

## **Sherborne Cycling Club – AGM Minutes (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 – The Digby Tap, Sherborne)**

### **Attendees**

Alex Brinsford (Chair)  
Fred Whittick (Treasurer)  
Luke Bowditch (Secretary)  
Emily Simpson (Social Secretary)  
Steve Price (Routes Lead)  
Iain Baxter (Committee Member)  
Tom Pethick (Committee Member)  
Steve Akins (Committee Member)  
Andrea Price  
David Hyland  
Kit Clifford  
Steph Riley  
Tim Weeks  
Brett Banadyga  
Zoe Malcom  
Steve Foote

### **Apologies**

Rob Dickens  
Sarah Barnes  
Tanya Piper  
Steve Dillon  
Frank McMorrow

### **Minutes of Discussion**

1. Welcome to the group **(Chair)**
2. Apologies **(Chair)**
3. Vote in / introduction of new committee members by show of hands. New committee members agreed by all **(Chair)**
4. Reflection on successful 2025 season with 40+ members signed up and positive turnout for club rides **(Chair)**
5. At time of writing, 30+ members signed up for new 2026 season **(Chair + All)**
6. Financial report sent to committee – closing balance £1,117.24 **(Chair)**
7. Cycling club clothing shop to be re-opened and notification sent out via Whatsapp group when live **(Chair + Treasurer)**
8. AOB and new ideas put to the floor **(Chair)**. Key discussion points outlined below:
  - Moving forward, club membership to run from beginning of April to end of following March (in line with cycling club season)
  - Club kit – suggestion to use Kalas in Somerton as they are a local company and arrangements can be made prior to visit for sizing / fitting options.
  - 100 mile ride implemented in 2025 – received positively by all. Suggestion to slightly amend the route due to a few issues in Wareham. Also to reschedule the ride to June due to clash with summer holidays.
  - Suggestion to implement an additional weekly club ride (potentially Thursday - separate to Weds club rides) for new club members or as part of a training plan.
  - Meritous / Epic club rides – depending on numbers, split the groups to have a faster / slower average speed within each group (to cater for wider range of abilities as well as reducing size of peloton on roads)

- Classic rides – due to the burden on a select few club members, suggestion for all members of club (including Meritous & Epic riders) to lead out the Classic group occasionally and alternate the rotation throughout the season. Furthermore, ride leader / more experienced riders to demonstrate riding etiquette, rules of road, hand signals etc to any new club members.
- Group discussion regarding riders dropping down groups due to time constraints e.g Epic to Meritous, Meritous to Classic and still riding at initial group average speed. Suggestion that if there are any riders with time constraints, discuss with the group upon arrival, agree the shortened route and advise accordingly to reduce any chance of confusion.
- Meritous to potentially have an upper, capped average speed limit to be inclusive for all members.
- **Chair** suggested setting up a subscription based Strava account for Sherborne Cycling Club (funded by club account) to store all saved club routes and be available to club members. All present at AGM agreed this would be an acceptable approach.
- **Routes Lead** stated that any new routes would be welcome to add into the club rotation. If any club member has any specific routes, please send directly to Steve Price.
- New committee members now formally agreed, therefore, new **Secretary** to pick up the monitoring of club email account to respond to potential new enquiries, ongoing queries and any other business.
- Sherborne Cycling Club social media accounts (Facebook / Instagram) to be consolidated and promoted for the 2026 season with the aim to increase club members moving forward.
- Weekend café / casual rides - group discussion with regards to specific days and timings. In the short term, all agreed on a Sunday 9:00am start from Culverhayes car park, Sherborne (commencing Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April) with a ride distance of approximately 50-60kms initially including a café stop. Route pace / average speed to be agreed prior to the ride commencing and riders can join at any point on the advertised route.
- Velodrome visit – previous visit was well received. Committee to investigate arrangements for the 2026 season with further details to be shared with all club members.
- **Chair** thanked all members for their attendance and best wishes for 2026 season.