



**THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING & PARISH ASSEMBLY OF
SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Is to be held on Thursday, 15th May 2025 at 7.00pm
at Sopley Parish Hall, Priest Lane, Sopley**

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN: (Local Government Act 1972, SECTION 15 (2)).

- Election of Chairman (to sign declaration of acceptance of role) – proposer/seconder.
- Election of Vice Chair – proposer/seconder.

2. ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (as per attached schedule):

- All current Council members are to be re-elected from the previous financial year.
Proposed/seconder:

3. ELECTION OF BURIAL BOARD:

- Current members are willing to stand. Proposed/seconder.

4. ELECTION OF COUNCIL LEAD ROLES AND NOMINATION TO THE FOLLOWING EXTERNAL BODIES: (as attached schedule).

- Sopley Parish Hall management Committee, New Forest Consultative Panel, New Forest NA, SW quadrant, Police Liaison, Bournemouth Airport Liaison, HALC.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

- Apologies received already from Cllr Allen.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED.

7. ADOPTION OF GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE:

“Sopley Parish Council hereby confirms we meet the eligibility criteria for adoption of a General Power of Competence as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. We further resolve to adopt a General Power of Competence.

8. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

- Draft Minutes of last meeting held 24th April 2025.
- Matters arising. Approved and duly signed by Chair.
- Monthly payments to be authorised by Council members circulated prior to meeting. Approved by all Council members and signed by Chair and RFO.
- Adoption of Standing Orders, Financial regulations and policies circulated and amended as required by all members. Approved and adopted by all Council members.

9. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

- Circulated and published on website and parish boards.

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This will take the form of an open discussion session between parishioners and members of the Council on any subject of relevance to the community.

Following these discussions there will be a talk by Cllr Richard Frampton.

Refreshments will be available after this presentation.

Next full SPC Meeting will be held 19th June 2025, 7.30pm at Sopley Parish Hall.