

MINUTES OF SPARKWELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on 14th January 2026 at Hemerdon Village Hall

Present: Cllrs May, Serpell Denman, Vinall, Webb, Sophie Jones (Clerk).

In attendance: Cllr Carson (DCC), 1 Parishioner.

Part 1 (Open to the Public)

1/26 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Hutton-Fellowes, Nicholson.

2/26 Agreement of the Agenda between Parts I and II

All agreed. Councillors noted that one item of business would be considered in Part II of the meeting.

3/26 Declarations of Interest

Nothing declared.

4/26 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Carson presented his monthly brief to the council. He will be visiting to see the flooding at Venton Bridge along with Nick Colton. It was noted that the drain is very clogged and there is a huge amount of surface water, gravel and sludge that collects there. There must be a solution to this.

5/26 District Councillor's Report

No District Cllr was in attendance.

6/26 Public Forum

A member of the public attended to discuss the possibility of painting/extended the double yellow lines at the junction by Howdens/Screwfix in Lee Mill. The Sparkwell Parish Council were in support of this proposal and will support the application.

7/26 Hemerdon Mine

No representative of Tungsten West was in attendance.

8/26 Planning

No planning applications as of Thursday 8th January 2026.

9/26 Minutes

- a. Councillors considered the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 3rd December 2025. The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

10/26 Local Government Reorganisation

No updates.

11/26 Updates from ongoing projects (Climate Change, Biodiversity, Roads, Trees) – to receive any updates from local ongoing projects/issues.

12/26 Chairman's Business

Cllr May noted that Clare Lee has sadly resigned from the council. We would all like to thank Clare for all of her hard work and contributions to the council and wish her all the very best.

13/26 Correspondence

All correspondence circulated prior to meeting.

RESOLVED – *Sparkwell Parish Council agree to the termination of the Community Benefit Agreement with Newnham Solar Fund CIC, subject to a representative from Sparkwell Parish Council being on the CIC and also agree to the separation of finances.*

14/26 Finance

- a. Cllrs reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the draft budget for 2026/27.
- b. Cllrs reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the precept demand for 2026/27.
- c. Cllrs reviewed and **RESOLVED** to approve the budget analysis report and bank reconciliation for January 2026.

15/26 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at **7pm** on **Wednesday 4th February 2026** at **Sparkwell Parish Hall**.

Meeting closed at 20.28

This is a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed

Name Date