



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2026

Present

Councillors Mrs C Read (Chair), Mr T Crutchfield, Mr P Luckett, Mr A Milne, Mr P Smail and the Clerk, Mr S Marshall.

Cllr S Carr and Mr Richard Waterman were also present.

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

Cllr Wyatt-Tilby had sent her apologies.

The Chair welcomed the new Clerk, Mr Steven Marshall, to his first meeting of the Parish Council.

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr Milne declared an interest in the Village Hall as Chair of the management committee.

Cllr Crutchfield declared an interest in the planning application for 23 Hurstbourne Priors.

3. Minutes of previous meeting for approval

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 March 2026 were approved by the Chair and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4. Matters arising & Outstanding Action Points

Following a request by Cllr Wyatt-Tilby, the Clerk would be organising a meeting with members of the Cricket Club and following the Chair's offer to Parish Councillors to attend such a meeting, the Chair, Cllr Wyatt-Tilby and the Clerk would be attending the meeting to discuss the financial arrangements between the Club and the Parish Council.*

5. Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Chair explained that a 'Notice of Vacancy' had been appropriately served and the Electoral Services department of BCBC informed of the vacancy. The period of notice regarding the vacancy would expire on 9 June 2026.

6. Borough Councillor Report

Cllr Carr explained the membership composition of the newly elected Borough Council.

Cllr Carr explained the situation regarding the development of the Local Plan being delayed because of the concerns from the water authority to be able to provide adequate water services to the required 1100 new homes for the district. The other factor delaying the Local Plan related to the National Planning Policy Framework being incompatible with the Local Plan consultations and therefore necessitating new consultations under Regulation 19 of the Town & Country Planning Regulations.

Cllr Carr explained that the full Council of BDBC would be meeting this month to discuss plans regarding local government re-organisation. Post the re-organisation in 2028, it was likely that discussions would ensue regarding potential changes in the boundaries and responsibilities of Parish Councils.

Cllr Carr explained that in October 2026, the Planning & Infrastructure Act would be introduced which is designed to accelerate housing development and critical infrastructure projects by streamlining the planning system. Such streamlining would include the abolition of the 'calling in' arrangement whereby Borough Councillors are currently able to circumnavigate planning officers' delegated authority and force a planning application to be decided by the Planning Committee of the Borough Council. The Planning Committee would have a diminished role in determining only smaller housing developments.

Cllr Carr confirmed the pending Inspector's decision following the Appeal Hearing regarding the 'solar farm' planning application at Lower Wyke Farm, St Mary Bourne.

Cllr Carr confirmed his agreement to a £1000 grant from the Councillor Community Grant Scheme to the Parish Council following approval from the Grants Team as to the prospect of it being spent to partially fund an element of the Pavilion refurbishment project.

Parish Councillors' Reports

As agreed at the last meeting, the Chair had met with Mr & Mrs Burgess at Tufton to look at the amenity area and to assess the new trees that had been planted. It was agreed that these trees were not thriving, almost certainly due to the chalk soil as they had been watered regularly during the recent hot weather. A more appropriate planting scheme may be required. *

The Chair was still waiting for confirmation of the licence from HCC for the Tufton amenity land from Cllr Thacker. *

The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had been informed by the Borough Council that a formal complaint had been lodged against her and Cllr Wyatt-Tilby by Mr & Mrs Fitz-Gerald regarding an alleged breach in the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors. *

The Chair would like to reinstate the Recreation Ground Committee and Cllr Crutchfield and Cllr Luckett agreed to be the Parish Council's representatives on such a committee. The Chair would contact the previous membership to discuss the reinstatement of the committee. *

The Chair reported on the road traffic accident in May 2026 near to New Barn Farm Cottages, Harroway, because of inadequate sight lines and the condition of the road. County Cllr Thacker was liaising with the residents concerned and the Road Traffic Management Team from Hampshire County Council. *

The Chair invited councillors to the May Fair afternoon tea on 14 June 2026 at 3pm on the recreation ground when the financial results of the May Fair held this year would be announced and the contributions to St Andrew's church, the Village Hall and the Pavilion & Recreation Ground awarded.

The Chair raised a request from a resident of Drury Close to utilise the unused bus shelter to provide a 'mini library' and decorate it internally as per the email circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Crutchfield requested to be involved in the choice of paint colour to be used and asked for a suitable plan to be in place in the event of the bus shelter being vandalised with graffiti whereby it would be the responsibility of the residents to repaint the bus shelter. *

Cllr Luckett reported that he had attended a recent Southern Water public meeting where the company updated residents about their plans in 2026 to upgrade 22 km of sewer to prevent flooding of the system. Cllr Luckett had previously sent councillors specific notes about the detail of the meeting.

Cllr Luckett following his previous suggestion of a video to promote the hiring of the Village Hall after it has been re-decorated, also suggested devising a 'check list' for hirers to use.

Cllr Luckett queried the absence of Parish Council policies which were seen to be in place on other councils' websites. The Clerk confirmed that there was a need to devise certain policies for the council including a review of its Standing Orders.

Cllr Milne reported that new flooring had been installed in the Village Hall kitchen and corridor. The Village Hall was due to be redecorated next month. Cllr Milne agreed to raise the matter of his replacement on the Parish Council next year at the Village Hall's Annual General Meeting next month. *

Cllr Crutchfield raised his concern regarding the dilapidated condition of Dairy Cottage and that it appeared to be unsafe which is dangerous given its proximity to the road. The Chair agreed to report the matter to the Borough Council. *

7. Members of the Public – Recess

There being no members of the public present, there were no questions raised for the Chair to address.

8. Planning Applications

Cllr Wyatt-Tilby had kindly sent a list of planning issues and applications that had been dealt with by councillors since the March 2026 meeting of the Parish Council.

Issues and applications that had been dealt with included;

The Freedom of Information request from Mr & Mrs Fitz-Gerald in respect of their planning application 26/00387/HSE at Southrope, 18 Hurstbourne Priors

A response to the street scene in respect of the proposed development at Southrope 18 Hurstbourne Priors

26/00387/HSE - Southrope 18 Hurstbourne Priors - Amended application - *Original objection reiterated*

26/00656/HSE - Planning application at 23 Hurstbourne Priors – Single storey side extension – *No objection*

T/00193/26/TCA – Bourne View 17 Hurstbourne Priors – *No objection*

T/00232/26/TCA – Land opposite Village Hall – *No objection*

T/00204/26/TCA – The Limes, Hurstbourne Priors - *No objection*

26/00912/SCRN - A screening opinion had been provided for the proposed 1600 houses off Finkley Road, Andover

Written submissions had been made to the appeal hearing in respect of the solar farm on land at Lower Wyke Farm, St Mary Bourne

9. **Recreation Ground & Pavilion Refurbishment Project**

The Clerk would provide a report to the July meeting of the Parish Council regarding the project.*

10. **Financial statement**

Opening Balance 1/4/2026 = £19,391.46
Plus income = £18,937.84 = £38,329.30
Less Expenditure = £ 2,944.88 = **£35,384.42**

Bank account balance after above movements = **£35,384.42**

Working Capital £7,207.08

General Reserves £5,000.00

Play Area £1,193.75

Pavilion Refurbishment £21,983.59

Total £35,384.42

Post Meeting Note: The new Clerk would be compiling a revised budget which would affect the Financial statement detailed.

11. Payments for approval and payment

Eon Electricity	Pavilion	£68.72
R.N. Waterman	Wages	£600.00
	Month in hand payment	£300.00
	Expenses	£58.00
TVBC	Grass and hedge cutting	£261.09
Lloyds Bank	Bank charges	£9.75
Hiscox	Insurance	£236.86
M. Bailey	Grass cutting - Tufton	£280.00
M. Bailey	Fitting bench at Tufton	£194.96
IT Services	‘.Gov’ Email addresses	£216.50
P Reynolds	Internal audit fee	£250.00
Hill and Valley	Subscription	£284.00
Michelle Shill	Website fees	£185.00

12. Date of the next meeting

Thursday 30 July 2026 at 6.30pm in Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.54pm.

*Denotes an action point