



South Mimms & Ridge Parish Council

Minutes of meeting 18th June 2026

Present: Cllr Ralph Bania (Chair) Cllr Neil Johnson, Cllr Mark Hedison (Cllr Cathy McCaffrey joined on line)

Natalie Curran (Clerk) Wendy Martin (Assistant Clerk)

Members of the public: 9 in person and 2 on line.

Min Ref: 26/27:

21. Cllr Bania welcomed everyone to the meeting.

22. Apologies were received from Cllr Myers who had another meeting.

23. There were no declarations of Councillor interests pertaining to agenda items.

24. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairperson

25. Finance:

a) The accounts for the year to March 2026 have been returned by the Accountant Mr Pat Sharma and were approved by the council. Cllr Bania signed the AGAR forms and these will now be sent to the external auditor.

b) It was agreed that the village hall fire safety contract for the next year would remain with Hertsmere's existing supplier Chubb, due to time constraints but we will look for more competitive quotes the year after.

26. Planning:

The following applications were heard but there were no public representations:

- a. Notification of proposed new substation. Telecommunications Equipment Adjacent To Kitts End Farm Kitts End Road Barnet Hertfordshire Ref. No: 26/0087/TELENQ
- b. Demolition of existing stables block & ancillary building and rebuild of replacement stables building. Earls Farm Earls EN6 3LT Ref. No: 26/0632/FUL
- c. It was noted that that a Section 62B under the Planning Act has been enacted against Hertsmere Borough Council in relation to planning decisions on major applications. The Clerk explained that this gives developers for applications of over 10 houses / ½ hectare or more than 1000sq m of built space the option to take applications directly to the Planning Inspectorate. This notice has been served on a number of councils, (including Dacorum) where councils have **refused** in excesses of a threshold of applications that were then overturned on appeal.



27. Community Issues where discussed

- a. Litter picking and weeding following Mr Hatswell's accident - update Mr Hatswell is expected to be out of hospital soon.
- b. The clerk read out the response from St Giles School on parking following points raised in May.
- c. Village Summer Fair – was due to be 5th July – now delayed until September to try and get more support.

28. Any other business: Cllr Bania proposed that a letter be sent to Hertsmere Enforcement to complain about the lack of progress on a number of long running cases, this motion was seconded by Cllr Hedison. The Clerk undertook to draft a letter for approval.

29. Date of the next meeting: 2nd July at Ridge, then 3rd September at South Mimms

Public questions and notices followed main meeting:

30. It was noted that Book Swap will continue to run by-weekly throughout the Summer.

31. A member of the public requested that the Parish Council write to Lantern Recovery to raise concerns over the double parking of full car transporters on the roundabout by the Premier Inn hotel.

32. A member of the public issued a thanks to all those involved with the village afternoon tea and said that this sold out event was very enjoyable.

33. Queries were raised of the appearance of surveying marks on the road surface in Blanch Lane and the Clerk undertook to try and determine when and what roadworks might take place.

34. It was noted that the public consultation by representatives of Gascoyne Estates who want to build an extremely large solar farm was being held the day after the meeting at South Mimms Village Hall. All residents present agreed that this was too large and too near the village. No formal planning application has been made at this time.

The meeting closed at a little after 8pm.