



ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 8th September 2026** in the Pavilion, Sports Ground, Rockbourne, at **7.00pm**.

Members Present: Cllr Wise (Vice-Chair), Cllr Branagan, Cllr Carmichael, Cllr Wallis and Cllr Wiggins. Also present Mark Baulch (Clerk & RFO) and one member of the public (name recorded).

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Leeson (Chair), District Councillor Richards, County Councillor Millar.

2. To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Correspondence received

Royal British Legion had emailed about whether we require a wreath layer for the War Memorial ceremony on Remembrance Sunday. **ACTION:** Clerk to respond that we already have a number of Royal British Legion Members that are prepared to do this.

New Forest District Council had sent a message about changes to Planning decision-making processes. This will mean a change in the responses that Parish Councils can submit and also mean that these will no longer automatically trigger referral to the Planning Committee.

We are invited to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Policing Conference on 22nd January 2027. **ACTION:** Clerk to send details to Cllr Wise who may attend.

Email received from a member of the public regarding grass cutting at the intersection of Rockbourne Road and Whipps Hill. **ACTION:** Clerk to respond that we believe this to have been Hampshire County Council.

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 14th July 2026

As PROPOSED by Cllr Wallis and SECONDED by Cllr Carmichael, all confirmed that they were a true record and they were signed by the Vice-Chair.

5. Action points from the minutes of the last meeting held on 14th July 2026

All had been completed.

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

There was no report from the District Councillor this month although she had offered her assistance with any matters. County Councillor Millar had sent a report, which covered the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Adoption, reporting of potholes by Parish Councils and Local Government re-organisation.

[This last point had been superseded by a Government announcement this week of the halting of this process for Hampshire and other counties]. **ACTION:** Full report to be circulated.

7. Public participation time

The member of the public present asked about the proposed 20mph limit for the village? Cllr Wise replied that this is an incredibly slow process, not helped by the Local Government Re-Organisation. We are still working on it. Cllr Branagan added that we have also been doing speed checks. Cllr Wise continued saying that we also have some data from CCTV. It should also be noted that Hampshire County Council require us to pay for signage etc. which could be up to about £30,000.

8. Planning Matters

8a. Planning Applications

Reference 26/10762
Alternative Reference
Application Received Mon 10 Aug 2026
Application Validated Thu 13 Aug 2026
Address TENANTRY FARM, ROCKBOURNE, SP6 3PB.
Proposal Outdoor horse arena (manege)

The applicant thanked the Council for supporting the previous application. This is the next stage of that. We were Advised to do it in two stages. If under 0.2 hectares, there is no need to comply with certain regulations. Cllr Wise Said that he had a look and it seems uncontroversial. The applicant added that it was granted 30 years ago, but never done. Cllr Branagan agreed that it was not upsetting anybody with Cllr Wise adding that he thought we should support it. Cllr Wiggins **PROPOSED**: a response of PAR3, We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed. Cllr Wise **SECONDED** and ALL AGREED.

8b. Planning Decisions

References 26/10139 & 26/10140
Alternative Reference PP-14689983
Applications Received Wed 11 Feb 2026
Applications Validated Tue 17 Feb 2026
Address THE COTTAGE, ROCKBOURNE, SP6 3NA.
Proposals 10139 - External alterations to existing West Barn; Demolition of Pool Barn; erect replacement outbuilding to be used for storage, pool house and plant room.
10140 – Repair and associated works to thatched roof; replacement cladding and timber doors; replacement windows and vent; interior subdivision, including mezzanine and new staircase; demolition of existing pool barn (Application for Listed Building Consent).
Decision Granted Subject to Conditions

References 26/10271 & 26/10272
Alternative Reference PP-14784380
Application Received Mon 16 Mar 2026
Application Validated Wed 15 Apr 2026
Address PENNYS COTTAGE, ROCKBOURNE. SP6 3NL
Proposals Single-storey extension for use as a cloakroom (26/10271) & Erect internal walls to form cloakroom and reopening of blocked up doorway in outbuilding (Application for Listed Building Consent) (26/10272).
Decision Granted Subject to Conditions

Reference 26/10561
Alternative Reference PP-15015679
Application Received Tue 16 Jun 2026
Application Validated Wed 17 Jun 2026
Address COURT ORCHARD HOUSE, NEW ROAD, ROCKBOURNE, SP6 3NN.
Proposal Two storey side extension replacing existing extension; single-storey attached store to side
Decision Granted Subject to Conditions

9. Payment of outstanding creditors

The Clerk confirmed that the bid for Community Infrastructure Levy money had been submitted on 1st August. This was for swings and a see-saw and around £10,000 in order to deliver this. Letters of supports and quotes and been submitted with the bid. The bus shelter work which was successfully granted funds for will commence at the end of October. The Co-Operative Bank has written to the Council to say that it has been purchased by Coventry Building Society and that our account will be managed by them as we move forward. The Clerk presented the latest invoices and statement of accounts to the Councillors. The Community Account balance is £28,677.20 and the Instant Access Account balance is £10,682.32.

10. Users of Recreation Ground and Pavilion

The Clerk had received several messages from the contractor that was due to repair the zipwire. Unfortunately, they are now saying that it is not safe to do so and will cost £18-19,000 to replace. The Clerk suggested that we wait until the information on the grant applied for is received, then make a decision when confirming the budget for 2027/28. The Clerk also confirmed that the Fire Extinguishers in the Pavilion have been serviced, but two need replacing. We have had one quote, but also some different advice from another supplier. They will also provide a quote and the Clerk will seek a third before moving forwards. Cllr Wallis asked about an update on the proposal to maintain the entrance to the ground by laying down some materials

in order to avoid mud being created there. Cllr Wise said that he and Cllr Leeson had been looking at this, but continue to try and find something substantial and durable. Cllr Branagan asked whether this was expensive? Cllr Wiggins said that there is already a strip in the cricket square, thick plastic which the grass grows through. Cllr Wise said that something like that will stop vehicles churning up the field but may need planning permission.

11. Working Groups (LGA1972 s7.48)

Traffic group. Cllr Wise confirmed that they are continuing with SpeedWatch and have had quite a few sessions. The lower the volume of traffic, the greater the speeding. 15% of drivers are recorded at over 30mph typically. 2-3% at over 35mph. Cllr Carmichael asked if it was true that it is a better story if you can demonstrate that people are already doing 20mph? Cllr Wise replied yes, but it is still hard to implement a new speed limit. Cllr Carmichael wants to perfect the night operation of the camera and is making a new case for it. Will then install higher up and pointing down to reduce glare.

12. To arrange the date for the next meeting –

The next meeting will be Tuesday 13th October @7pm in the Pavilion, Rockbourne. Those wanting to join the meeting are asked to please contact the Parish Clerk: rockbourneclerk@outlook.com for details.