




SHERSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Minutes of the FGB Committee on 11th February 2026 at 6.02pm

18.3.26	 Chair of Governors
Date approved	Signed

The Full Governing Body meetings focus on fostering a collaborative and supportive learning environment in line with our school's visionary approach of Learning, Caring & Achieving Together. These minutes are a record of discussions on strategies to enhance collaborative learning experiences, reinforce a culture of care and inclusivity, and outline achievable goals that contribute to the collective success of our school community. This vision serves as a guiding principle for our governance, emphasising the importance of unity and cooperation in nurturing a positive and successful educational journey for all of our children.

Attendees: Tommy Towers (TT), Dominic Koole (DK), Camille Sowersby (CS), Neil Carpenter (NC), Alex St John Wright (ASJW), Nicola Atwell (NA), Heather Martin (HS), Ben Warnes (BW Ben), Parkyn (BP), Emel Lansdell (Notes)

Apologies: Martin Smith (MS), Anna Glassborow (AG)

Notes: ASJW arrived at 6.04pm, NA left at 7.07pm

Agenda Item	Who	Purpose	Circulated Documents	Action Points
1. Welcome, apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Thank you issued to FGB for attending postponed meeting on short notice b. Key focus to discuss Ofsted visit and share thoughts openly, but noting confidentiality around this c. Apologies from MS and AG. <i>Link to vision – caring together</i>	DK			
2. Declaration of interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. None to declare. <i>Link to vision – caring together</i>	All	To ensure there is no conflict of interest		
3. Minutes and matters arising from last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (3.12.25) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. FGB approved. <i>Link to vision – caring together</i>	DK	To agree minutes	Minutes Circulated	
4. Review of Ofsted inspection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. DK shared an overview of where the school is at following the recent Ofsted inspection. EL/ NC thanked for the notes taken during the Final Feedback meeting b. Thanks were given to Governors who were able to participate during the inspection c. It was noted that [REDACTED] 	DK/ TT	To discuss and agree next steps	Notes circulated	



d.	[Redacted]				
e.	It was highlighted that the new writing framework launched in the summer of 2025 is not statutory				
f.	The new Ofsted framework was discussed [Redacted] It was implemented November 2025				
g.	[Redacted]				
h.	[Redacted]				



<p>r. A huge thanks was issued to TT/ DM for all their work and preparation. The school has the FGBs full support. TT very grateful for this.</p> <p>████████████████████</p> <p><i>Link to vision - learning, caring and achieving together</i></p>				
<p>5. EYFS ██████████ ██████████ ██████████</p> <p>c. TT advised the FGB that appraisals were being conducted tomorrow (12.2.26) ██████████</p> <p>e. FGB agreed on plan for EYFS.</p> <p>████████████████████</p> <p><i>Link to vision - learning, caring and achieving together</i></p>	TT	To update		
<p>6. Teacher recruitment</p> <p>a. This was raised in the last F&P meeting (20.1.26) as the school is growing, evidenced by positive applications figures AY 26/27 (TT confirmed there were ██████ 1st choices and ██████ applications). Consideration about the future structure was taken and it was agreed that the school would benefit</p>	TT	To discuss		

<p>from another teacher for EYFS/ KS1. Advert is for FT role but PT also considered</p> <p>b. TT noted that [redacted] income was not included in the budget [redacted],</p> <p>c. It was confirmed that it would be for a 1 year contract which the FGB approved. TT commented that there were [redacted] applications and the closing date was 2.3.26. Interviews to take place the following week.</p> <p><i>Link to vision –caring and achieving together</i></p>				
<p>7. Malmesbury Primary (MPS) Expansion</p> <p>a. Letters shared around the expansion [redacted]</p> <p>b. DK felt the expansion would happen as it has been approved at a high level [redacted] FGB agreed</p> <p>c. TT commented that previously parents would join Sherston due to limited space at MPS, but that has changed. MPS is not full and parents come to Sherston because of what is offered, including a small village school experience</p> <p>d. TT/ DK to arrange a talk with HT at MPS.</p> <p><i>Link to vision –learning, caring and achieving together</i></p>	DK	To update		TT/ DK to arrange a talk with HT at MPS

<p>8. HT report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Written pre-Ofsted visit b. DK asked TT if any key points to mention. TT raised recruitment but this has been discussed during the meeting c. No questions d. Thanks to TT for preparing this. <p><i>Link to vision -learning, caring and achieving together</i></p>	TT	To update		
<p>9. Governor recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. FGB previously agreed to advertise the vacancy and this has been shared in newsletter/ Cliffhanger magazine b. One parent with financial expertise has put themselves forward so far and the FGB agreed it seemed like a good fit c. DK to wait [REDACTED] see if any other volunteers come forwards d. DK advised that the FGB structure can be revisited if necessary, to accommodate a new member e. HM confirmed that an advert for a vacancy for the Diocese went out this week. <p><i>Link to vision -caring and achieving together</i></p>	DK	To update		
<p>10. Safeguarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CS visited on the Friday before Ofsted arrived - report shared with FGB. It was a good visit looking at the SCR, CPOMS and noting there was a positive downward trend in unkind behaviour 	CS	To update		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. It was noted that some issues were taking place outside of school c. DK commented that safeguarding was [REDACTED] d. [REDACTED] strong safeguarding culture in schools and communicated this with staff e. No further questions. <p><i>Link to vision –learning, caring and achieving together</i></p>				
<p>11. Staff well-being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. TT thanked CS for reaching out to staff b. DK commented it had been [REDACTED] c. TT said staff pulled together as a closely knit team [REDACTED] DKs message to the staff was well received d. TT noted that staff know the school is supported & there is support if they need it e. DK thanked TT for shielding staff during Ofsted’s visit. TT shared the feedback he had received from staff about him doing a great job and how there is no longer a divide between teachers and TAs [REDACTED] g. This week is a celebration of kids and staff, with lots of activities taking place h. Staff welfare week takes place immediately after half term, which will be a busy one. It went very well last time i. T&L learning visit rescheduled for 3.3.26. <p><i>Link to vision –caring and achieving together</i></p>	CS	To update		

	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delayed pupil entry request for Reception 2026 (FGB to approve) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o TT gave the FGB background on the case about a pupil's delayed entry into school meaning they start in Reception instead of Year 1. FGB approved. - ASJW thanked DK for communications during the Ofsted visit. <p>TT discussed smart phones and new guidance around this. There was an opportunity to make Sherston a smart phone free school as it currently [REDACTED] affects [REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o TT noted that there were alternative ways for parents to track pupil whereabouts e.g. tracker in bag and "dumb" phones were inexpensive o Some parents prefer their children to have a phone e.g. if walking home/ going to the park after school o BP asked what the reality would be i.e. would smart phones be allowed in the building? o CS highlighted this should help reduce potential for safeguarding issues taking place outside of school o BW highlighted that some things require app usage e.g. TT rockstars. This was explored and concluded that this is something than can be done with adult supervision o FGB supportive of the change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TT mentioned that an organisation was coming to talk to parents about online safety in May. - DK thanked TT, the staff, governors and clerk for all their work, help and support. TT also issued a big thank you to everyone and was very grateful. 						
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