



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

Is to be held on Thursday, 21st May 2026 at 7.30pm at

Sopley Parish Hall, Priest Lane, Sopley

AGENDA

❖ *Welcome to all members and parishioners to this Annual Council meeting there will be some items of formal business and re-elections of Council members followed by the Parish Assembly.*

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).
- Election of Vice Chair.
- Outgoing Parish Chairman's Report.

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

- All current Council members are to be re-elected from the previous financial year, except for Cllr Maria Adaway, who has stood down.

3. ELECTION OF BURIAL BOARD:

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

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:

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RECEIVED.

7. ADOPTION OF GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE:

The Council has reviewed its eligibility for the General Power of Competence and confirmed that the statutory criteria continue to be met. It was resolved to reaffirm the Council's eligibility to use the General Power of Competence for the 2026/27 year.

8. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

- Draft Minutes of last meeting held 16th April 2026.
- Matters arising.
- 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. (as per schedule)
- Highways update (BM)
- Derriitt Lane Road safety update (JA)

9. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR THE COMING YEAR (attached)

THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

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.

Refreshments will be available after this presentation.

Next full SPC Meeting will be held TUESDAY, 23rd June 2026, 7.30pm at Sopley Parish Hall.

(Originally 18th June changed due to District elections on that day)