

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SELBORNE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN SELBORNE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 8.00PM



Present: Cllr Seema Bennett (Chairman)
Cllr David Webster-Jones (Vice Chairman)
Cllr David Ashcroft
Cllr Gren Earney
Cllr Nikki O'Donnell
Cllr Rob Stephenson

Also present: 0 members of the public

25/137 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Charlie Bridger, Cllr Howard Grosvenor, and Cllr Sarah Hulbert, Cllr Tom Marien, and Cllr Wendy Megeny.

RESOLVED Cllr Earney proposed that all apologies be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/138 Declarations of Interest

Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest as defined in the Code of Conduct which they have in any item on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have declared a disclosable pecuniary interest and some other interests. You must withdraw from the room/meeting when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.

RESOLVED: No declarations of interest were received. Noted for the record.

25/139 Approval of Minutes: To approve the minutes of the full council meeting on 21st January 2026

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/140 Chairman's Announcements

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/141 Executive Officers summary

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/142 Public Questions

RESOLVED: None received, no members of the public were present.

25/143 To note updates on VAS signage in the parish

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/144 To note progress/discussions on the proposed multigym installations in Oakhanger and Selborne and set a date for engagement with interested parties

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/145 To agree the quotes received for grass cutting works in the parish for 2026/27

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/146 To agree the Investment Policy as recommended by the Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/147 To note and agree the licence fee for land at Ketchers Field for 26/27

Councillors noted that the Licence Fee for Peppercorn Plot had been requested from Blackmoor Estate at a £1 cost for 2027/27. Cllr Ashcroft suggested that Cllr O'Donnell makes contact with Wakes to discuss a reflail to clear the space.

RESOLVED: Cllr Bennett proposed that the fee be agreed for the year. Seconded by Cllr Earney. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/148 To discuss and update the CFI Funding application to SDNPA for traffic works in Selborne following on from discussions with HCC Highways

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/149 To discuss and agree a grant for St. Mary's Church, Selborne for 2024/25 and 2025/26

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/150 To discuss and agree a letter of support to Whitehill Town Council for their CIL bid for a new MUGA

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/151 To discuss and agree improvement works at the Lions Mouth

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/152 To discuss excavation works outside Grance, Gracious Street to alleviate flooding

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/153 To discuss and agree to obtain quotes for tree works to the sycamore tree on the Plestor

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/154 To discuss recovery works to the Oak tree on the Plestor

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/155 To note the licence agreement for renting storage space in the Recreation Pavillion commencing 1st March 2026

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the item be deferred. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Noted for the record.

25/156 To note the next date for litter picking in the parish

It was noted that the next village litter pick was scheduled for 21st March 2026. All volunteers were welcome and adverts would be out up in the village to advertise it. It was further noted by volunteers that there is an increase of litter on The Hangar and in the village. Parishoners who had volunteered their time were duly thanked, as were East Hampshire District Council representatives who collected the rubbish. It was agreed that the Locum Clerk would liaise with EHDC to arrange for collection of rubbish on/after the litter pick date of 21st March 2026.

RESOLVED: Councillor Bennett proposed that the date be noted and the Locum Clerk to arrange for the purple bags to be collected following the village litter pick. Seconded by Cllr Earney. Agreed unanimously, motion carried. Locum Clerk to liaise with EHDC.

25/157 Planning: To consider and agree a response to the following planning application(s):

- [SDNP/25/05141/TCA](#) - Broome House, High Street, Selborne, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3LG. T1: Thuja occidentalis; to remove dead tree, max. 6 metres in height. Decision date: 20th February 2026 (extension granted). Councillors noted that the tree is dead.
RESOLVED: Councillor Bennett proposed that council does not comment on the proposals. Seconded by Cllr Earney. Agreed by four councillors with two abstentions, motion carried. Noted for the record.
- [SDNP/25/05069/FUL](#) - Blackmoor Village Hall, Church Lane, Blackmoor, Liss, Hampshire, GU33 6BP. 4x Solar panels to part roof of Village Hall and to 2 detached Storesheds (8 & 6no. panels) to the rear of the Hall. Installation of associated cabling, collection plant, inverters and batteries to be in the existing storeroom in the modern extension at the rear of the original Hall. Decision date: 20th February 2026 (extension granted).
RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the council does not comment on the proposals as Selborne Parish Council have already provided financial support/grant. Seconded by Cllr Bennett. Agreed by five councillors with one abstention, motion carried. Noted for the record.
- [SDNP/25/05070/LIS](#) - Blackmoor Village Hall, Church Lane, Blackmoor, Liss, Hampshire, GU33 6BP. 4x Solar panels to part roof of Village Hall and to 2 detached Storesheds (8 & 6no. panels) to the rear of the Hall. Installation of associated cabling, collection plant, inverters and batteries to be in the existing storeroom in the modern extension at the rear of the original Hall. Decision date: 20th February 2026 (extension granted).
RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the council does not comment on the proposals as Selborne Parish Council have already provided financial support/grant. Seconded by Cllr Bennett. Agreed by five councillors with one abstention, motion carried. Noted for the record.
- [SDNP/26/00042/HOUS](#) - Kite Hill, Kite Hill, Selborne, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3LA. Construction of two-storey front extension, single storey front and side extensions and swimming pool. Decision date: 23rd February 2026. Cllr O'Donnell noted that Natural England had not objected to the application but had made comments regarding the SSSI and requested appropriate mitigation approaches regarding wildlife and SSSI impact.
RESOLVED: Cllr Bennett proposed that the council endorses Natural England's comments on the application and replicates appropriate mitigations. Seconded by Cllr Earney. Agreed by five councillors with one abstention, motion carried. Noted for the record, Locum Clerk to write.
- [SDNP/26/00041/TCA](#) - Nuthatch, Plum Fell Lane, Selborne, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3JX. Felling of 7x ash trees affected by ash dieback. Decision date: 19th February 2026. Councillors noted that the map showed the site area, but not the specific trees. Concerns were raised about the lack of Tree Officer comments, however safety issues were also raised by Cllr Webster-Jones should the trees remain in situ. Cllr Ashworth recommend felling the trees due to disease as the appropriate measures.
RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the parish council do not object to the application, but to be consistent with previous cases the application should not be supported without both professional tree surgeon advice and specific individual tree location map provided, which is lacking. Seconded by Cllr Bennett. Agreed by four councillors with two abstentions, motion carried. Noted for the record, Locum Clerk to write.
- [SDNP/26/00011/LIS](#) - Forge Cottage, High Street, Selborne, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3JW. New single story rear extension. Decision date: 19th February 2026. Councillors noted that the application was similar to previously submitted applications which had been objected to by the parish council. The application has now been amended to show a flat roof as opposed to a pitched roof, with an increased footprint. Councillors felt that the application fails to enhance listed building and historical character of landscape.
RESOLVED: Cllr Bennett proposed that the council objects to the application based on SPC's previous comments and noted that we concurred with SDNPA's reasons for refusal previously. Seconded by Cllr Earney. Agreed by three councillors with three abstentions, motion carried. Noted for the record, Locum Clerk to write.
- [SDNP/26/00010/HOUS](#) - Forge Cottage, High Street, Selborne, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3JW. New single story rear extension. Decision date: 19th February 2026.

Councillors noted that the application for planning permission was linked to the previous application for listed building consent - SDNP/26/00011/LIS and SPC would write along the same lines to both applications.

- **RESOLVED:** Cllr Bennett proposed that the council objects to the application based on SPC's previous comments and noted that we concurred with SDNPA's reasons for refusal previously. Seconded by Cllr Earney. Agreed by three councillors with three abstentions, motion carried. Noted for the record, Locum Clerk to write.

- [SDNP/26/00315/TCA](#) - Orchard Mead, Hastards Lane, Selborne, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3LB. T1 and T4 - Common Beech x 2 - Reduce as appropriate, elongated lower branches overhanging the rear garden. T2 and T3 - . Common Ash (diseased) x 2 - Remove branches overhanging the rear garden. Decision date: 26th February 2026.

RESOLVED: Councillor Bennett proposed that council does not object to the proposals. Seconded by Cllr Earney. Agreed by four councillors with two abstentions, motion carried. Noted for the record.

- [SDNP/26/00223/FUL](#) - St Matthews Church, Church Lane, Blackmoor, Liss, Hampshire, GU33 6BN. Interior Works to include the removal of all late 20.C partitions, fixtures and services from the existing south porch, and the introduction of a sloped floor. Relocation of the existing font and associated making good of the floor tiling to the nave. Removal of stone to create 2no. proposed door openings into the north wall of the nave and associated making good of the lower level wall tiling. Removal of the existing timber screen between the tower and the nave and its replacement with a folding oak door panel system. Proposed external pitched roof extension to north of the nave, with glazed link back to 2no. door openings in north wall of nave. Glazed link glass to be site-cut to match external profile of existing stone buttresses. Relocation of existing RWP to adjacent window bay in order to accommodate new glazed link. Proposed relocation of one existing external drainage pipe to accommodate proposed extension.

RESOLVED: Councillor agreed to defer the application and request that the Locum Clerk ask for further information in order to determine a response to the proposals. Locum Clerk to write to the case officer at EHDC requesting further information and an extension and not the deferment for the March full council agenda.

25/158 Financial Report:

- a) To note bank balances, earmarked reserves and receipts since the meeting on 21st January 2026 and discuss and agree the balances for the remainder of the council year

RESOLVED: Councillors noted the bank balances, EMR balances and receipts since 21st January 2026.

- b) To note and approve January 2026's bank reconciliation

Councillors acknowledged that the bank reconciliations showed the correct position.

RESOLVED: Cllr Bennett proposed to agree and sign January's bank reconciliations. Cllr Earney seconded. Five councillors voted in favour, with one abstention. Motion carried. Locum Clerk to retain the signed bank reconciliation for the record.

- c) To approve the proposed schedule of payments

Payee	Description	Invoice no.	Method of Payment	Gross Invoice Amount (£)
Paid – expenditure previously approved at Council meeting/regular payments/payments under Clerk's/Chairs delegation				
Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge – February 2026		DD	8.25
EE Limited	Telephone Charges		DD	17.54
DJ Pipework	Allotment tap installation	Inv. 210126	BACS	2,940.00
For approval				
Julie Flenley	Locum Fees January – February 2026	Inv. 38	BACS	2,880.00

Create Design	Domain renewal fee 26/27	Inv. 11237	BACS	28.00
Lord Selborne	Ketchers Field Annual Licence Fee	N/A	BACS	1.00
Receipts				
N/A				

RESOLVED: Cllr Earney proposed that the payments list be agreed by the council. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. Four councillors voted in favour, with two abstentions. Motion carried, Locum Clerk noted for the record and to pay invoices.

25/159 To receive District Councillor report

RESOLVED: Cllr Ashcroft noted that the elections were going ahead on the first Thursday in May 2026.

25/160 Date of next meetings:

- 18th March 2026 - Full Council – Blackmoor Village Hall

MEETING CLOSED: 8.47PM

Signed Date
 Chairman