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Dated: 24th November 2025

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 24TH NOVEMBER 2025

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Tally
Dave Wheeler	Chairman	✓		6/6
Steven Colborne-Baber	Vice Chairman	✓		5/6
James Bruce	Councillor	✓		6/6
David Perry	Councillor	✓		5/6
Richard Wemyss	Councillor	✓		5/6
Carol Wemyss	Councillor		✓	1/6
Jilly Jordan	Unitary Councillor		✓	N/A
Chloe Collins	Clerk	✓		N/A
Huw Perry	RFO		✓	N/A
Members of Public		0		

Papers circulated in advance of the meeting:

- November Agenda
- Draft October 2025 Minutes
- November 2025 Meeting Bundle

Meeting Opened: 19:30

Meeting Closed: 21:42

The Chairman opened the meeting.

141/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Carol Wemyss.

RESOLVED: The Council approved the apology and accepted the reason for absence in accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

142/25 Declarations of Interest

A declaration relating to the Church was noted.

RESOLVED: To note the declaration.

143/25 Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No requests for dispensations were received.

RESOLVED: To note.

144/25 Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned for up to 15 minutes for public participation. No members of the public were present.

RESOLVED: To note.

145/25 Reports from Unitary Councillors

A written report was received from Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Jilly Jordan.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

146/25 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: To approve.

147/25 Planning and Licensing Matters

No new planning applications were received prior to the meeting. Planning decisions published by Buckinghamshire Council were noted.

RESOLVED: To note.

148/25 Allotments

148.1 Allotment Requests

- Plot 10C Holder to be notified that the allotment offer has been withdrawn.
- The tenant at Stackyard has offered to arrange for maintenance of their plot.
- Plot 10C will take over the newly vacant plot.
- A plot holder and surveyor will map plots at no charge to the Council

148.2 Skip Hire Feedback

The Council noted that the skip provided was the maximum permissible size.

RESOLVED: To note.

149/25 Finance

149.1 Payments Schedule

RESOLVED: To approve the payments and receipts schedule.

149.2 Grant Applications

The Council received and considered the following applications:

- Village News: £1,000
- Parish Church: £500 towards churchyard maintenance

RESOLVED – Grants to be awarded

149.3 Preparation of the 2026/27 Budget

RESOLVED:

149.3.1 Reviewed the current year's expenditure against the approved budget and noted variances and areas requiring adjustment.

149.3.2 Considered the anticipated costs and priorities for the 2026/27 financial year, including ongoing commitments and any newly identified projects.

149.3.3 Discussed potential amendments to the precept requirements to ensure sufficient funding for planned activities and future service provision. The Council agreed to request a precept of £41,600, a 4% increase, for 2026/27.

149.3.4 Agreed the timetable for the drafting, review, and approval of the final 2026/27 budget, with a final version to be presented for approval at a future meeting.

150/25 Christmas Lights

RESOLVED:

150.1 Discussed arrangements and responsibilities for installation of Christmas lights at the Old Bakery.

150.2 Reviewed associated costs, permissions, and risk assessments.

150.3 Agreed installation dates and resident communication requirements.

150.4 Approved expenditure.

151/25 Recreation Ground / Open Spaces

RESOLVED:

Additional Note:

The Council noted that the Warden has successfully completed both required training courses and will commence authorised weed control activities in the spring.

151.1 Received and noted Wardens' playground inspection reports.

151.3 Received update regarding street light repair.

151.4 Received details of payphone repair and upgrade.

151.5 Discussed recreation ground maintenance.

Additional notes:

- Contact AVDC regarding the alley.

152/25 Cross Roads Update

RESOLVED

152.1 Noted no update on discussions with Highways regarding proposed safety measures.

152. Approved follow-up actions to pursue meeting with the MP

153/25 Sale of Common Land – Open Market

RESOLVED:

153.1 Received an update from the Trustees regarding the method of sale and marketing approach. Received an update from the Trustees regarding the method of sale and marketing approach

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154/25 Action Log

The updated Action Log was received. No additional updates beyond subjects already discussed.

155/25 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies / Working Parties / Wardens

Reports were received as applicable.

RESOLVED: To note.

156/25 Clerk's Correspondence

Correspondence was received and noted.

RESOLVED: To note.

157/25 Items for Future Meetings

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The following items were raised for future agendas:

- Request recycling bags and ask the Publican whether residents may collect them from the pub.
- Installation of a new gate at the entrance to the recreation ground.
- Purchase of a cupboard and the necessary equipment for weed control, including PPE,

applicator, chemicals, gloves, and boots.

- VPA Sunday 30 November – consider inviting representatives.
- Defibrillator training – Hall to donate room; include half-page advertisement in Village Hall newsletter.
- Installation of a dog bin.

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158/25 Date of Next Meeting

NOTED: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 26th January 2026 at 7:30pm in the Carrington Room, Greenacre Hall, The Recreation Ground, Drayton Parslow.