



To: All Members of South Mimms & Ridge Parish Council

Notice is hereby given that the following meeting of South Mimms & Ridge Parish Council will be held for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda below and you are hereby summoned to attend. Members of the press and public are invited to attend.

Issued by: the Clerk, 30/01/2026 clerk@southmimmsridge.org.uk.

Zoom code available on request with 24 hours notice..

7pm 5th February 2026 South Mimms Village Hall

Agenda:

1. Welcome from the Chairperson of the meeting.
2. **To welcome** Cllr Mark Hedison who has been duly elected.
3. **To receive** and accept apologies for absence (Cllr MacCaffrey).
4. **To receive** and note declarations of Councillor interests pertaining to agenda items.
5. **To approve** the minutes of the last meeting (December 2025) and Chairperson to sign.

6. Finance:

To agree the precept call been made to Hertsmere Borough Council at £82.63 per household for the financial year 2026/27. This has increased by £21,20 from £61.43 in 2025/26. This demand had to be based on *estimated* figures for the cost of the unscheduled election held in January as the final exact cost is not yet known.

7. Planning:

To note the following planning applications and hear any public representations:

- a) Material change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 4 Gypsy/Traveller families, each with one caravan/mobile home, together with part retention of existing hardstanding, part restoration of existing hardstanding to grass, planting of hedgerows, and erection of acoustic fencing (Part Retrospective). Land Adjacent To Romani St Albans Road South Mimms Potters Bar EN6 3PP Ref. No: 26/0057/FUL
To note : The Parish Council has already lodged an OBJECTION to this application
- b) Reconstruction of barn and stables that were destroyed by fire. Improvements to private roadway. (Retrospective application).
Stilegate Stables Blanche Lane South Mimms Potters Bar Hertfordshire EN6 3LF
Ref. No: 25/1750/FUL
To note: The Parish Council has already lodged an OBJECTION to this application as this site is under investigation by the environment agency and Hertsmere for inappropriate commercial activity with HGVs and commercial operation outside of standard trading hours.
- c) Replacement of two existing marquees with two new buildings, for purposes ancillary to the wider activity farm park.
Willows Activity Farm Coursers Road Colney Heath St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 0PF
Ref. No: 25/1739/FUL



d) Additional : 15 Blanche Lane – Demolition of exiting detached dwelling and construction of three new dwellings, 1 detached and 2 semi-detached. Ref 2026/0061/Full NOT ON ONLINE AGENDA

8. Planning enforcement:

To note that enforcement is being pursued by Hertsmere Borough Council on the site at the top of Blanche Lane next to the M25 Bridge. This is in respect of the unauthorised change of use and encroachment onto Highways owned land.

9. Hertsmere Local Plan

To note: On the afternoon of 26th March, Urban and Civic, the Master Builders for the Bowman's Cross new village, will be having a public information session at South Mimms Village Hall.

10. To Note Staff Changes:

Our Clerk, Natalie, is going to reduce her hours with SM&RPC and step away from many of the day-to-day issues to concentrate on some larger projects like Local Government Reorganisation and the Local Plan, whilst still clerking meetings. The Parish Council will be therefore employing a deputy and bookkeeper to be the first point of contact for residents going forward on office@SouthMimmsRidge.org.uk . The position has been offered to a candidate, and contracts are being drawn up. Bobbie Wanless continues as our Community Officer on SMHall@SouthMimmsRidge.org.uk

11. Community

Work by the County Council to finally replace the bridge in The Meadows is expected to commence this month.

12. Events to note:

Kids half term film 16th February (SM Hall)

Quiz Night – 7th March (SM hall)

Interactive Bingo at the Black Horse Pub – 16th May.

13, Date of the next meeting:

5th March 2026 in Ridge Village Hall 7pm, then 2nd, April at South Mimms which will be the AGM.

Public questions and notices to follow main meeting