

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Exbury and Lepe Parish Council held on Monday 20th July 2026 at 6.30pm at Exbury Club, Summer Lane, Exbury, Southampton SO45 1AH

Present: Councillors Page, Johnson, Neve, Tilbury and Anders

Apologies: Councillor Poole (NFDC and HCC)

Also present: Clerk Stephanie Bennett and 5 members of the public

016/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made

017/26 PUBLIC SESSION

Concerns were raised regarding the obstructive parking by visitors to the beach area and the lack of enforcement options (double yellow lines) and understanding by Hampshire County Council. At times it is impossible for larger vehicles including emergency and service vehicles to get past. It was felt that a small investment in Road Traffic Orders would increase the revenue at the car parks that were operated by HCC.

ASB at the beach was also reported and the recent 'burn out' was identified as part of these issues.

It was agreed to place a link on the council website on how to report ASB and obstruction of the highway.

It was also reported that use of drones above rural properties was an issue with the operators swiftly leaving when residents moved towards them.

The purchase of the speed indicator device was discussed with a request that the community be consulted on where the SID is to be utilized.

018/26 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair presented Penny with a thank you for her work as Clerk to the Council.

019/26 MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2026 be agreed

020/26 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATES

Councillors were disappointed that Cllr Poole was not able to attend and hear about people's issues with parking and the lack of response from HCC.

021/26 FINANCE

The Clerk reported on the income and expenditure since the last meeting and confirmed a bank balance of £7360.32 on 16th June 2026.

022/26 OUTCOMES OF COUNCILLOR MEETING

Councillors considered the notes of the meeting and agreed that it was important to encourage more community engagement and to encourage improved relations between the Village and Exbury Club. It was noted that the previous car show was much better organised, Councillors were encouraged to offer any assistance they could for the fete.

It was also felt that residents were not aware of the free access to Exbury Gardens and the scope of what was available. Councillors noted that the swifts were returning to the area but that it would soon be time to turn off the swift callers.

RESOLVED that

- a. a best of show neighbour award be developed and made available to be awarded at the Village Fete. Red Johnson to seek a grant from Councillor Dan Poole to provide this
- b. Councillors continue to meet informally to develop ideas

023/26 TREE PLANTING

This item was deferred to the next meeting

024/26 TELEPHONE BOX

Councillors discussed the letter the Chair had sent to BT, the necessity of having a phone provision for emergencies due to the non-availability of mobile coverage and the lack of knowledge of any consultation. Sir Julian Lewis has also offered to assist in writing to BT and Cllr Poole is seeking confirmation from NFDC on what consultation they received/responded to. To be brought back to the next council for further consideration.

025/26 BANK

The Clerk reported on the bank charges incurred with Lloyds Bank and the availability of community accounts with other banks.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk seek to open a new bank account with no charges

026/26 COUNCILLOR NEWS RELATED TO THE COUNCIL

Councillor Tilbury informed council about the potholes that she has reported to HCC, one of which has now been marked with white paint. There is also considerable subsidence in Inchmery Lane that she will report.

Concern was raised about the poor condition of the revetment built by SSE on the beach

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

..... Chair

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 19th October 2026