

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 February 2026 at 7.30pm.

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

Public Attendance: 7 members of the public plus Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Gomm.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Absent: None

26/12	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>There were no apologies.</p>
	<p>Open Forum for Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speeding – A resident suggested “Average Speed” cameras were the only way to stop speeding through the village.• Speedwatch – A resident asked what the process was to join the Speedwatch group.• Overgrown Foliage / Bollards – Cllr Ford reported that two properties on the High Street needed to cut back their overgrown foliage and that the bollards on the central reservations needed cleaning. <p>Buckinghamshire Council Councillor Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buckinghamshire Council were running a “Pump It Up” campaign to draw awareness of how to reduce your blood pressure. The Council was doing all it could to treat the potholes around the County, which was being hampered by the wet weather. Cllr Gomm was thinking of issuing bodycams to the horse riders so that they could record unacceptable driving.
26/13	<p>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.</p> <p>There were no new declarations of interest.</p>
26/14	<p>Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th January 2026, were approved, and signed by the Chair.</p>
26/15	<p>Grass Cutting Contract</p> <p>Cllr White had completed the Supply of Service contract which meant that the specification could now be issued.</p>
26/16	<p>Speed Reduction Measures Around the Village</p> <p>a) The Clerk had circulated an example of some self-watering planters with the cost. After consideration it was proposed by Cllr Bond, seconded by Cllr White, that three oak effect planters be purchased for the junction at Bushmead Road, next to the WI bench and at the Oving Road roundabout. This was AGREED with 5 in favour and 2 against.</p> <p>b) The Clerk had circulated some examples of what could be installed at the entrances to</p>

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	the village with an indication of the cost. After consideration it was AGREED to defer the item until further work on the positioning of the gates was carried out.
26/17	<p>Streetlights</p> <p>a) The Clerk had received a further letter from ENC Ltd regarding the outstanding debt relating to the streetlight on the High Street. It was AGREED that Cllr White would speak to ENC Ltd.</p> <p>b) The Clerk reported that action was required on the wooden column outside no.15 High Street. After consideration it was AGREED to ask ENC Ltd for quote to replace the column. If the existing light fitting could not be used, then it would be retained by the Parish Council.</p> <p>c) The Chair highlighted the darkness along the Oving Road and suggested getting a quote for a solar powered light for the area. This was AGREED.</p>
26/18	<p>Policies</p> <p>a) The Clerk presented the fixed asset register for review. After consideration the asset register was APPROVED for the 2025/26 year.</p> <p>b) The Clerk presented the risk register for review. After consideration the risk register was APPROVED for the 2025/26 year.</p> <p>c) Clerk presented the IT policy review. After consideration the IT policy was APPROVED for the 2025/26 year</p>
26/19	<p>Finance</p> <p>The list of payments for February was APPROVED, details at the end of the minutes.</p>
26/20	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25/6420/FA – 46 Ashgrove Gardens – Demolition of Single Storey Side Extension and Construction of Two Storey Side Extension - The Council had No Objections to the application.
26/21	<p>Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be on Monday 9th March 2026.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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
26/16	Purchase 3 self-watering planters.	Clerk	Completed
26/17	Request quote for streetlight column.	Clerk	Completed
26/17	Request quote for solar powered streetlight column.	Clerk	In Progress

BANK POSITION

Bank Balance At	Account	Bank Balance	Total
31 January 2026	Current Account	£3,763.89	
31 January 2026	Deposit Account	£65,000.00	
31 January 2026	Investment Account	£30,403.89	£99,167.78

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE LISTING

Income	£
Lloyds Bank – Interest for January.	£36.94
TOTAL INCOME SINCE THE LAST MEETING IN JANUARY	£36.94

Expenditure	Payment	£
Invoices to be approved at Parish Council meeting.		
ENC Ltd ⁽⁶⁹⁾ – Installation of New Streetlights in Green Acres Cl.	FPO	£4,118.40
SSE ⁽⁷⁰⁾ – Street Lighting for Period 01/12/25 to 31/12/25.	DD	£991.46
Intelogy Systems ⁽⁷¹⁾ – Email Addresses for January.	DD	£46.37
Buckland Landscapes ⁽⁷²⁾ – January Verges/Recreation Ground.	FPO	£889.15
Whitchurch PCC ⁽⁷³⁾ – Hall Hire for February 2026 PC Meeting.	FPO	£25.00
Clerk ⁽⁷⁴⁾ - Salary and Expenses for February 2026.	FPO	£607.32
Lloyds Bank ⁽⁷⁵⁾ – January Account Maintenance Charge.	DD	£4.25
TOTAL OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL		£6,681.95
For Information - Reclaimable Vat from 1 April for 2025/26		£4,897.58