

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SAVERNAKE PARISH COUNCIL 8TH OCTOBER 2025
MEETING HELD AT THE MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY & YOUTH CENTRE, ST MARGARET'S MEAD

***PLEASE SEND ANY COMMENTS OR POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL
 WITHIN 2 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF THE MEETING***

PRESENT

Guy Singleton (Chairman) (GS)
 Martin Phipps (MP)
 Nigel Eays (NE)

Councillor
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Suzie Singleton (SS)

Parishioner & Minute Taker

ITEM		ACTION
1	APOLOGIES Nikki Boutal Andrew Smithson	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the meeting on 15 th July 2025 were approved. A copy will be uploaded to the SPC website.	GS/SS
4	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS - None	
5	<p>CRIME UPDATE</p> <p>The Police Crime Report covering the 3rd quarter of 2025 had been circulated to the other councillors. It showed that there had been only 1 incident reported to the Police during that time</p> <p>Several speed enforcements checks had been carried out in the Marlborough Area and they held a Rural Crime Week of Action from 8th-14th September, hosting community engagement events and running joint patrols at locations such as Avebury, Silbury Hill and the River Kennet.</p> <p>The update listed the locations of Community Consultations over the following few months.</p> <p>A copy is attached to these Minutes.</p> <p>It was noted that in the last few years there has been a much improved level of communications from the Police.</p>	

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6	<p>PLANNING UPDATE</p> <p><u>25/01638 – Ballards Piece</u> Consultation and decision deadlines extended No further comment made by SPC.</p> <p><u>25/04899 – Levett’s Farm, Demolition of agricultural building and erection of a Use Class C3 dwelling house</u> Consultation and decision deadlines extended No further comment made by SPC.</p> <p><u>25/05392 – Great Lodge Farm, Single storey kitchen extension</u> Consultation and decision deadlines extended No further comment made by SPC.</p>	
7	<p>FINANCE OFFICER’S REPORT</p> <p>Banking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Since the last meeting, a) Payments made / received: 06Oct -£47.00 – ICO – Annual Data Protection Fee 26Sep -£200.76 – TEEC – Website hosting 26Sep -£207.00 – Watt Plastics – Clench Common Gates 09Sep -£4.25 – Lloyds Bank – Service charges 11Aug -£4.25 – Lloyds Bank – Service charges 30Jul -£188.07 – Community First – Insurance 21Jul -£50.00 – SMH Singleton – Secretarial services b) Invoices received, in the process of payment: Nil- Total funds at date of meeting are £ 6,320 and are held as follows: Payments a/c : £ 618.74 Interest a/c : £ 5,700.87 <p>Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Total funds at date of meeting are as follows: Precept a/c : £ 6,319.61 CIL a/c : £ 0.00 <p>Budgeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Precept account: Expenses this year (2025-26) to date are £975.29 (75% of Income)	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CIL account: No additional funds have been received and no additional payments made, funds are currently zero. <p>Year-end Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2024-25 Year-end Accounts have been accepted by the external auditor. 	
8	<p>FOREST LIAISON OFFICER REPORT</p> <p>Prior to the meeting AS reported to GS that there will be a meeting for Volunteers on Wednesday 5th November from 10am to 2pm at Three Oak Hill Drive, in Savernake Forest.</p> <p>FE are felling some trees around Thornhill.</p>	
9	<p>IT</p> <p>GS has arranged for a new email address, admin@savernake-pc.org to be set up for SS to use from now on for council matters.</p>	GS/SS
10	<p>POSTERN HILL CAMPSITE</p> <p>GS had attended some meetings with a group of parishioners who were campaigning to keep the Postern Hill Campsite open.</p> <p>It was agreed by Councillors that they supported keeping the Campsite if at all possible, and that they supported Marlborough Town Council's proposal to register the site as an Asset of Community Value.</p>	
11	<p>PARISH STEWARD</p> <p>The WhatsApp group with the Parish Steward is working well. He is currently covering all known problem areas, but councillors are able to flag up any problems they are aware of.</p> <p>The Discretionary Gully Service is due to visit the Parish on 17th November. A couple of further locations were suggested to add to the request list so it now includes Postern Hill, A346 Cadley, and Maurice Way.</p> <p>The Councillors were not aware of any gullies in Clench Common which need attention, the problems there usually being leaves over the drain grates which the Parish Steward always checks on his regular rounds.</p>	GS
12	<p>LHFIG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Clench Common</u> <p>The gates have been ordered, and are expected to be delivered soon. NB has been asked to let the other Councillors know when they have arrived so that they can arrange a mutually convenient date to erect them.</p>	MP/NB

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	<p>The delivery of the signs is yet to be confirmed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>Savernake Hospital/Maurice Way</u> GS confirmed that they were waiting for Wiltshire Council to review the objection to the planned yellow no parking lines and would chase them to find out the current situation.	GS						
13	<p>Dates of next meetings:</p> <table><tr><td>14th January 2026</td><td>13th May 2026</td></tr><tr><td>APM 20th May 2026</td><td>15th July 2026</td></tr><tr><td>7th October 2026</td><td></td></tr></table>	14 th January 2026	13 th May 2026	APM 20 th May 2026	15 th July 2026	7 th October 2026		ALL
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Signed

Date

Name

Planning Applications decided on up to July 2025

Planning Application No:	25/01638
Location	Ballard's Piece
Description	Proposed agricultural vehicle shed
Consultation Deadline	11/04/2025
Date of SPC Comment	24/03/2025
SPC Comment	No objection
Decision Deadline	29/05/2025
Consultation Deadline	10/07/2025
Date of SPC Comment	13/06/2025 (left by AS before being agreed by other councillors)
SPC Comment	Not over looked by residential properties. It is of the same materials size as the initial application.
Decision Deadline	24/07/2025
Consultation Deadline extended	26/09/2025
Decision Deadline extended	10/10/2025
Date of Decision	
Decision	

Planning Application No:	25/04899
Location	Levett's Farm
Description	Demolition of agricultural building (with extant consent for its demolition and erection of a C1 aparthotel) and erection of a Use Class C3 dwellinghouse, associated access and landscaping
Consultation deadline	07/07/2025
Date of SPC Comment	24/06/2025
SPC Comment	Objected for same reasons as previous
Consultation deadline extended	20/10/2025
Decision Deadline	03/11/2025
Date of Decision	
Decision	

Planning Application No:	25/05392
Location	Great Lodge Farm
Description	Single storey kitchen extension and new glazed doors
Consultation deadline	24/07/2025
Date of SPC Comment	20/07/2025
SPC Comment	No objection
Decision Deadline extended	18/08/2025
Consultation deadline extended	02/10/2025
Decision Deadline	13/11/2025
Date of Decision	
Decision	

Planning Application No:	25/05747
Location	Savernake Hospital
Description	Trees to be felled due to ash Dieback
Consultation deadline	30/07/2025
Date of SPC Comment	N/A
SPC Comment	N/A
Decision Deadline	18/08/25
Date of Decision	11/08/2025
Decision	Approve with Conditions

Planning Application No:	25/06573
Location	9 Maurice Way
Description	Tree works
Consultation deadline	N/A
Date of SPC Comment	N/A
SPC Comment	N/A
Decision Deadline	30/09/2025
Date of Decision	01/09/2025
Decision	Approve with Conditions



Savernake

Quarter 3 2025

Crimes and Incidents

Wiltshire Police record crimes and incidents in accordance with the National Crime and incident recording standards. Not all incidents that one would consider a crime are necessarily classified as a crime for recording purposes.

NB- The below statistics do not account for incidents that police respond to but do not need any follow up (Road traffic incidents, minor incidents of Anti-social behaviour)

From the **1st July 2025-21st September 2025**.

0 reported crimes and **1** incident have been recorded in the Savernake Parish area.

Having reviewed the crime data for the area – There are no apparent trends that are presented or a series of crimes that are linked.

Speed enforcement

Both the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Speed Watch Enforcement Team have conducted several pro-active checks in the local area. Since **January 2025** speed enforcement has taken place on at least **46 occasions** in the Marlborough area across 32 different locations. To date, **297** drivers have been offered speed awareness courses, **55** drivers have been issued with a fine and points on their license and **4** drivers have been reported to court for excess speed.

Recent updates

- During this quarter, our local Neighbourhood Policing Team conducted a **Rural Crime Week of Action** from **8th-14th September 2025**. This was a great opportunity to engage and interact with our rural communities. Activities included hosting three community engagement events at TH Whites in Marlborough, Mole Valley Country stores in Devizes and Woodborough Garden Centre near Pewsey, allowing people to receive crime prevention advice and the opportunity for personalised horse tack stamping. Further activities during the week included joint patrols with members of the National Trust at our vitally important local heritage sites such as Avebury and Silbury Hill, as well as patrols in conjunction with the Environment Agency on the River Kennet as part of the nationwide Operation Leviathan- the national operation to tackle illegal fishing and the poaching of fish.



- Local Neighbourhood Police Officers have also attended key local events such as the **Devizes, Aldbourne** and **Pewsey Carnivals**. All were extremely well attended, and we would like to thank our communities for their efforts in arranging and supporting such important community events. Officers will also be in attendance at events happening in the near future including the **Marlborough Mop Fayres** and **Remembrance Sunday Parades** across our area.

Community consultations

Our local Neighbourhood Policing Team will have use of the **Mobile Police Station Vehicle** for the week from **13th-19th October 2025**. The vehicle will be used across the **Marlborough, Pewsey and Devizes** areas during this week, with a focus on providing an opportunity for those living in the remote and rural areas the chance to speak with officers directly. The times and locations for this will be advertised in due course.

In the next three months we also will be at the following locations;

23rd October 2025 at The Royal Oak, Wootton Rivers at 1100-1200

5th November 2025 at The Parish Rooms, Woodborough at 1200-1300

27th November 2025 at The Royal Oak, Wootton Rivers at 1100-1200

Further community engagements happening in the local area will be advertised in due course. If you are aware of any other local community events in the area, please let us know via our email address- **devizesareanpt@wiltshire.police.uk**