

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 13th July 2026 at 7.30pm.

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

Public Attendance: 20 members of the public, 2 representatives from Deanfield Homes, and Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Gomm.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Absent: None

26/63	Apologies for Absence There were no apologies as everyone was present.
	Open Forum for Residents - A representative from Deanfield Homes gave a presentation on their proposed scheme of 37 dwellings consisting of 1-to-4-bedroom dwellings. There would be a public consultation on the 4th August. The site had been classified as a Reserved Site in the Neighbourhood Plan. - A resident raised the issue of her neighbours' noisy dogs and parrot. <i>She was advised to contact the environment team at Buckinghamshire Council.</i> - A resident raised the issue of the planning application in Little London had been approved and asked would the Council be appealing against the decision. <i>He was advised that this would be considered later</i> - A resident raised the issue of the removal of hedging in the playing field behind the Meadows. <i>She was advised that this would be considered later.</i> - Another resident raised the issue of speeding and requested that more signage be put up on the entrances to the village. - Cllr Ford wished to thank Charlotte Lincoln for attending the public hearing on the FP47 diversion and, also, Betty Cheshire for her work in maintaining the library in the bus shelter. Buckinghamshire Council Councillor Update - The Council had a project to plant 543,000 trees around the County. Packages of whips were available to the public for planting. The Local Plan would be out for consultation shortly, so a meeting had been arranged on the 25th July for residents.
26/64	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.
26/65	Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 th June 2026, were approved, and signed by the Chair.

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26/66	Rights of Way Cllr White gave an update of the public hearing regarding the application to divert FP47. The hearing had gone well, and the Parish Council had put their case for the application to be refused. A decision would be made in the next 12-16 weeks.
26/67	Grounds Maintenance a) The recent removal of a section of hedgerow in the playing fields was considered. Cllr Ford updated the meeting with what had been removed. Some of the trees now needed pollarding. After consideration it was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr Bond, not to replant the area. This was unanimously AGREED. b) Foliage on the verge outside Whitchurch House was now obstructing the pavement. The resident of Whitchurch House had been written to. After consideration it was AGREED to cut back of the vegetation to the boundary wall.
26/68	Streetlight The Clerk had a circulated a quote for £2,734 from ENC Ltd to replace a lamp and column in Ashgrove Gardens. After consideration of whether to replace with a heritage style fitting it was AGREED to go with the circulated quote.
26/69	Planning a) There following planning applications were considered: • PL/26/04320 – 19 The Meadow – <i>Conversion of garage, front single storey extension and relocation of oil tank</i>. There were no objections from the Parish Council. • PL/26/04358 – North Cottage, 6 Mount Pleasant – <i>Demolition of front wall of garage, erection of new front wall and conversion of garage to study and store</i>. The Parish Council voted to OBJECT to the application as it reduced the on-site parking by one forcing the vehicle on to the highway. • PL/26/03617 – Land at Kempson Close – <i>Development of 21 dwellings</i>. The Parish Council offered no comments with the Chair abstaining and the Vice Chair voting against the application. • PL/26/04978 – 27 Ashgrove Gardens – <i>Single storey front porch extension</i>. There were no objections from the Parish Council. • PL/26/04882 – 2 The Cottages, Barrettstown – <i>Addition of oak framed outer porch to front existing enclosed porch and relocation of main entrance door from side to front</i>. There were no objections from the Parish Council. b) Application 25/03701 – 18 Little London had been approved by Buckinghamshire Council. The Clerk apologised to the meeting that the objections agreed at the December 2025 Parish Council meeting were not showing on the planning portal. It seems that the Neighbourhood Plan had not been considered when the application was being determined. <i>It transpires that an objection was submitted by the Clerk on the 9th</i>

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	<i>December 2025 but mis categorised by Buckinghamshire Council.</i>
26/70	Finance a) Following a successful Whitfest it was proposed to give a grant of £200 to Whitchurch Combined School for their outdoor equipment. This was unanimously AGREED . b) The list of payments for July was APPROVED , details at the end of the minutes. c) The bank position as at the 30 th June was NOTED .
26/71	Date of Next Meeting: After consideration it was AGREED not to hold a meeting in August and to hold the September meeting on the 7 th September, a week earlier than normal.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chair's Signature Date.....

Actions List

Minute	Action Required	Action By	Progress
26/07	Purchase 200-litre Grit Bin.	Clerk	In Progress
26/31b	Purchase a laptop for the Clerk.	Clerk	To Be Done
26/53	Look for a new IT provider.	Clerk	Outstanding
26/68	Inform ENC Ltd to go ahead with new street column.	Clerk	Completed
26/29	Post planning comments on planning portal.	Clerk	Completed

BANK POSITION

Bank Balance At	Account	Bank Balance	Total
8 July 2026	Current Account	£10,205.26	
8 July 2026	Deposit Account	£56,000.00	
8 July 2026	Investment Account	£30,403.89	£96,609.15

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE LISTING

Income	£
Lloyds Bank – Interest for June.	£24.25
Buckinghamshire Council – Devolved Services Payment.	£3,529.46
TOTAL INCOME SINCE THE LAST MEETING IN JUNE	£3,553.71

Expenditure		
Invoices to be approved at Parish Council meeting.	Payment	£
C Thomas ⁽²⁷⁾ – Website Hosting and Domain Name.	FP	£251.79
SSE ⁽²⁸⁾ – Street Lighting for May.	FP	£522.29
Intelogy Systems ⁽²⁹⁾ – Email Addresses for June.	DD	£46.37

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Buckland Landscapes ⁽³⁰⁾ – Cutting Back the Meadows Footpath.	FP	£468.00
Whitchurch PCC ⁽³¹⁾ – Hall Hire for July 2026 PC Meeting.	FP	£25.00
Buckland Landscapes ⁽³²⁾ – June Verges/Recreation Ground.	FP	£889.15
Clerk ⁽³³⁾ - Salary and Expenses for July 2026.	FP	£565.32
Lloyds Bank ⁽³⁴⁾ – June Account Maintenance Charge.	DD	£4.25
TOTAL OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL		£2,772.17
For Information - Reclaimable Vat from 1 April for 2026/27		£2,026.56