to SC to publish

4. NT Volunteers days

Volunteer days - more notice required.

The July volunteer day was advertised just days before.

The NT have proposed a September volunteer day to clear roadside drainage grips (date to be confirmed) The more notice on this date the better.

PC action post meeting

- TW to discuss with NT

5. Broadwater Plan Update

NT Meeting held with JBA (environmental consultancy and design engineers) members of the PC, and village riparian owners to review the scheme. The NT and JBA confirmed there was no plan or timescale to manage the scheme.

PCs view is that the JBA scheme will not remove sediment load from the brook.

Water levels are higher than normal in the brook despite the driest year to date on record. This is at odds with the data JBA as the historic maximum flood level they are working to has been documented as being surpassed three times in the last year. This is of concern to a number of local residents. Additional barriers placed in the brook (leaky dams) as part of the JBA scheme could exacerbate the situation and lead to more flooding on NT neighbours properties and lead to further sediment deposition in the brook.

There is no contingency planning on flood risk or maintenance.

NT are pushing forward on planning application

PC Actions post Meeting

- Advice to be taken from Historic England and the Gardeners Trust regarding adverse impact on the Old Park (a grade II listed registered Park & Garden)
- AW to request a quote for a report from a hydrologist regarding the feasibility and ramifications of the JBA scheme this will enable the PC to make an informed decision using independent advice.
- PC Vote on above. Vote carried - independent advice to be sought.

6. SSE

SSE continuing work. This will not have a positive impact on village electricity security as only a short run of cables in the middle of the village are being buried.

Substation will be added to the car park in the social club

The NT are awaiting information on the plan for Turbine house

PC Actions post meeting

- TW to discuss plans with NT for access to Turbine House/Lady Sherbornes walk.
- This is a major concern for villagers who are potentially affected.

7. AOB

YB requested a meeting with the police regarding Speed Information Signs.

YB has contacted GCC road safety hub

YB has met with highways, a large patch of road to be retarmaced near Waterloo bridge.

YB has received information that the emergency plan for the village has now been given the go ahead for the next phase with extended involvement from other areas

Dates to be confirmed.

PC Actions post meeting

- YB to contact Dom Morris and request a meeting
- YB to contact Tony Dale and request a meeting

8. National Trust Newsletter

To receive the newly reinstated National Trust Newsletter, express your interest by emailing sherbornenews@nationaltrust.org