

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Attendance:

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Tally
Ian Mordue	Chairman	✓		
D Hogbin-Mills	Councillor	✓		
B Newman	Councillor	✓		
S Hall	Councillor		✓	
A Boyt	Vice Chairman	✓		
K Du-Plessis	Councillor	✓		
M Tanner	Councillor	✓		
Chloe Collins	Clerk/RFO	✓		N/A
Phil Gomm	Unitary Councillor	✓		N/A
Members of the Public		9		

Papers circulated in advance of the meeting:

- September 2026 Agenda
- July 2026 Draft Minutes
- September 2026 Meeting Report Bundle

Meeting started: 20:00

Meeting finished: 22:37

122/26 – PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

The meeting was attended by Parish Councillors and Cllr Phil Gomm, Buckinghamshire Council.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hall.

123/26 – MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Andrew Boyt declared an interest in relation to planning matters and confirmed that he would take no part in any discussion or decision-making in respect of matters where his declared interest applied.

NOTED.

124/26 – DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No requests for dispensation were received.

NOTED.

125/26 – OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS

The Council received representations from parishioners.

The 100 Club draws for August and September 2026 were noted as follows:

13 – Peter Morton

66 – Dotty the Cat / c/o Karl McWhirter

26 – Andy Lane

The Council discussed the recent tree survey and the possibility of planting commemorative trees, including the provision of plaques.

NOTED.

126/26 – BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

Cllr Phil Gomm provided an update to the Council.

Matters discussed included the Regulation 18 to Regulation 19 process, the Watermead and Bierton Action Groups, road closures, school bus services, the Community Board meeting, opportunities for young adults and Young Farmers, and resurfacing and topping works on Portway.

NOTED.

127/26 – MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in July 2026 were considered and approved as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the July 2026 meeting be approved as a true and accurate record.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

128/26 – PLANNING

The planning applications and decisions listed on the agenda were considered.

RESOLVED: That the planning applications and decisions listed on the agenda be noted.

The Council considered the planning applications relating to 51 Quanton Road and confirmed its support for the applications. The Council welcomed the proposed development, which would enable the building to be completed.

The Council also considered whether authority should be delegated to the Clerk to submit planning responses where the timescale does not allow sufficient time for the matter to be considered at a Parish Council meeting.

It was agreed that, where necessary, planning applications would be circulated to all Councillors and a seven-day consultation period provided for Councillors to submit comments. Any comments received would be considered before a response is submitted on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That delegated authority be given to the Clerk to respond to planning applications where there is insufficient time for the application to be considered at a Parish Council meeting, subject to the application being circulated to all Councillors and a seven-day consultation period being provided.

It was agreed that this procedure would be used by exception and would not become the standard method of dealing with planning applications.

Residents are encouraged to send any comments regarding planning applications to the Clerk so that these can be taken into consideration when formulating the Parish Council's response.

129/26 – POLICIES

The Council considered the existing bench policy and agreed that a wider policy should be developed to cover commemorative tree planting and plaques, Sports Field and Play Area matters, and memorial items.

RESOLVED: That a policy covering commemorative items, including benches, commemorative trees and plaques, memorial items, and relevant Sports Field and Play Area matters, be developed for consideration by the Council.

130/26 – PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Council considered matters relating to the Village Hall, Village Shop, Play Area, Village Pond, Parsnip Pond, defibrillators, Village Green and village well.

Actions were agreed in relation to the Village Hall path and guttering, Sports Field guttering, pond maintenance, defibrillator checks, Village Green posts and damage to the village well.

RESOLVED: That the actions identified in relation to the Parish Council's property and community facilities be progressed.

131/26 – GRASS CUTTING AND HEDGES

The Council discussed grass cutting, hedge cutting, wildflower verges and the condition of footpaths throughout the parish.

It was noted that some footpaths had become difficult or impossible to use.

RESOLVED: That a site walk be arranged to inspect areas where footpaths have become impassable and to consider any appropriate action.

132/26 – ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

The Council considered various highway and environmental matters, including road issues, parking, MVAS, street lighting, the Gibbon Close pathway and footpath matters.

NOTED.

133/26 – ANGLIAN WATER PRESENTATION AND ROAD CLOSURES

Representatives from Anglian Water attended the meeting and provided a presentation regarding the ongoing works and associated road closures.

The Council was advised that the works commenced on 1 September 2026 and are expected to continue until April 2027.

It was advised that the road is expected to be open over the festive period, from 18 December 2026 to 4 January 2027, subject to the progress and requirements of the works.

The Council discussed a number of matters arising from the presentation, including:

- Access for cyclists and pedestrians;
- Signage;
- Notification of the Emergency Services;
- The reporting of potholes and clarification as to whether these should be reported to Buckinghamshire Council or Anglian Water;
- Volunteering opportunities;
- Potential links with Village Hall and Sports Field projects; and
- Whether an escort system could be provided for farmers requiring access.

ACTION: Chloe to contact Meghan to request a copy of the Anglian Water presentation.

RESOLVED: That, upon receipt, the presentation be added to the Parish Council website and shared through the Parish Council's social media channels.

134/26 – PROJECTS

The Council considered current and proposed projects, including the Parish Barn, the proposed new streetlight opposite the Sports Field entrance, the wildlife project and the Parish Council website.

NOTED.

135/26 – SPORTS FIELD

The Council discussed matters relating to the Sports Field, including the electrical point near/through the gate, the power supply, shipping containers and changing room requirements.

NOTED.

136/26 – FINANCE

The schedule of payments and receipts was considered.

The Clerk's salary and any applicable nationally agreed NALC pay award were noted.

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments and receipts be approved.

NOTED: The Clerk's salary and any applicable nationally agreed NALC pay award.

137/26 – CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received by the Clerk was considered, including correspondence relating to Anglian Water and road closures.

NOTED.

138/26 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The Council considered confidential matters relating to land to the north of Quanton Road, including legal, boundary and associated cost matters.

RESOLVED: That the matters discussed remain confidential in accordance with the relevant provisions concerning confidential business.

139/26 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 13 October 2026, at 8:00pm at North Marston Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:37pm.