



ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 9th December 2025** in the Pavilion, Sports Ground, Rockbourne, at **7.00pm**.

Members Present: Cllr Leeson (Chair), Cllr Wise (Vice-Chair), Cllr Wallis. Also present Mark Baulch (Clerk & RFO).

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Branagan, Cllr Carmichael and Cllr Wigg District Cllr Richards

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Correspondence Received

The Council had received a number of e-mails as follows:

26th November from New Forest District Council regarding applications for Community Infrastructure Levy funds. The result of the bids will be formally announced on 15th December.

26th November from UK Cycling Events with regards to their event on 14th March 2026 which will pass through the village. **ACTION:** Clerk to circulate details via email and place them on the Notice Board.

28th November from Tim Lawton at Hampshire County Council Highways Department promising a response to the email sent on Parish Council behalf on the same date. No further response received to date

2nd December from New Forest District Council with regards to Springbourne Farm Planning Application 25/10806 which will be considered by the Planning Committee on Wednesday 10th December.

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 11th November 2025.

All agreed as correct and they were signed by the Chair.

5. Action points from the minutes of the last meeting held on 11th November 2025

ACTION: Clerk to apply for grant for renovation of bus shelter. **CARRIED FORWARD**, due by 28th February 2026.

ACTION: Cllr Leeson to put a message on the Bourne group and try to move the large obstruction in the river bed near Rock Cottage. Cllr Leeson reported that the obstruction is too large to move, but it is not causing an issue. They have cleared out some debris and cut back some vegetation and the resident is happy with the work completed.

ACTION: Cllr Wiggins to ask a resident to check the water meter and see whether there is a possible leak somewhere. Cllr Wiggins reported in advance of the meeting that the cricket one is supposedly OK.

ACTION: Cllr Wise to research local conveyancers that may be able to undertake the work of formalising the ownership of the Recreation Ground. **CARRIED FORWARD.**

ACTION: Cllr Leeson will call the office again about the building regulations sign off and then checking the wall insulation. **CARRIED FORWARD.**

6. Reports by the Downlands & New Forest Ward Councillor and representatives on outside bodies Public participation time

District Cllr Richards had sent her apologies together with an offer to help wherever possible.

County Cllr Heron had sent a report to the Clerk in his capacity at Sandleheath Parish Council. This had very little relevant detail except to state that if the May elections are postponed again, he will resign and force a By-Election.

7. Public participation time

There were no members of the public in attendance.

8. Planning Matters

New Forest District Council is the local Planning Authority and consults Rockbourne Parish Council on planning applications received for Rockbourne Parish.

8a. Planning Applications

None

8b. Planning Decisions

None

9. Payment of outstanding creditors

The Clerk presented the latest invoices and statement of accounts to the Councillors.

A Draft Budget was also presented for 2026/27 with figures the same as 2025/26.

With regards to the Budget for CCTV, Cllr Wallis said that if people see cars with no headlights in the early hours of the morning, they need to call the Police. The Police lady lives just outside of the village, so something should be done pretty quickly. Cllr Leeson said that the more information that you capture, the more likelihood there is of getting something. So, at the moment, we are looking to capture data of the vehicles driving through the village. Then, look at what else can be done. You are not going to trawl through 12 hours of CCTV, so only capture when there is movement of a vehicle. It still needs someone to get on the telephone at the time. Cllr Wallis said that they get told about lights on the farm afterwards, they need to know at the time. Cllr Wise said that Cllr Carmichael had carried out some great work on a system that worked well in the daylight and it would be good to try and get it working at night. Cllr Wise **PROPOSED** allocating £150 of the CCTV Budget for Cllr Carmichael to buy the items that he needs to try and make the system work at night. Cllr Wallis **SECONDED** and Cllr Leeson agreed.

Cllr Wallis went on to ask about the two wires across the road just outside the village. Cllr Leeson said that these were counting cars and recording speeds. He believed that the Police had put them there. Cllr Wallis said that they were not within the speed limit area and Cllr Wise agreed, saying that they were in the derestricted part and that could be quite encouraging as they may be looking to change the restricted zone.

Overall the Budget was felt to be correct. Cllr Leeson asked for the expenditure to be altered slightly, to allow a further £1,000 to be allocated to the Building Regulations line. A 0% increase in the Precept was suggested and all **AGREED** to the change and to this **PROPOSAL**.

10. Users of Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Aldersholt Youth Football Club are still using the Ground and a pitch inspection is due on Saturday, to include the area by the gate being used for car parking. This area is now showing signs of overuse. Cllr Wise asked whether we could put down some plastic matting to help, so **ACTION:** Clerk to check on Planning requirements and obtain some quotes for this. Cllr Wallis said that the Cricket Club want to grout the concrete slabs at the front of the pavilion. Cllr Wallis **PROPOSED** that the Council pay for the materials for this, Cllr Wise **SECONDED** and Cllr Leeson agreed. **ACTION:** Clerk to also look at Planning requirements for extending the slabs around the side of the building to the store.

11. Working Groups (LGA1972 s7.48)

The Bourne group had been discussed under Item 5.

Speedwatch – Cllr Wise reported that the group are trying to do some, but this is weather dependent.

The Recreation Ground group had been discussed under Item 10.

12. To arrange the date for the next meetings –

The next meetings will be Tuesday 13th January 2026 and Tuesday 10th February 2026 @7pm in the Pavilion.

Those wanting to join the meetings are asked to please contact the Parish Clerk: rockbourneclerk@outlook.com for details.