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Dated: 26th January 2026

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 26th JANUARY 2026

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Tally
Dave Wheeler	Chairman	✓		7/7
Steven Colborne-Baber	Vice Chairman	✓		7/7
James Bruce	Councillor	✓		7/7
David Perry	Councillor	✓		6/7
Richard Wemyss	Councillor	✓		6/7
Carol Wemyss	Councillor		✓	1/7
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:

- January Agenda
- Draft November 2025 Minutes
- January 2026 Meeting Bundle

Meeting Opened: 19:31

Meeting Closed: 20:34

The Chairman opened the meeting.

1/26 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.

2/26 Declarations of Interest

A declaration relating to the Church was noted.

RESOLVED: To note the declaration.

3/26 Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No requests for dispensations were received.

RESOLVED: To note.

4/26 Co-option of new Councillor

RESOLVED To note Application withdrawn no further communication from enquiry

5/26 Public Participation

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

RESOLVED: To note.

6/26 Reports from Unitary Councillors

An email was received from Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Jilly Jordan.

RESOLVED: To receive and note.

7/26 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record. The Chair signed the minutes.

RESOLVED: To approve.

8/26 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.

9/26 Allotments

9.1 Allotment Requests

RESOLVED To note

- Plot 10C Holder has notified that the allotment offer has been withdrawn.
- Plot 10C will be taken over the newly vacant plot Cllr Wemyss to notify.

10/26 Finance

10.1 Financial Reports – Quarter 3

RESOLVED To approve

10.1.1 Bank reconciliation statements for the Deposit and Current Account for the months of October, November, December 2025.

10.1.2 Budget monitoring report for Quarter 3, period ending December 2025

10.1.3 Updated statement on council reserves held at December 2025.

10.2 Payments Schedule

RESOLVED: To approve the payments and receipts schedule.

10.3 2026/27 Budget

RESOLVED:

The Council agreed to request a precept of £41,600, a 4% increase, for 2026/27.

11/26 Action Log

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

12/26 Open Space Maintenance

RESOLVED To note update on Street Light Maintenance still awaiting full reports on fault. One light repair completed.

13/26 Village Website

RESOLVED To approve the sponsoring a paid WordPress plan for the village website and the use of the domain name draytonparslowvillage.co.uk.

14/26 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies/Working Parties

RESOLVED To note Warden report

15/26 Clerk Correspondence

RESOLVED To note items of correspondence or communication brought forward by the Clerk,

16/26 Any items of Discussion for a Future Meeting

TO NOTE – No items to be added to future agenda

17/26 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

RESOLVED To note the date, time and venue of the next council meeting scheduled for at the Carrington Room, Greenacre Hall.

NOTED: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 23rd February 2026 at 7:30pm in the Carrington Room, Greenacre Hall, The Recreation Ground, Drayton Parslow.

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Report to Members of the Parish Council

TO:	Members of the Parish Council
MEETING DATE:	January 2026
SUBJECT:	Planning
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 8

8.1 To note the list of planning applications considered for comment since the last meeting and delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Members and due to meeting the statutory consultation deadline.

8.2 To consider and comment on planning applications within the Drayton Parslow parish on the Buckinghamshire Council planning portal. Any applications received by the Clerk after publishing the agenda will be tabled at the meeting).

8.3 To receive notification of planning decisions from Buckinghamshire Council [attached].

None

None

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TO:	Members of the Parish Council
MEETING DATE:	January 2026
SUBJECT:	Allotments
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 9. Allotments
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TO:	Members of the Parish Council
MEETING DATE:	January 2026
SUBJECT:	Village Website – Hosting, Domain and Costs
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: Village Website – Hosting, Domain and Costs

Village Website – Hosting, Domain and Costs

To consider the future management of the Drayton Parslow village website. The current site operates on a free WordPress plan using the URL *draytonparslowvillage.wordpress.com*, which limits functionality and presents an unsatisfactory web address.

To enable access to improved management tools and a more appropriate URL, the Parish Council could sponsor a paid WordPress “Personal” plan at a cost of approximately £3 per month. A suitable domain name (*draytonparslowvillage.co.uk*) has been registered at a cost of approximately £10 per year and can be linked to the site if a paid plan is in place.

Alternative domain names (e.g. *draytonparslow.com / .co.uk*) are already registered by third parties and are not considered viable due to cost or availability.

Recommendation:

That the Parish Council approves funding for a WordPress Personal plan for the village website and adopts *draytonparslowvillage.co.uk* as the primary web address.

Buckinghamshire Council proposes balanced budget plan

Buckinghamshire Council <mailer@news.buckinghamshire.gov.uk>
To: "clerk" <clerk@draytonparslowparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Thu, Jan 8, 2026 at 5:20 PM



Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council

08 January 2026

Buckinghamshire Council proposes balanced budget plan

Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet has today agreed its updated Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) setting out budget proposals for the coming financial year. The council has once again put forward a balanced budget, as it is legally required to do, but warns that it is doing so under increasingly difficult national funding conditions, including the recent 'Fair Funding Review', which diverts vital resources away from Buckinghamshire.

Central government's 'Fair Funding Review' has resulted in Buckinghamshire losing out by £44.4 million, placing even further strain on the local council's finances at a time when demand for statutory services continues to grow. Also, government formulas explicitly include in their calculations an increase of 4.99% per year in Council Tax. Even with this rise in local tax, the overall 'core spending power' - the total funding available to Buckinghamshire Council - rises by only 8.1% in the coming three-year period, barely above expected inflation and well below the national average increase of 15.1%. Without the 'baked in' 4.99% Council Tax rise, Buckinghamshire would face a further £30m budget gap.

Ultimately, due to the government's approach, less money is available to Buckinghamshire and money as funds are instead being sent to other areas of the country.

Additionally central government has withdrawn funding from key local services and infrastructure, further shifting costs and responsibility onto local taxation. In recent weeks this has included the cancellation of a new Special Educational Needs (SEN) school which would have provided 152 new SEN places, leaving Buckinghamshire Council to fill the gaps.

Despite these changes the MTFP outlines in more detail the significant investment in services and priorities that residents outlined during the budget consultation last year.

These include:

- **£120 million** for strategic highways maintenance and a **further £98 million** invested in other transport priorities including bridge maintenance, footways, drainage, streetlighting and bus infrastructure improvements, meaning a total investment of nearly **£220 million**
- **£49.7 million** on Special Educational Needs provision and a **further £107.7 million** on Primary and Secondary schools, and school improvement projects
- **£108.2 million** on strategic infrastructure in Aylesbury via the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF)
- **£46.8 million** investment in waste, including a new household recycling centre and vehicle replacement
- **£28.1 million** to support housing and homelessness including affordable housing to reduce temporary accommodation costs, and disabled facilities grants
- **£11.6 million** on climate change and flood management

Buckinghamshire Council Leader Steven Broadbent said:

"This is an extremely challenging national context in which we have put forward our budget proposals. That said, I am proud that we are still able to focus investment into the priority areas our residents want their local tax to be spent on –

roads, community facilities and services to help people who need extra support.

"Overall, however, this is simply an unfair funding system for Buckinghamshire residents.

"Not only are we losing out to the tune of £44.4 million as a result of the so-called 'Fair Funding Review' – which is anything but fair – but our residents are also being let down by central government cutting other budgets and investments too.

"More and more is falling to the council and ultimately to local taxpayers to shoulder the burden. That said, because of our strong financial record, the millions of pounds worth of savings we have made and our finances being in a pressured but stable position, we can still prioritise what matters most to Buckinghamshire residents.

"We are continuing to protect essential services, invest in our communities and maintain our focus on efficiency, value for money and delivering for local people. I urge people to examine in full the details of the budget plans we are putting forward."

ENDS...//

Notes to Editor

The proposed budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) will now go forward for scrutiny before final consideration at Full Council in February.

For full details of the MTFP, visit: [Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 202627 to 202829 and Capital Programme 202627 to 202930.pdf](#)

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Cc: <BALC@bucksalc.gov.uk>

Wed, Jan 7, 2026 at 1:09 PM

Dear Councils,

I have been in busy reviewing all the information I have received on this topic, this morning, including your comments and inputs. Thank you. I am not legally qualified and there are multiple pieces of legislation and best practice which seem to contradict each other, however I have now a transcript of a conversation I held with the ICO, which I believe will take us forward and allow you to agree with your internal auditor what needs to be reported on.

The ICO Publication Scheme published on the 23 Oct 2015 v1.2, is mandatory and **cannot** be altered, other than with the express permission of the Information Commissioner. In other words, adopt in full with your council name at the top.

There are two further documents which are required.

The schedule of fees which you will charge for certain activities, read the scheme and check the ICO website.

And

The Guide to Information published on 29 October 2021 v 3.0 is a template and a guide and **can** be altered. Therefore, if you fall into the category of reporting individual items of expenditure over £500 – you will need to edit the v3.0 template accordingly, I would suggest you include the legal reference under which you are acting. That should head off any concerns of your auditor.

All **three** documents should be available to members of the public on your website.

I have included the transcript and also an email chain showing the NALC and MCHLG response to our question in December.

Kind regards

Mel Woof
Chief Executive Officer



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Traffic measurement in the village and works at the crossroads

Jilly Jordan (Cllr) <Jilly.Jordan@buckinghamshire.gov.uk>

Mon, Jan 26, 2026 at 2:54 PM

To: "Parish Council" <parish@patromark.com>, "Drayton Parslow Clerk" <clerk@draytonparslowparishcouncil.gov.uk>

David/Chloe,

Apologies but due to another commitment I will not be able to attend this evening. Attached is my Jan25 Report.

I have just had the following from the Road Safety Team:

As part of the governance process of significant schemes such as Drayton Parslow, the final decision to progress is made by the Road Safety Operational Programme Board. The decision is currently under consideration, and I would expect the final decision by the end of next week.

I will ensure that the information is made available to you as soon as possible.

I understand that the detailed design is for the realignment of the crossroads and the Board is meeting this Friday. I will let you know of any further updates. Very happy to have a Teams/Zoom call to discuss.

Please let me know if you have questions/follow-ups from this evening's meeting.

Warm Regards

Jilly

Cllr Jilly Jordan

Deputy Cabinet Member Education and Children's Services

Newton Longville Ward

Buckinghamshire Council

From: Parish Council <parish@patromark.com>

Sent: 23 January 2026 10:04

To: Jilly Jordan (Cllr) <Jilly.Jordan@buckinghamshire.gov.uk>

Cc: Parish Council <parish@patromark.com>; Chloe Collins <clerk@draytonparslowparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Traffic measurement in the village and works at the crossroads

Hi Jilly,

For our meeting on Monday, whether you are able to attend or not, could you please provide some information on the following:

In two locations in the village Highways (I assume) have set up two sets of parallel strips to measure traffic flow and speed. Note that the locations selected are not the areas where the speeding generally occurs which is on the straight piece of road that runs from the Lodge past Stones Way to Prospect close. What exactly is the purpose? We have noted other traffic measurement occurring towards Newton Longville in the past months

Secondly, I see that all the barriers to the ditches have been replaced at the crossroads, is this in relation to planning for further works to be carried out? I am curious as to what prompted this as the old barriers have been in their dilapidated state since I moved here in 1996.

Thank you

David

David Perry

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