

**Minutes of a meeting of
SHERFIELD ENGLISH PARISH COUNCIL
held on Wednesday 08 July 2026 at 7.30pm
at the Pavilion, Sherfield English Recreation Ground**

Present: Councillors Sheila Cook, Stephen Dovey, Donnamarie Lewis and Rod Noble (Vice Chairman)

In attendance: Mel Taylor (Parish Clerk)
Test Valley Borough Councillor Gordon Bailey
6 members of public

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by Vice Chairman, Cllr Rod Noble

26/296 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Griffiths (Chairman), Jerome Hoffman and Graham Noble.

Borough & County Councillor Nick Adams-King was unable to attend the meeting.

26/297 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATION TO AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Lewis declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 8 (minute reference 26/303) as a member of the SEDCA Committee and newsletter Editor.

26/298 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 20 May 2026, 03 June 2026 and 17 June 2026 as true and accurate records.

26/299 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

26/300 OPEN FORUM

A resident raised ongoing concerns relating to planning application 26/00306/FULLS - Pemberton Lodge and the information presented to the Southern Area Planning Committee.

Borough Councillor Gordon Bailey advised that Test Valley Borough Council's Legal Officer was supportive of the Planning Officer's report.

Action: Parish Clerk to relay the concerns to Test Valley Borough Council

26/301 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

There were no reports.

26/302 VILLAGE HALL

There was no report.

26/303 VILLAGE WEBSITE

It was noted that SEDCA had been asked to take over ownership and management of the village website (www.sherfieldenglish.org.uk), currently administered by John Hartley. It was anticipated that SEDCA would take over responsibility from September 2026.

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SEDCA would be seeking grant funding for future running costs, however, the next subscription payment due in November would be covered by SEDCA. Quotes to redesign the village website were being obtained and a request for financial support would be considered at a future meeting once costs were known.

26/304 PLANNING

a) Council considered the following planning applications:

Ref No.	Address	Proposal	RESOLVED
26/01239/ADVS	The Hatchet Inn Salisbury Road	Display of externally illuminated hanging sign, 2 non-illuminated hoarding panels, 2 externally illuminated fascia signs, 2 internally illuminated poster boxes and externally illuminated panel sign	SUPPORT
26/01240/LBWS	The Hatchet Inn Salisbury Road	Installation of signage, floodlights and lanterns	SUPPORT
26/01390/FULLS	Chericot Doctors Hill	Provision of photovoltaic panels on roof and erection of detached garage/store	NO COMMENT

b) The following planning updates and statuses were noted:

Ref No.	Address	Proposal	SEPC response	TVBC response
25/02934/FULLS	Sandhill Game Farm Newtown Road	Construction of dwelling and provision of package treatment plant	Objection	Permission granted
26/00079/FULLS	Post Hill Farm Salisbury Road	Replacement Dwelling	No comment	Refused
26/00306/FULLS	Pemberton Lodge Doctors Hill	Erection of self-build dwelling to replace mobile home	Objection	Not yet determined
26/00830/FULLS	Domus Tote Hill Lockerley	Erection of an ancillary garden room, installation of a stone patio area and construction of a timber pergola	Garden room should remain part of existing dwelling and not separated and implementation of landscaping that was a condition of planning permission should be secured	Permission granted (no conditions regarding garden room and previous landscaping condition)
26/00831/TPOS	Workshops Sandhill Game Farm Newtown Road	Trees 1, 2 and 3 – Oak – Fell	Plans and supporting information currently available are unclear and key details are insufficiently presented. Clearer drawings and additional supporting information is required	Part consent / part refusal 1 – granted 2&3 – refused insufficient technical evidence provided...
26/00949/FULLS	Yew Tree Cottage Doctors Hill	Two storey side extension and porch	No comment	Not yet determined
26/00986/FULLS	March End Doctors Hill	To raise one number chimney stack by 700mm (to 1900mm above ridge line) (Retrospective)	No objection	Not yet determined

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26/01021/FULLS	Doctors Hill Farm Doctors Hill	Demolition of conservatory and external staircase, erection of front and rear single storey extensions and two storey side extension and alterations to fenestration	No objection	Permission granted
26/01060/FULLS	Broxmore Drove Cottage Salisbury Road	Demolish garage and erect replacement garage with ancillary annex, gym and home office	The replacement garage should be part of the existing residential property	Not yet determined

c) Appeal Decision - Land west of Sandhill Farm, Salisbury Road, Sherfield English (25/02348/FULLS)

It was noted that an appeal against a refusal to grant planning permission had been allowed and planning permission was granted for erection of a dwelling combined with partial change of use from agricultural to residential land with landscaping, subject to conditions.

The Planning Inspector's conclusion:

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that applications for planning permission, and therefore appeals, must be determined in accordance with the Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The proposal benefits from the presumption of sustainable development as outlined in Paragraph 11 of the Framework. I have found that the adverse impacts of granting permission would not significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the Framework taken in the round. It follows that despite the conflict with the Development Plan, material considerations indicate that planning permission should be granted. For the above reasons, having regard to the Development Plan as a whole, the approach in the Framework, and all other material considerations, the appeal should be allowed.

26/305 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr R Noble had advised that Test Valley Borough Council had provided an update on the assessments of the potential land submitted for housing allocation in the draft Plan. A small amount of further work was required, and the team would liaise to complete this.

26/306 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY PLAN

There was no update.

26/307 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME – including footpaths and village maintenance

a) Cllr Dovey reported that the reason that June tasks had not been completed was due to a delay in the Lengthsman receiving the information. Cllr Dovey advised the Lengthsman that the work around the Mill Lane bus shelter was a priority in preparation for the replacement shelter. Work on other trees in the vicinity of the bus shelter had been identified and it was agreed that Cllr Dovey would pursue to enable the work to be carried out prior to the new shelter being installed in August.

Action: Cllr Dovey to pursue additional tree works

Work to cut back vegetation to the path edges on the A27 was significant and may require a mini digger.

Action: Cllr Dovey to obtain costs to hire a mini digger

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Cllr Dovey advised that a local resident had approached the Parish Council seeking help with repairing a stile and it was being assessed whether the Lengthsman may be able to help, depending on the land ownership status.

2 members of public left the meeting

- b) Council reviewed an agreement with Stockbridge Parish Council, as Lead Parish in the Parish Lengthsman Scheme, to renew the Lengthsman agreement for the period 01 April 2026 to 31 March 2028.

RESOLVED to approve the agreement for endorsement by the Parish Clerk.

26/308 HIGHWAYS

- a) The Parish Clerk advised further information had now been received from Hampshire County Council regarding costs etc for the installation of Speed Indicator Device/s on the A27 and this would be presented to the next meeting in September.
- b) Following the DfT's Bus Service Improvement Plan grant, Cllr Lewis advised that the replacement bus shelter on Mill Lane was expected to be installed on 10 August 2026, with the refurbishment works undertaken afterwards.

26/309 THE HATCHET INN

The Parish Clerk reported that the application to register the Hatchet Inn as an Asset of Community Value had been submitted to Test Valley Borough Council.

26/310 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

On behalf of St Leonard's Church, Julia Noble reported that the Winnie The Pooh exhibition held the previous Saturday, in celebration of 100 years of the Hundred Acre Wood, had been very well supported with good feedback. Valuable funds had been raised and the exhibition was still on display in the Church.

Cllr Lewis reported that the SEDCA newsletter was going well and the possibility of producing two colour copies per year was being considered.

26/311 FINANCE

A financial report for the period 01 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 was noted.

RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Payee	Details	Invoice number & date	Amount	Due date
SERPS2000	Hire of the Pavilion for Parish Council meetings Nov 2025 – May 2026 10hrs @ £7.50ph	1/5 29.05.2026	£75.00	not stated
J Hartley	Reimbursement of the cost a Survey Monkey subscription for consultations associated with the Neighbourhood Plan	46665765 30.03.2025	£384.00 (£320+VAT)	ASAP

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It was noted that, as agreed at the February 2026 meeting (minute reference 26/242v), a current account was now open with Unity Trust, with Cllrs Griffiths and Hoffman as the initial two signatories, with additional signatories to be added. Funds from the existing TSB current account to be transferred to the Unity Trust account.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 02 September 2026, 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Sherfield English Recreation Ground, with provision for a Planning Committee meeting on 19 August 2026, if needed.

Followed by Wednesdays: 14 October 2026, 25 November 2026, 06 January 2027, 17 February 2027, 17 March 2027 (Planning Committee, if needed), 21 April 2027 and 19 May 2027.

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 8.16pm.

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