

ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 13th October 2026** in the Pavilion, Sports Ground, Rockbourne, at **7.00pm**.

Members Present: Cllr Wise (Vice-Chair), Cllr Branagan, Cllr Carmichael and Cllr Wallis. District Cllr Richards.

1. **Apologies for absence**
   Cllr Pierrepont-Leeson (Chair), Cllr Wiggins, County Councillor Millar, Mark Baulch (Clerk).

2. **To receive declarations of interest**
   There were no declarations of interest.
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3. **Correspondence received**
   There was an anonymous letter received from a local resident regarding Primrose Cottage, Rockbourne and a possible breach of planning laws. The resident asked if the Council could check whether permission has been granted for these various changes. **ACTION:** Forward the letter to the NFDC planning authorities.
   A letter has been written by Mr George Atkinson regarding reducing the speed limit through Rockbourne village from 30MPH to 20MPH and from 60MPH to 40MPH either side of the village. There have been three accidents just outside the village in the last few weeks. Desmond Swaine MP has been written to and we await response.

4. **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 8th September 2026**
   As PROPOSED by Cllr Wise 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 8th September 2026**
   All had been completed.

6. **Reports by the Downlands & New Forest Ward Councillor and representatives on outside bodies**
   District Councillor Richards gave her report which included updates on Local Government Reorganisation, the District Local Plan, new rules for Planning Applications and consultation on District budget cuts. Cllr Branagan asked if paying Council Tax for a rental property, why do we now have to pay for commercial waste collection? Cllr Wise asked how big the cuts are, as £1.25m needs to be saved? County Councillor Millar had sent a report, which also covered the Local Government re-organisation as well as new climate strategy, call for more funding for highways and a new service for people returning home from hospital. **ACTION:** Full reports to be circulated.

7. **Public participation time**
   There were no members of the public present.

8. **Planning Matters**

8a. Planning Applications

Reference	*26/10873*
Alternative Reference	*PP-15215319*
Application Received	*Thu 10 Sep 2026*
Application Validated	*Thu 14 Sep 2026*
Address	*Barn at BRICKHILL COTTAGE, ROCKBOURNE ROAD, SP6 1QG.*
Proposal	*Change of use and conversion of agricultural building to x1no. (Use Class C3) dwellinghouse with associated landscaping and works*

The Council have already responded PAR5, We are happy to accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers, so nothing further needs to be said.

8b. Planning Decisions

Reference	*25/11092*
Alternative Reference	*PP-14267795*
Application Received	*Mon 08 Dec 2025*
Application Validated	*Mon 22 Dec 2025*
Address	*MUSHROOM FARM, ROCKBOURNE, SP6 3NS.*
Proposal	*Change of use of existing building (Class E) to a holiday let (Class C1) with fenestration alterations and hard and soft landscaping*
Decision	*Granted Subject to Conditions*

9. Payment of outstanding creditors

The Clerk had presented the latest invoices and statement of accounts to the Councillors. The Community Account balance is £26,002.21 and the Instant Access Account balance is £10,682.32.

10. Users of Recreation Ground and Pavilion

There is a continuing problem with dog waste. **ACTION:** Check signs and replace where necessary. Dog fouling has also been noted on footpaths and around the church. We should encourage visitors and residents to be vigilant and take waste bags away. This is very important on the Recreation Ground as if no improvement we will have to consider banning dogs from here or being kept on a lead. Update awaited from Cllr Pierrepont-Leeson on rubber matting for the entrance.

11. Working Groups (LGA1972 s7.48)

Traffic group. Cllr Carmichael will put the camera up again.

12. To arrange the date for the next meetings –

The next meetings will be Tuesday 10th November and Tuesday 8th December @7pm in the Pavilion, Rockbourne. Those wanting to join the meeting are asked to please contact the Parish Clerk: rockbourneclerk@outlook.com for details.