



ROCKBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 14th October 2025** in the Pavilion, Sports Ground, Rockbourne, at **7.00pm**.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Leeson (Chair), Cllr Branagan, Cllr Wiggins and District Cllr Richards.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Correspondence Received

None that are not covered in the Agenda.

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 2nd September 2025

Cllr Wallis pointed out an omission in Section 12 where it read 'Cllr Wallis said that there had been no grass cutting this year.' This should have read 'since May', so will be amended and presented for approval at the next Meeting.

5. Action points from the minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd September 2025

All actions had been dealt with except further correspondence to the Highways Department which the Clerk will action this month.

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.

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

Reference 25/10806

Alternative Reference PP-14290447

Application Received Wed 3 Sep 2025

Application Validated Wed 3 Sep 2025

Address SPRINGBOURNE FARM, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3NS

Proposal Agricultural Pole Barn (Retrospective)

The Council had responded to this previously and the Clerk updated the Planning Portal with the same response ahead of the deadline, namely PAR2: we recommend REFUSAL for the reasons listed, but would

accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

8b. Planning Decisions

Reference	25/10425
Alternative Reference	PP-13970374
Application Received	Fri 25 Apr 2025
Application Validated	Fri 25 Apr 2025
Address	Barn at BRICKHILL COTTAGE, ROCKBOURNE ROAD, SANDLEHEATH. SP6 1QG.
Proposal	Change of use of x1no. agricultural building to x1no. dwellinghouse (Class C3) (Prior Approval Application)
Status	<i>Decided</i>
Decision	<i>Prior Approval is refused</i>
Decision Issued Date	<i>Mon 29 Sep 2025</i>

8c. Planning Appeals

Reference	24/10783
Alternative Reference	PP-13307995
Appeal Received	Wed 27 Aug 2025
Address	LAND ADJ PROVOST FARM, ROCKBOURNE SP6 3NR
Proposal	2no agricultural buildings and associated hardstanding

9. Payment of outstanding creditors

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

10. Potential CCTV Camera Trial

Cllr Wise has set up a meeting for Thursday 6th November at 7pm in the Village Hall. He will publish details on the Village WhatsApp group and on the Notice Board. SpeedWatch will also be covered at this meeting. Cllr Carmichael said that he had experimented with a Raspberry Pi and web camera. He was able to take pictures of number plates and store them. Cllr Wise felt that the quality would depend on light conditions etc. Cllr Wallis asked can you tell how fast the car is going? Cllr Carmichael said that he would not try to with this set up. Cllr Wise suggested that it would require some road markings or that an average speed could be calculated by using cameras at two points.

11. Users of Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Aldersholt Youth Football Club have received their invoice for August and will shortly receive one for September. An arrangement has now been made between them and Rockbourne Cricket Club with regards to the cutting of the grass.

12. Working Groups (LGA1972 s7.48)

Cllr Wise said that another traffic watch group meeting had been held and they had also continued with SpeedWatch with pretty consistent results. 2% are over 35mph, which we report. Consistently 10-15% are over 30mph. The Police have now sent a spreadsheet of feedback. A few have been caught elsewhere as well. We are seeing between 100 and 200 vehicles per hour. Most speeding occurs on the peripheries of the rush hour times.

Cllr Wise also reported that there had been no further working groups on the Bourne. Recreation Ground was discussed under Agenda Point 11.

13. To arrange the date for the next meetings –

The next meetings will be Tuesday 11th November, Tuesday 9th December and Tuesday 13th January @7pm in the Pavilion. Those wanting to join the meetings are asked to please contact the Parish Clerk: rockbourneclerk@outlook.com for details.