

An ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.45pm in the Pavilion, Englefield Road, and was attended by the following:

Chair: Cllr. Clifford

Councillors Present: Cllr. Paul, Cllr. H.Hopkinson, Cllr. A.Hopkinson, Cllr. Church, Cllr. Pert, Cllr. Seto & Cllr.Ferguson

Others In Attendance: Blaire Brodie - Assitant Clerk and District Councillor Macro.

Minutes: Di Hughes – Operations Manager/Clerk

### MINUTES

Agenda Item	Minute	Action Agreed	Vote (If required)
1.	<u>Apologies</u> Cllr. Hopcroft, Cllr. Coker & Cllr. Watson	-	-
2.	<u>Declaration Of Interest &amp; Dispensations</u> None	-	-
3.	<u>Minutes Of The Previous Meeting</u> It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 be approved as a true record.	-	Proposed: BP Seconded: MC Two abstained Six in favour
4.	<u>Open Meeting &amp; Public Forum</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JS – Speeding on Meadow Way.</li> <li>• BP – Car wash on High Street is open and trading without planning permission.</li> <li>• AH – received an offer of free woodchip for community use</li> </ul>	-	-
5.	<u>Monthly Reports</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. District Cllr. Macro sent a written report in advance of the meeting.</li> <li>b. Cllr Clifford gave a verbal report.</li> <li>c. The Clerk gave a verbal report.</li> <li>d. Cllr Church advised the roof tiles on 44 &amp; 46 High Street cottage had been repaired.</li> </ol> <p>Cllr H Hopkinson advised we are investigating recyclable cups for the Beer Festival.</p>	-	-



	The Parish Council is concerned that where breaches are not addressed promptly, it may create the impression that planning regulations can be ignored without challenge or penalty. This is particularly concerning given the three large development sites currently underway within the parish.		
7.	<p><u>Finance &amp; Accounts</u></p> <p>All finance matters were attached as an appendix and sent to the members in advance of the meeting. These are also available for members of the public to view on the TPC website.</p> <p>a. ASW Marquees – approved Atomic Raputre – approved Woodfield Brady &amp; Ridge – approved (use CIL funds not operational budget)</p> <p>Proludic – Council advised of supply issues and cost of parts.</p> <p>b. The Council approved delegated spending powers of up to £8,000 for spring and summer events, without the need to bring individual invoices back to each Council meeting.</p> <p>c. Noted.</p> <p>d. Council approved all the invoices for payment.</p> <p>e. Noted.</p>	<p>Cllr Seto &amp; Cllr Paul to authorise payments.</p>	<p>Proposed: JS Seconded: AH All in favour</p> <p>Proposed: HH Seconded: AH All in favour</p> <p>Proposed: ZF Seconded: MC All in favour</p>
8.50pm	Cllr Pert felt unwell, excused herself, and left the meeting.		
8.	<p><u>Correspondence Received</u></p> <p>Correspondence where relevant is being sent to members via email.</p> <p>LGR Consultation – Council wish to make a formal response based on the results of the Parish Poll.</p>		<p>Proposed: AH Seconded: HH All in favour.</p>
9.	<p><u>Website</u></p> <p>The Clerk advised the results of the Vision ICT MOT of the Council's website and confirmed that it is considered compliant with Assertion 10.</p> <p>The Council will consider a new website after the year end, and the external auditor has confirmed compliance with Assertion 10.</p>	<p>Clerk to explore other website providers, obtain quotes and present to Council after external audit.</p>	-
10.	<p><u>Internal Auditor Report</u></p> <p>The report has not yet been received – this matter was deferred until the April meeting,</p>	<p>Clerk to add to the April agenda.</p>	-

11.	<u>Grants</u> a. Noted.  b. It was agreed that there were no areas within the Parish that would benefit from the Ramblers Association funding.	-	-
12.	<u>Budget</u> Ear Marked Reserves 2026/2027. This item was deferred and will be revisited once year end and AGAR are complete and Council can assess the funds available in the bank.	Clerk to add to the May or June agenda.	-
13.	<u>Policy Review</u> Council adopted the updated IT Policy.		Proposed: MC Seconded: MP All in favour.
14.	<u>Removal of Mini Recycling Centre</u> Council agreed to formally write to West Berks Council requesting the permanent removal of the mini recycling centre located at the end of the High Street.	Clerk to write to WBC and to prepare a response for social media.	Proposed: JS Seconded: SF All in favour.
15.	<u>Dates For Your Diary</u> Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April Sports Day – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May Annual Council Meeting – Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	-	-
11.	<u>Date Of Next Meeting</u> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm	-	-

The meeting closed at 9.47pm

Chair:  ..... Date: 11/5/26 .....