MONK SHERBORNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly 2026

Date:	**Wednesday 13 May 2026**	**Time:**	**7.15pm**
Place:	**Monk Sherborne Village Hall**		
Present:	Cllr Boyle (Chairman)	Cllr A Minter	
	Cllr P Cave	Cllr Mcsoley	
	Cllr S Minas-Bound	Borough Cllr J Ganesh	
	County Cllr R Vaughan		
	3 Members of the public		
Apologies:	Cllr Mcsoley		

1. Chairman's welcome

Cllr Boyle opened the meeting at 7.15pm and welcomed members present.

2. Apologies

All members were present with no other apologies having been received.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 14 May 2025

The Minutes from the Parish Assembly held on Wednesday 14 May 2025 were approved and signed accordingly.

4. Chairman's report on previous year

It has been another productive and positive year for Monk Sherborne Parish Council, with members continuing to work hard on behalf of the parish and local residents.

Throughout the year, the Council has continued to focus on maintaining and improving the parish environment, whilst carefully managing finances and responding to local concerns. Regular maintenance works have been undertaken across the parish, including verge cutting, vegetation management, play area maintenance, and works delivered through the Lengthsman Scheme. Improvements to sight lines, road signage and public areas have also been pursued with Hampshire County Council and other partners.

The play area has remained a key focus during the year. Following the refurbishment completed previously, the Council has continued to invest in the facility, including repairs to equipment and progressing grant funding applications for replacement swings and new picnic benches for families to enjoy. Support from grant funding and the Village Hall Committee has been greatly appreciated.

The Council has continued to review planning applications affecting the parish and represent the interests of residents where appropriate. Significant time has been spent considering the proposed Solar Farm application and its potential impact on the parish. Members have carefully monitored developments, considered resident concerns, and ensured the Council's views were formally represented through the planning process.

Good governance and sound financial management have remained priorities throughout the year. The Council successfully completed its Annual Governance and Accountability Return, maintained effective internal controls, adopted updated policies, and continued to manage parish finances responsibly despite increasing costs. A balanced budget has been set for the forthcoming year to ensure services and maintenance within the parish can continue to be delivered effectively.

I would like to thank fellow councillors for their commitment and support during the year, together with our Clerk, Cally Morris, for her continued professionalism and hard work on behalf of the Council and parish residents. Thanks are also extended to our Borough and County Councillors, the Village Hall Committee, volunteers, and residents who continue to support the local community.

Whilst there are ongoing challenges ahead, the Council remains committed to protecting and improving Monk Sherborne and ensuring it continues to be a welcoming and well-maintained parish for all residents.

5. Questions from Parishioners

Mr D Harling raised concerns regarding speeding traffic through the village, especially as it appears to be from all directions.
The Chairman advised that in previous years the parish council had requested volunteers to be part of the Community Speedwatch campaign but had never met the required number to pursue.
County Cllr R Vaughan advised that speeding was the top concern in all 12 of the parishes within his ward and that the jurisdiction of speed limits lies with the local police.
Borough Cllr Minas-Bound advised that BDBC were in the process of purchasing Speed Indicator Devices for loan within local parishes. Specific criteria is required to be met for their installation.
Members advised that they would undertake initial investigations as to the options available that are free to the parish to try and deter speeding.

Mr D Harling also requested whether pinch points could be installed to deter the area being a cut through. Investigations are to be undertaken in conjunction with Hampshire Highways.

Meeting closed at 19.36pm.