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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 27th July 2026

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Tally
Dave Wheeler	Chairman	✓		2/2
Steven Colborne-Baber	Vice Chairman		✓	2/2
James Bruce	Councillor	✓		2/2
David Perry	Councillor	✓		2/2
Richard Wemyss	Councillor	✓		½
Carol Wemyss	Councillor	✓		0/2
Jenny Pierce	Councillor	✓		2/2
Jilly Jordan	Unitary Councillor		✓	N/A
Chloe Collins	Clerk	✓		N/A
Huw Perry	RFO		✓	N/A
Members of Public		4		

Papers circulated in advance of the meeting:

- July Agenda
- Draft June 2026 Minutes
- July 2026 Meeting Bundle

Meeting Opened: 19:30

Meeting Closed: 2108

93/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Steven Colbrne-Barber

Resolved: That the reasons for absence be accepted in accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

94/26 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

96/26 Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to address the Council.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding traffic speeds within the village, with particular reference to traffic associated with Tuckwells. It was suggested that volunteers could be recruited to form a Community Speedwatch to undertake monitoring within the parish and that data from the Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) should be downloaded and reviewed to help build an evidence base. Members encouraged residents to report incidents and concerns to the Clerk so that a comprehensive record can be maintained and shared with Buckinghamshire Councillor Jilly Jordan in support of ongoing requests for traffic calming measures and speed limit reductions. It was also noted that 20 mph advisory signs remain available and can be requested from the clerk.

Members of the public also raised concerns regarding recent changes to the management of the Drayton Parslow Sports and Social Club and the potential impact on the community garden project. It was reported that the project may be at risk following the withdrawal of key volunteers, and reference was made to correspondence received from the project's former lead. The Council noted that the matter falls within the governance of the Sports and Social Club but acknowledged the potential implications for the Parish Council grant awarded to support the project.

A concern was raised regarding the condition of the public footpath leading to the hall and social club with reports that a trip hazard exists. Members noted that complaints had been received from both the school and members of the public and agreed that the defect should be inspected and considered for repair.

The Chair thanked those present for their comments.

The meeting was reconvened.

97/26 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor

Cllr Jilly Jordan was not in attendance and no written report was received.

98/26 Minutes

The draft minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 29th June 2026 were considered.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chair.

99/26 Planning and Licensing Matters

99.1 Planning Applications Determined Under Delegated Authority

The list of planning applications considered under delegated authority since the previous meeting was noted.

99.2 Planning Applications

The Council considered planning applications received since publication of the agenda.

Resolved: That the Clerk submit the Council's comments to Buckinghamshire Council as agreed.

99.3 Planning Decisions

The planning decisions received from Buckinghamshire Council were noted.

99.4 Draft Buckinghamshire Local Plan (Regulation 19) Consultation

Members considered the Publication Version of the Buckinghamshire Local Plan and discussed those proposals considered likely to affect Drayton Parslow.

Following discussion, Members agreed the principal issues to be included within the Parish Council's response.

Resolved:

- That the Council submit a formal response to the Regulation 19 consultation.
- That delegated authority be granted to the Clerk, in consultation with Cllr David Perry will draft a reply. Cllr Pierce requested that addition of traffic concerns be included.

100/26 Allotments

100.1 Allotment Requests

The Council considered allotment enquiries received since the previous meeting. - None received

100.2 Allotment Rents

Members considered the current allotment rental charges and reviewed comparative information from neighbouring authorities.

A proposal was presented to increase allotment rents from September 2026. Members noted that the proposed increase would represent approximately a 300% increase on the current charges. This should mean that the Parish Council should break even on the provision of allotments. Comparative figures indicated that the proposed rents would remain significantly lower than those charged by Bletchley Town Council, equating to approximately one-third of Bletchley's current fees.

Members also considered the ongoing costs of maintaining the allotment sites, including water usage. It was agreed that updated water consumption for the year figures should be obtained from RFO Huw Perry which then need to be added to the allotment rentals agreed so that the annual billing could be sent out at the end of September.

RESOLVED: That a revised schedule of allotment rents, effective from September 2026, be approved in principle, subject to confirmation of the latest water usage costs, with the final charges to be agreed accordingly.

101/26 Finance

101.1 Payments Schedule

Members considered the schedule of payments and receipts.

Resolved: That the payments presented be approved for payment and the receipts and delegated payments be noted.

102/26 Open Spaces

102.1 Phone Box Project

The Clerk provided an update on progress with the Phone Box Project, including completed works and outstanding actions.

The report was noted.

102.2 VPA Wildflower Planting Scheme

Members considered the proposed wildflower planting scheme.

Following discussion, Members agreed that the flat grassed area opposite Stones Way should remain unchanged.

Resolved: Bulb planting be supported on the bank only, subject to agreement with the VPA and any necessary permissions.

102.3 Speed Limit Review – Crossroads

Members received no update regarding the proposed speed limit review.

The Clerk reported no responses received from neighbouring parish councils.

102.4 Remembrance Sunday Wreath

Members considered the annual purchase of a wreath.

Resolved: In accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, that expenditure of **£25.00** be approved for the purchase of a Remembrance Sunday wreath and instruct musician to perform, the Council being satisfied that the expenditure is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants and will provide commensurate benefit.

103/26 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies, Working Parties and Warden

Representatives provided updates on meetings attended and current activities.

Wardens reports were noted.

104/26 Clerk's Correspondence

The Clerk presented the correspondence report previously circulated to Members.

Items requiring attention were discussed and noted.

105/26 Items for a Future Meeting

Members requested the following items be included on a future agenda:

106/26 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of Drayton Parslow Parish Council will be held on **Monday 21st September 2026** at the **Carrington Room, Greenacre Hall, Drayton Parslow**, commencing at **7.00 pm**.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at [Insert Time].

Actions:

Village News: Prepare an article inviting residents to submit ideas for improvements to the Village Memorial.

MP Visit: Liaise with MP Callum Anderson to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council and extend an invitation to contribute to the Parish Magazine.

20 mph Campaign: Prepare an article for the Parish Magazine encouraging residents to support and participate in the 20 mph speed limit campaign.

VPA Village Show (22 August): Organise the Parish Council's presence at the Village Show, including:

- Cllr Pierce to prepare display signs.
- Contact Linda to request the loan of a gazebo for the Parish Council stall.
- Arrange a table and any supporting display materials for the event.
