

MINUTES OF THE SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 11TH MAY 2026 AT APRIL'S FARM, SMANNELL

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Marianne Black, Cllr. Paul Dunning (Chair), Cllr. David Martin, Cllr. Erica Mason, Cllr. Rob Price, Cllr. Sue Rogers, Cllr. David Singleton

In attendance:

County Cllr. Kirsty North – Hampshire County Council

1. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None recorded.

2. APOLOGIES

Borough Cllr. Phil North – Test Valley Borough Council

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None recorded

4. TO RECEIVE THE RETIRING CHAIR'S REPORT

The retiring Chair for the municipal year 2025/2026 gave the following report:

Once again I am pleased to confirm that the visions we set out in previous years continue to deliver positive values and experiences within our Parish.

- Developing methods to decrease speeding and increase the safety of our community by canvassing residents about reducing speed restrictions to 20mph in order that we can consider installing speed bumps.
- Encouraging an active and vibrant community where Parishioners from all walks of life can benefit from the inclusion in our events by developing the playing field and supporting social events held at the LLPF
- Continuing to increase precept levels to at least meet the average budgeted expenditure in recent years which would not include peculiar one-off purchases.

I would like to register my thanks to the members of the Council and the events team associated with the Little London Playing Field for their unilateral support of the Council vision.

The additional assistance by Gavin Burgess (Electrician) supplying free goods and services have made using the BBQ shack considerably easier.

Antony Tompkins and Bill Whitmore worked alongside Dave Martin and myself and saved the Parish in excess of £8,000 with the felling of ash trees. A fabulous community project. I am also proud of the new fencing the playing field has now and look forward to the remainder being completed in July.

The Parish faces new pressures in the coming years, the most pressing of which is the anticipated planning application for up to 190 houses in the south of our parish increasing our small parish by 113% will have significant impact.

However, I was delighted to confirm TVBC's eventual rejection of eight affordable houses in a totally inappropriate place next to The Oak Public House. This result would not have been possible without Cllr Phil North's request to put the application in the hands of the

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Planning Committee and to Councillor Kirsty North for her time helping me fight the application with a convincing argument against the application.

5. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – 19 MAY 2025

Members unanimously RESOLVED the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 19 May 2025 and the Chair signed the Minutes as a true and correct record.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

County Cllr. Kirsty North advised all present that she would provide her report later in the Full Council meeting with that of Borough Cllr. Phil North's report, which will be tabled.

7. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

None received.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Members unanimously RESOLVED that future parish council meetings should continue to be held on a bi-monthly basis, with the exception of August and will therefore remain unchanged and meetings to start at 18.30 hours.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None recorded

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed this meeting at 18.38 hours.