

MEETING OF SHERFIELD ENGLISH PARISH COUNCIL

All members of Sherfield English Parish Council are hereby summoned to attend a meeting at The Pavilion, Sherfield English Recreation Ground on Wednesday 22nd April 2026 commencing at 7.30pm.

Mel Taylor

Parish Clerk

16th April 2026

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest in relation to agenda items only

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest and other interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it. Whether you can remain in the meeting and the extent to which you can participate depends on the type of interest you have.

3. Minutes of previous meetings

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th February 2026 and the Planning Committee meeting held on 11th March 2026.

4. Matters arising

To consider any matters arising from the previous meeting which will not be covered by existing agenda items. Any matters raised are for information only.

5. Open Forum

A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public and press to ask questions or raise comments about items on the agenda. No decisions can be made by the Council during the Open Forum. After this period, the meeting will continue and members of the public may only speak when invited to do so.

6. Southern Water future roadworks on the A27

Following the withdrawal by Hampshire Highways of the permit for Southern Water's A27 roadworks in January 2026, to consider a suggestion from a resident to establish a joint Working Group with neighbouring parishes, with the aim being to engage with Southern Water and Hampshire Highways during the planning and rescheduling of the works, and to act as a liaison between residents and the authorities to support effective two-way communication.

7. Borough Councillor & County Councillor Reports

To receive reports from Test Valley Borough Councillor and Hampshire County Councillor.

8. Local Government Reorganisation

To receive any updates on Local Government Reorganisation.

9. Village Hall

To receive any updates from the Village Hall.

10. Planning

a) To consider the following planning application:

Ref No.	Address	Proposal	Response deadline
26/00658/FULLS	Danes Orchard, Danes Road, Shootash	Change of use from dwelling (Use Class C3) to school learning hub for children with special educational needs (Use Class F1)	20 th April 2026 (TVBC informed that response will be submitted 23 rd April)

b) To note the following planning updates:

Ref No.	Address	Proposal	SEPC response	TVBC response
25/02483/FULLS	Land at Birchgrove Dunwood Hill East Wellow	Demolition of existing building and erection of dwelling, garage with office/storage above and associated access, landscaping, parking, boundary fence and package treatment plant	No objection	Permission granted
25/02899/FULLS	Bryher House Doctors Hill	Change of use of land to extend residential garden and construction of detached outbuilding consisting of garage and carport	No comment	Not yet determined
25/02934/FULLS	Sandhill Game Farm Newtown Road	Construction of dwelling and provision of package treatment plant	Objection	Not yet determined
26/00079/FULLS	Post Hill Farm Salisbury Road	Replacement Dwelling	No comment	Not yet determined
26/00171/CLCS	Blackwater Farm Salisbury Road	Application for lawful development certificate for construction of dwelling without planning permission and use of associated land and outbuildings for ancillary residential use	No objection	Lawful development certificate issued
26/00306/FULLS	Pemberton Lodge Doctors Hill	Erection of self-build dwelling to replace mobile home	Objection	Not yet determined
26/00446/FULLS	Blue Cedars Newtown Road Awbridge	Extension to the front of the existing garage and lean to extension to side of the garage including tool store, log store and store	No comment	Not yet determined

11. Neighbourhood Plan

To receive any updates regarding the Neighbourhood Plan (Cllrs Hoffman & G Noble).

12. Community Resilience and Emergency Plan

To receive any updates on Community Resilience and the Emergency Plan (Cllr Griffiths).

13. Lengthsman Scheme - including footpaths and village maintenance

To receive an update on the Lengthsman Scheme and to consider any tasks within the remit of the Scheme, or other village maintenance matters (Cllr Dovey).

14. Highways

- i. To receive an update regarding the proposed purchase of a Speed Indicator Device for the A27 (Parish Clerk):

An application for a Borough Councillor grant towards the cost of purchasing a Speed Indicator Device in the financial year 2025/26 was unsuccessful with the grant being oversubscribed. Applications are open for the new financial year (2026/27) and a new application has been submitted.

Total cost of 1 x SID: £2,500

Borough Councillor Grant application: £1,000

If successful, the balance, plus installation, will be funded from the 2026/27 budget allocation.

- ii. To receive an update on a request to Hampshire Constabulary for deployment of the speed monitoring van (Cllr G Noble).
- iii. To note that an application to Hampshire County Council for a grant from the Department for Transport's Bus Service Improvement Plan 2025/26 to fund the refurbishment of 2 bus shelters and the replacement of 1 bus shelter (Mill Lane) was successful (Cllr Lewis).
- iv. To receive any other highways matters.

15. The Hatchet Inn

To receive an update on registration of The Hatchet Inn as an Asset Of Community Value (Parish Clerk):

As part of the application, Test Valley Borough Council require evidence of historic use of the asset, as well as support demonstrating its value to the community. Posters and social media posts have been published and responses are being received. It is anticipated that the application will be submitted around the end of April / early May.

16. Councillor Representatives' reports

To receive reports from Council representatives.

17. Insurance

The Parish Council's insurance expired on 7th April 2026. A renewal quote of £689.52 was received from the current provider. An alternative quote of £300.00 was received from Zurich Insurance for equivalent, and in some aspects greater, cover. Insurance is confirmed to 6th April 2027.

18. Finance

- i. To receive a budget report for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.
- ii. To approve the following payments:

Payee	Details	Invoice number & date	Amount	Due date
Zurich Insurance	Insurance policy 2026/27	n/a	£300.00	PAID 08.04.2026
M Taylor	Reimbursement of Land Registry fee for Title Plan for the Hatchet Inn (for Asset of Community Value application)	n/a	£7.00	

- iii. To approve payment of the following contractual commitments for the financial year 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027:

M Taylor	£186.00 per month	Parish Clerk's monthly salary
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- iv. To consider renewal of Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) & National Association of Local Councils (NALC) membership for the year 2026/27 at a cost of £359.00 (£367.00 in 2025/26).
- v. An application to open a current account with Unity Trust, as agreed at the last meeting (minute reference 26/242v), is underway, with the two signatories from the current TSB account being set-up as signatories on the new account.

To consider appointing additional signatories to ensure business continuity in the absence or unavailability of either of the current two approved signatories and to improve governance and transparency.

19. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 20th May 2026, following the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Sherfield English Recreation Ground.