

Monk Sherborne Parish Council

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Date: Wednesday 12th March 2025 **Time:** 7.30pm
Place: Monk Sherborne Village Hall, Salters Heath Rd, Monk Sherborne, Tadley RG26 5HR
Present: Cllr Boyle Cllr Mcsoley
Cllr Minter 1 members of the public
Cally Morris (Clerk) Cllr Simon Minas-Bound

Public participation

As no questions were raised, the Chairman proceeded to open the meeting accordingly.

1.0325 To report, approve and record apologies for absence (and the reasons) from members of the Parish Council

Apologies were presented and accepted from Cllr P Cave & County Cllr R Vaughan

2. 0325 To Receive Declarations of a Personal or Pecuniary Interest and Grant any Dispensations requested

No Declarations of a Personal or Pecuniary Interest were presented. No applications for dispensations were required.

3.0325 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting, held on the 15 January 2025, having been circulated, were signed as a true and correct record.

4. 0325 Reports

- i) Chairmans Report: The Chairman updated members of the new Community Engagement Ranger post for HCC.
- ii) County Cllr report: A written report had been previously circulated by County Cllr Vaughan to members prior to the meeting. No further questions were raised.

Borough Cllr report: Cllr Minas-Bounds advised members present of the decisions taken at the recent budget meeting by BDBC. Members were advised that parking charges in Basingstoke town were to be increased, with black rubbish being phased to fortnightly by autumn 2026. Concerns were raised in relation to the number of solar farms being proposed within the local area and planning in general.

5. 0325 Portfolio reports

i) Planning

To consider any planning applications before the council and receive any planning decisions

An update of planning applications was presented by Cllr Mcsoley. Members gave consideration to the application for 9 The Close, determining a response of no objection.

Members noted the enquiry submitted for The Olive Tree was under review. However, BDBC advised that the height of the hedge was not an area that fell within their jurisdiction.

BDBC advised an enforcement had been submitted for Carlyle House and was currently under investigation. An update is awaited.

An update was provided in relation to Blackberries, advising the number of caravans on site had reduced since it first occupied. BDBC advised they had noted the reduction, with a site visit being scheduled to serve an enforcement notice further to a breach of planning.

To give consideration to any other planning related matter within the parish

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Tree works for Eglesfield Cottage had been noted by members with no objection raised.

To discuss the proposal from Solar2 further to the public meeting and determine any actions

Cllr Mcsoley advised of her attendance at the recent public meeting held by Solar2 to advise parishioners of the details relating to the proposed application.

Members discussed the information received, expressing their disappointment at the lack of knowledge from those present, with a variation of answers having been provided.

A number of local parishioners have expressed their objection to the proposal, forming a pressure group to formulate an objection. Liaison is to be held with the parish council with weekly updates being provided of any actions taken by the group.

Members present resolved unanimously to invite Solar 2 to a future council meeting to provide a presentation confirming the details of the proposal. Time is to be allocated as part of the meeting to enable parishioners to ask any questions. The meeting is to be advertised accordingly.

ii) Local Authority Consultations: There are currently no consultations requiring consideration.

iii) To receive an update on any actions relating to Highways of Footpaths within the parish

Cllr Boyle advised Highways continued to be chased in relation to works required at the ditches and sump at the War Memorial to alleviate flooding. A complaint was submitted to HCC Highways with County Cllr R Vaughan being copied in on correspondence. Despite continual chasing action is still awaited. A formal letter is to be forwarded to the Chief Executive at HCC Highways to express the council's disappointment at the lack of action.

Members resolved to invite the new Community Engagement Ranger to a future council meeting to discuss the management of public rights of way within the parish.

iv) To receive an update in relation to the operation of Monk Sherborne Village Hall

Cllr Mcsoley provided a verbal update to members regarding the village hall, in the absence of Cllr Cave, advising of the local events having been held and their success.

v) To receive an update in relation to the Playground and determine any works required

The weekly inspection noted the shackle bolts were loose on the cradle swing seats. The situation is to be monitored.

06.0325 Parish issues & maintenance

i) To note any parish maintenance identified and determine the action required

The grounds maintenance contractor has cut the hedge on the perimeter of the play area.

iii) To determine any specific works for the Lengthsman

Resolved: To request a price for the repainting of the Finger Post in Charter Alley.

7.0325 Finance

i) To approve payments

All payments were acknowledged and payment resolved unanimously (Appendix A).

ii) To acknowledge any receipts:

Receipts received were acknowledged accordingly (Appendix A).

iii) To receive an update re S106 funds allocated to MSPC

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Members acknowledged S106 funds of £1,995 being available, £1,380 for transportation & Highway projects and £615 remaining for Sport & Playing Fields. Suitable projects are to be identified and submitted to BDBC for consideration. Liaison is to be held with BDBC with regard to the parameters upon which the money is to be utilised.

iv) To approve the Insurance renewal for June 2025

Resolved: To instruct the councils insurers to insure council assets are per schedule and quotation received for 2025/2026.

v) To confirm the appointment of the parish councils approved Internal Auditor

Resolved: To instruct Do the Numbers for a further year to undertake the parish council internal audit.

vi) To receive an expenditure report prior to year end

Members received the end of year expenditure report, noting reserves remaining and additional expenditure incurred during the financial year. The end of year process is to commence in preparation for submission of the AGAR to the external auditors at year end.

08.0325 Resolution: To exclude the public and press from items that may require discussion of possible legal and financial proceedings i.a.w. Public Meetings – Admission to Public Meetings Act 1960. Exclusion was not required.

09.0325 Items of a confidential nature:

No items of a confidential nature.

Date of next meeting & Items for future discussion – Wednesday 14th May 2025

Meeting closed at 20.51pm.

Appendix A:

Reconciliation: 10/03/2025

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Balance carried forward	5409.92
Precept (1 st Instalment)	6,875.00
Precept (2 nd instalment)	6,875.00
Grant funding	645.72
Vat reclaim	6431.87
Play Area grant funding	1728.33
Miscellaneous income	300.00
Receipts & Opening Balance	28,265.84
Payments to date	24,661.10
Total	3,604.74
Bank Statement:	3,604.74

Appendix B: Planning applications

<u>App No</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Application</u>
25/00402/HSE	9 The Close Monk Sherborne	Erection of a replacement garage and carport

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T/00102/25/TCA	Eglesfield Cottage Ramsdell Road Monk Sherborne	1. Front garden - plum tree (damson) in a hedgerow. Has not been pruned for years. Needs crown reduction by 20% - currently c10m tall and we would like to reduce by 2m 2. Back garden - removal of plum tree (Victoria) which is diseased, partly dead and has a lot of fungus growing out of the trunk and branches - concerned this will spread.
24/02514/FUL	Rook Hill Ramsdell Road Monk Sherborne	Installation of 30 solar panels at ground level to paddock land adjacent to the main house Rook Hill. Inverter and 2 no storage batteries to be installed on rear wall and suitable ducted cabling laid underground from Solar panel to inverter. Suitable hedging approx. 5m long to right hand side