



Minutes of SPCA Meeting held at 7.30PM on Tuesday 23rd June 2026 in Sherfield Park Community Centre

1. **Welcome / Apologies:** The meeting was called to order by Audrey Gordon at 7.30PM.

Trustees in Attendance: Mark Gardner, Audrey Gordon, Fiona Jewson, Sarah Morgan, Lesley Phoenix, Matt Reeves, Claire Walker

Trustees Apologies: Linda Alley, Mick Cooper, Rosalind Guy, Ian Pegram, Kevin Ritson

Centre Staff: Louise Grainger

Members of the public in attendance: None

2. **Introductions:** None Required

3. **To receive declarations of interest:** None

4. **Review and accept minutes of last meeting (and matters arising):**

The Minutes were proposed by AG, seconded by FJ and accepted by all.

5. **Public Participation:**

None

6. **Chairman's Report:**

Audrey referenced website updates including a Photo Gallery and an area for Archived Minutes. She reported that she has attended a Poverty Action meeting mentioning the impact of job losses, and the focus on providing free/cheap children's activities whilst avoiding social stigma.

Focus on fundraising opportunities continues as discussed at the Fundraisers Forum. We will not be eligible for National Lottery Awards and Miller Homes turned down our request. Decisions on Four Lanes and One Stop grants have been delayed

7. **Finance Report:**

Sarah presented the Balance Sheet for the end of May vs the previous 2 months. Sherfest income from Grants, Sponsors and Stallholders showd a significant positive impact

8. Manager's Report/Sherfest

Additional Hirers: Paediatric First Aid confirmed & aSaturday dance group still interested.

Youth Club number continue to be good (50+)

Events: Unfortunately, the World Cup evening was very poorly attended. The seniors Coach Trip to Poole had to be postponed because of the exceptional weather.

Sherfest: Trustee (and other) volunteers will be needed for the Bar, Tombola, Tea & Cake Stall, Raffle and Info Desk

Note: Matt reinforced the importance of Alcohol Licence Training for those serving on the Bar.

This year band members/performers will not be provided with Food Vendor tokens, but packed lunches will be offered.

Chris Cloke will be compering the day The Parish Council Chair and the Mayor have both accepted the invitation to attend and Luke Murphy will stop by if he is able. The Basingstoke Gazette have been invited to attend and we will have videographer and photographer on hand.,

We need to get Dan to check the WiFi coverage on the field and ensure security for the refrigerated trailer.

H &S/Security: Mick and Louise picked up some minor actions on the 'walkabout@ including the need for repairs in the Centre car park.

There have been a couple of 'false alarms@ on the security system (most likely caused by spiders)

A number of classes have been cancelled due to the heatwave and the Nursery closed early on several days. This prompted a discussion on air conditioning and heating (which is timely as the maintenance contractor has warned that our boiler will need replacement in the near future.

It was suggested that a Sub Committee be formed to look ensure a holistic approach and investigate funding for heating and cooling of the Centre going forward.

9. Agree Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 28th July 2026, at 7.30 pm,

Approved and signed by

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On:

Audrey Gordon
Chair, Sherfield Park Community Association