



Minutes of SPCA Meeting held at 7.30PM on Tuesday 17th February 2026 in the Sherfield Park Community Centre

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

Trustees in Attendance: Mick Cooper, Mark Gardner, Rosalind Guy, Audrey Gordon, Sarah Morgan, Ian Pegram, Matt Reeves

Trustees Apologies: Davina Kimber, Kevin Ritson

Members of the public in attendance: Jenny Vaux

Other : Louise Grainger (Centre Manager)

2. **Introductions:** None required

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

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

Minutes were proposed by Mark Gardner, seconded by Mick Cooper and accepted by all.

5. **Public Participation:**

None

6. **Chairperson's report:**

Please see attached.

Reshmi Sarkar has resigned as a Trustee: Audrey thanked her for her input into the SPCA

The work on the kitchen refurbishment has started.

Cheryl Vartannes is being offered a temporary contract to cover additional administration workload.

7. Finance Report:

The next financial review will be reported in April.

8. Manager's Report:

Classes ceased – Spin & Tots Play

Classes commenced- Aerial Fitness Training, Dance Training (Sunday), Boom Baby (soon)

The football field is currently waterlogged and unplayable, and there is an issue with the white lining.

9. Grant Funding Feedback:

Matt has worked through possible funding opportunities published on the BVA portal, including the following:- Clifton House Charitable Trust (disability and healthcare), Emmanuel Kaye Foundation, Charlotte Bonham Carter Charitable Trust (arts and culture), Manydown Charitable Trust (countryside pursuits), Brighter Lives Foundation (mental and physical disabilities – could apply to well-being and dementia plus improvements for the hard of hearing), Garfield Weston Foundation (will fund operating cost as well as projects).

The grants under the 'Good Exchange' (Peter Baker and the Greenham Trust) and the Shanly Foundation were also mentioned.

Priorities discussed were the decoration of the foyer (requires working at heights), continuing the well-being project past June, Youth Club support and sound-proofing. Audrey will provide Matt with a copy of the Well-being grant application submitted last year.

10. Events Review:

The Social Evening and Volunteers Event in early Feb went well. The Afternoon Tea scheduled for March 22nd is being advertised.

11. AOB:

Mick and Lesley are working on a recommendation for documentation of the procurement/funding process.

Rosalind agreed to look into the practical detail regarding her suggestion to host a Business Networking Group.

Audrey informed the team that Sherfield Park Community Centre is now on LinkedIn and encourage use/reference by individuals.

12. Agree Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 31st March 2026, at 7.30pm

Approved and signed by

.....*Audrey Gordon*.....

On 31.3.2026

Audrey Gordon
Chair, Sherfield Park Community Association