

Sherborne Parish PC – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Held at Sherborne Social Club, 20 July 2026

Councillors in attendance: Y Blankley (YB), C Humphries (CH), T Whiffen (TW), A Woolley (AW), H Greyson-Gaito (HGG), E Richardson (ER)

Apologies: S Challis (SC)

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- The June 2026 minutes were agreed, subject to clarification of when draft minutes would be published. A copy is to be shared with SC.
- The May APM minutes are to be recirculated by HGG.

2. Correspondence:

- **Creation of Gloucestershire Super Council:** YB received a letter from the Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government regarding the creation of a new unitary authority, to be called Gloucestershire Council, comprising Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Forest of Dean District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council. No changes are anticipated until 2028.

ACTION: YB to contact GAPTC, GRCC and Gloucestershire County Council about the implications for Sherborne.

- **Planning:** No objection was raised to planning application at No. 3.

ACTION: NA

- **Wildlife Bridge / Nature Recovery Plan:** The PC noted that Gloucestershire County Council has produced a Nature Recovery Plan, which includes mention of a wildlife bridge spanning the A40 at Sherborne, without consulting the Parish Council. The National Trust were consulted.

ACTION: TW, AW and CH to raise the Nature Recovery Plan with the National Trust and report back.

- **Thames Water:** A parishioner has drawn to the PC's attention that Thames Water have not responded to questions raised regarding sewage dumping and the upgrading of the treatment plant on the windrush.

ACTION: PC to monitor the situation.

3. Highways:

- **Grips:** The PC discussed chasing up grips management and requesting a timetable from Highways. The PC is willing to engage with the works but with the approval of Highways.
- **Pavements:** Craig, now in charge of Highways' special projects, visited YB to discuss the pavement from the Farmington end of the village to the Church Yard, which is in a state of disrepair. He was keen to identify dry stone wall owners adjacent to the pavement in order to indemnify Highways.

ACTION: PC to chase grips management with Highways and request a timetable. PC to seek Roger's advice on the legal position in respect of volunteer working parties on highway land. YB to send plan to Highways.

3. Verge Management:

- The PC agreed to produce a schedule of works for verge cutting in order to go out to tender.

ACTION: ER to prepare a schedule of works and send to AW.

4. War Memorial:

- The PC agreed to update the parishioner who has researched the war memorial and to request quotes for repair works. A village consultation meeting regarding repair options is to be arranged for September/October.

ACTION: HGG to update the relevant parishioner and request repair quotes. PC to arrange village consultation in September/October.

5. Solar Farm:

- The NT have not yet submitted a planning application for the solar farm.

ACTION: AW to chase up with the NT lead contact for an update.