

MINUTES OF THE SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY 2026 AT APRIL'S FARM, SMANNELL, HAMPSHIRE

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

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Rob Price – Smannell Parish Council

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None recorded.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None recorded.

4. TO RESOLVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 11 MAY 2026

The Chair reviewed the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly, Annual General Meeting and Full Council Meeting held on 11 May 2026. Members unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of these meetings as a true and correct record. The Chair signed the Minutes accordingly.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD – 11 MAY 2026

The Chair reviewed all the action points that were raised from the meeting held 11 May 2026 and they have all been carried out accordingly. Further to Item 14, it was reported that the dog bin installation was chased and this has now been installed and is in situ.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Clerk advised members of all correspondence received, which was sent to all members per email previously.

7. TO RESOLVE THE FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR JUNE/JULY 2026

The Parish Clerk advised members of the income and expenditure of the Parish Council for June/July 2026, amounting to £1,668.20 expenditure and £76.81 income, as scheduled below and the Parish Clerk advised members of the latest financial position of the Parish Council.

EXPENDITURE

£10.95 – Paul Dunning – Invoice 486135412573278 dated 15 May 2026 – Postage - £10.95 (VAT - £0.00) £10.95

£180.00 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – May 2026 Salary – Gross payment £225.00 - £45.00 PAYE – Net payment £180.00

£4.25 – Lloyds Bank – Invoice 489211918 dated 10 June 2026 – Bank charges from 10 May 2026 to 9 June 2026 - £4.25 (VAT - £0.00) £4.25

£114.00 – RoSPA Playsafety – Invoice 97653 dated 18 May 18 May 2026 – Annual Playarea inspection - £95.00 (VAT - £19.00) £114.00

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£48.00 – Loos 2 Go – Invoice 23422 dated 24 June 2026 – Portable toilet servicing - £40.00 (VAT - £8.00) £48.00

£1,131.00 – Shire Gate – Invoice 0723 dated 23 June 2026 – 50% deposit for fencing project at Little London - £942.50 (VAT - £188.50) £1,131.00

£180.00 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – June 2026 Salary – Gross payment £225.00 - £45.00 PAYE – Net payment £180.00

INCOME

£36.50 Gross – Lloyds Bank Interest received as at 30 May 2026 at 1.85%

£40.31 Gross – Lloyds Bank Interest received as at 1 July 2026 at 1.85%

Members RESOLVED the financial income and expenditure schedule as prescribed for the parish council amounting to £1,668.20 expenditure and £76.81 income.

8. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE MATTERS RELATING TO RESILIENCE PLANNING

Cllr. David Martin advised members of two important elements relating to the Resilience Plan. He stated that the recent heatwave invoked the plan and, as per the action points for such a situation, the vulnerable parishioners identified were contacted to ensure their well being and understanding that, if they needed any help, they had a contact number to call for assistance.

Cllrs David Martin and Paul Dunning recently had a Teams call with Jenny Brain and colleagues from Test Valley Borough Council and discussed the plan and its philosophy, which was very well received by them. Some suggestions were made about the Resiliency Hubs, to which end, there may well be a request for a meeting with Enham to see if their plan can be understood with a view to, perhaps, a cooperative arrangement. There is a meeting planned with Jenny Brain for 27 July 2026 for a village walk around and discussion with the possibility of qualifying for a £1000 grant towards resiliency resources.

The Chair suggested that it may be worth contacting the Enham Trust to understand their Resilience Plan and request a copy. Where is their Resiliency Hub and in the event of an emergency or issue at the Enham Trust, would it be feasible for them to help transport vulnerable residents by their minibuses to the identified community hub? It was requested that the Parish Clerk contacts Kevin Hodder at the Enham Trust to establish the position.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to approach Kevin Hodder and request a copy of their Resilience Plan and enquire as to their identified emergency hub and whether it is feasible to collect the identified vulnerable Smannell residents in the event of an emergency.

9. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LLPF AND EVENTS TEAM AND ACTIVITIES

Cllr. Marianne Black provided a verbal report per the below:

The team met on 2 June 2026 and there will be a further meeting tomorrow 7 July 2026.

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Events

Unfortunately, there was insufficient interest in the car boot sale making the event not viable and was therefore cancelled. The team are progressing with the Family Quiz evening scheduled for 5 September though location needs to be discussed at tomorrow's meeting as April's Farm is not available.

Fireworks Night will be taking place on Saturday 7 November with Sunday 8th November as a back up. Gavin Mason has started looking into fireworks packages – it was agreed we should be maintaining the volume of fireworks as last year with the aim of the same cost of £1,600 (allowing for £100 increase if needed). We currently have a credit of £40 with last year's fireworks company.

Repairs/Maintenance

Cllrs. Paul Dunning and David Martin have kindly repaired the marquee frame and washed the marquee before the Parish Barbecue, as well as repairing the leak in kitchen at no cost.

The toilets were cleaned on 23rd June 2026 by Loos To Go to a satisfactory standard.

The team discussed the Playground Inspection Report – small remedial tasks were assigned at the last meeting and hopefully will now have been completed. Tomorrow we will be discussing getting together a larger task force to remedy the tiles under the swings and carousel and the picnic tables.

10. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications requiring determination

11. FOOTPATHS AND ROADS UPDATE

Cllr. David Martin advised members that he attended the three day public enquiry hearing at Test Valley Borough Council that started on 16 June 2026. He stated that he provided information and evidence on behalf of the Parish Council to the Inspector. Evidence had to be provided to prove that the 8 paths being considered have been used on a regular basis for 20 years from 1998 to 2018. The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to record footpaths in the parish of Smannell at the following locations: from SU 3724 5036 to SU 3813 5014, from SU 3723 5115 to SU 3822 5032, from SU 3754 5097 SU 3735 5070, from SU 3733 5072 to SU 3725 5059, from SU 3768 5085 to SU 3758 5040, from SU 3760 5046 to SU 3762 5041, from SU 3782 5074 to SU 3780 5032 and from SU 3821 5059 to SU 3800 5022. All routes are located in Rag Copse and Long Copse, between Smannell Byway Open to All Traffic 15, Hurstbourne Tarrant Footpath 22, Smannell Footpath 7 and Smannell Footpath 6. Cllr. David Martin advised that the decision will be made in eight weeks time.

12. ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

Members commented that it has been noted that various highway defects in the village such as potholes, adverse cambers, ditches and the like, have recently been highlighted with spray paint. There has been no explanation for these actions or what the meaning of this is to be. Members requested that the Parish Clerk approach County Cllr. Kirsty North and ask what the purpose of the spray paint markings are and the intended plans.

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ACTION

The Parish Clerk to contact County Cllr. Kirsty North and enquire as to what the purpose of the spray paint markings on highway defects in the village are and what this may signify.

Cllr. David Martin commented that he has not heard back from Hampshire Highways in respect of the potential 20mph speed limit reduction submission bid. Coupled with this, there has been no reply from Hampshire County Council's Safer Roads and Parking Unit in connection with the 20mph assessment for which Smannell Parish Council paid. Members requested that the Parish Clerk press Julie Watts (Principal Engineer) for the assessment soonest.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to approach Julie Watts (Principal Engineer) at Hampshire County Council's Safer Roads and Parking Unit and request that the Smannell 20mph assessment is progressed as a matter of urgency.

13. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

None recorded.

14. MEMBER QUESTIONS

None recorded.

The next meeting of the Smannell Parish Council will be on 7 September 2026 at April's Farm, starting at 6.30pm.

There being no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 19.42 hours.