

Whitchurch Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Mr. Tony Skeggs

Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held at the St Johns Hall On Monday 9th March 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs A Bond (Chair), P Alderman, L Davies, S Ford, R Shuffill, and A White.

Public Attendance: 14 members of the public plus Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Gomm.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Absent: None

26/22	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr Jefferies.
	Open Forum for Residents <ul style="list-style-type: none">Local Plan – Buckinghamshire Council had published their draft local plan that had highlighted potential sites for development. One site was for a Gypsy / Traveller site at the bottom of Whitchurch Hill but in Hardwick Parish. The Chair of Hardwick informed the meeting that Hardwick PC would be opposing the use of the site for several reasons, one being access issues. Buckinghamshire Council Councillor Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Buckinghamshire Council budget for 2026/27 had been agreed, but council tax would rise by 4.99%. Cllr Gomm was trying to get the HGVs re-routed from the Oving Road by having a weight limit imposed on the bridge. He was in discussion with the Dept of Transport. The Local Plan was put together following the Call for Sites exercise by Buckinghamshire Council. The Plan had to be ready to go to the Inspector by December 2026. Cllr Gomm was hoping to arrange some public meetings and form working groups in each village.
26/23	Members' Interests: Members were invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Whitchurch Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011. There were no new declarations of interest.
26/24	Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 th February 2026, were approved, and signed by the Chair.
26/25	Planning There were no planning applications for consideration so the Local Plan was discussed and after consideration it was AGREED that Whitchurch PC would support Hardwick PC with its objections.
26/26	Speed Reduction Measures Around the Village <ol style="list-style-type: none">Speedwatch – Volunteers were needed. Details would appear in the village magazine.The Chair confirmed that gates should be positioned on Whitchurch Hill, Bushmead Road, Winslow Road and the Oving Road. The Clerk was to contact the LAT to get

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	confirmation that the locations were acceptable,
26/27	<p>Streetlights</p> <p>a) The Clerk had circulated quotes to replace the two streetlights on the High Street, HS4 and HS8. The quotes were for £3,632.00 and £3985.00 plus VAT. After consideration it was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Bond, that both streetlights be replaced. This was AGREED.</p> <p>b) The issue raised by a resident regarding streetlight MH1 had been resolved and so this item was not discussed.</p>
26/28	<p>Playing Field</p> <p>A resident had reported that the wooden fencing around the pond area in the playing field needed attention. Cllr Bond would inspect the fencing and arrange for any repairs.</p>
29/29	<p>Best Kept Village Competition</p> <p>It was AGREED to enter the Best Kept Village competition in 2026.</p>
26/30	<p>IT Policy</p> <p>The Clerk circulated an updated IT policy to the meeting. After consideration the IT policy was APPROVED for the 2026/27 year.</p>
26/31	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) The list of payments for March was APPROVED, details at the end of the minutes.</p> <p>b) It had been suggested that a Parish Council laptop should be purchased for use by the Clerk. After consideration this was AGREED. The Clerk was to obtain some quotes.</p>
26/32	<p>Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be on Monday 13th April 2026.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Chair's Signature Date.....

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Actions List

Minute	Action Required	Action By	Progress
25/85	Write to residents of Ashgrove Gardens.	Clerk	To Be Done
26/07	Purchase 200-litre Grit Bin.	Clerk	In Progress
26/17	Request quote for solar powered streetlight column.	Clerk	In Progress

BANK POSITION

Bank Balance At	Account	Bank Balance	Total
28 February 2026	Current Account	£3,884.80	
28 February 2026	Deposit Account	£60,000.00	
28 February 2026	Investment Account	£30,403.89	£94,288.69

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE LISTING

Income	£
Lloyds Bank – Interest for February.	£29.88
TOTAL INCOME SINCE THE LAST MEETING IN FEBRUARY	£29.88

Expenditure	Payment	£
Invoices to be approved at Parish Council meeting.		
Intelogy Systems ⁽⁷⁶⁾ – Email Addresses for February.	FPO	£47.04
SSE ⁽⁷⁷⁾ – Street Lighting for Period 01/01/26 to 31/01/26.	DD	£958.98
Gordon Ellis & Co ⁽⁷⁸⁾ – Three Self Watering Oak Effect Planters.	FPO	£1,830.86
Whitchurch PCC ⁽⁷⁹⁾ – Grant towards New Tables for Church Hall.	FPO	£500.00
Buckinghamshire Council ⁽⁸⁰⁾ – Dog Waste Bin Emptying 2025/26.	FPO	£737.96
Buckland Landscapes ⁽⁸¹⁾ – January Verges/Recreation Ground.	FPO	£889.15
Whitchurch PCC ⁽⁸²⁾ – Hall Hire for March 2026 PC Meeting.	FPO	£25.00
Clerk ⁽⁸³⁾ - Salary and Expenses for March 2026.	FPO	£560.82
Lloyds Bank ⁽⁸⁴⁾ – February Account Maintenance Charge.	DD	£4.25
BALC ⁽⁸⁵⁾ – Planning Demystified – Cllr Davies.	FPO	£110.00
BALC ⁽⁸⁶⁾ – Councillor Essentials Parts 1-3 – Cllr White.	FPO	£90.00
TOTAL OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL		£5,754.06
For Information - Reclaimable Vat from 1 April for 2025/26		£5,649.30