Brimpton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Date:	Tuesday 3rd March 2026	Time:	7.30pm
Place:	Brimpton Village Hall		
Attending:	Mr John Hicks (Chairman)		
	Mr Nick Matthews (Vice-Chairman)		
	Mr Philip Bassil		
	Mr Charles Brims		
	Mr John Dolphin		
	Mrs Wendy Matthews		
In Attendance:	District Cllr Dominic Boeck		
	Christine McGarvie (Clerk)		
	8 members of the public		

12/26 Open Forum
12.1 A resident asked when the Parish Assembly will be held.
12.2 Mr Brims asked why there were traffic lights at the bottom of Church Lane. Mr Bassil reported that Thames Water had been fixing a leak. The work was completed today but the traffic lights have not been removed yet.

13/26 Apologies for absence
None

14/26 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda
Mr Dolphin declared that he lives next to Jakari, Bannister Place which is the subject of a planning application being considered this evening.

15/26 Minutes of the previous meeting
15.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2026 were agreed as a true and accurate record. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

15.2. **Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting not otherwise on the agenda (including review of Action Tracker)**
None

Action Tracker
127.3/24 – Tankering in Brimpton Road is continuing. Clerk has raised complaints to Thames Water about the behaviour of the drivers via email and whatsapp but not yet received a response. The tankers have been witnessed turning around at the triangle opposite Church Lane and also going over Able Bridge.

106.2/24 After a road closure the gulleys at Able Bridge have been improved which seems to have resolved the flooding issue. This action will be removed from the tracker.

16/26 To consider whether to purchase a Parish Council Honours Board

Mr Hicks proposed that this item be deferred to a future meeting. The boards are expensive and there are other items which are likely to need funding in the coming financial year.
It was agreed that the Clerk should put the list of previous Chairmen on the Parish Council website instead.

Action: Clerk

17/26 To consider whether to hold an event for Armed Forces day 27th June 2026
The Parish Council decided not to hold an Armed Forces Day event.
There is already an event planned in the Summer to raise money for the Church Spire.

18/26. Planning and Development
18.1 To consider new planning applications received and provide updates on any already considered
26/00215/HOUSE – Jakari, Bannister Place. New single storey front extension to garage and conversion to utility/storeroom; extension to rear gable projection to form a larger floor area at ground floor level to enable additional bedroom with dormer and roof terrace; additional dormer to existing first floor; new Velux rooflights
The Parish Council resolved to respond with no objections.

19/26 Parish Environment
19.1 To consider submitting a grant request to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Fund for a new Speed Indicator Device
The Speed Indicator Device shared with Aldermaston and Beenham has been damaged beyond repair.
A quote for the same specification is £3255 plus VAT. It was agreed that the Clerk should submit a grant request to the Police and Crime Commissioner Community Fund to cover the cost of a new SID. A decision is expected by the end of March.

19/26 Finance
19.1 To approve payments & approve reconciliation against bank statements
The payments and bank reconciliation were approved.

19.2 To consider a grant request for grass cutting from the PCC to engage a quantity Surveyor
Mrs Brenda Scott explained that the PCC have decided to withdraw this grant request as after speaking to other churches who have requested funding for large building projects it is not necessary to have a Quantity Surveyors report at this stage.
Mrs Scott reported that the Project Team has been formed and is making some progress. They have confirmed that a cherry picker could not be used to do the repairs due to the issues around access. A scaffolder has therefore been asked to provide a quotation.
The group are planning to have another open meeting for residents at the end of April.

20/26 To review any consultation documents
None

21/26 Reports
21.1 District Councillors report
District Cllr Boeck sent a report by email before the meeting.

Mr Brims asked about the planning enforcement case at Twin Paddocks, Brimpton Common as the deadline for the occupier to cease residential use is approaching. District Cllr Boeck has spoken to the planning enforcement department and they are aware of the deadline.

The Government consultation on the reorganisation of local government in the area is now open until 21st March.

21.2 Chairman's Report

A resident reported that the land at the end of the Brimpton Common Byway had a change of ownership. However, Wasing have said that this was just an internal reorganisation of the land titles and they still own the land.

21.3 Clerk's Report

Clerk is booked on a briefing on 2nd April about the West Berkshire Council Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) and Speed Indicator Device (SID) Policy.

21.4 Report from Village Hall Committee

The Committee has discussed refreshing the hall kitchen.

The Bingo evening was very well attended.

Mr Dolphin thanked a resident for donating a ride on mower which can be used to cut the grass at the back of the hall.

21.5 Report from Parish Council representative on the AWE Local Liaison Committee

A resident raised a concern about cars speeding along Blacknest Lane during rush hour to avoid the queues at the junction of the B3051 and Brimpton Lane. It is believed that it is AWE employees who are doing this. Mr. Bassil will raise a complaint directly with AWE.

22/26 The Date of Next Meeting was confirmed as 7th April 2026 at Brimpton Village Hall.

It was agreed to call a Parish Assembly meeting on 12th May. Clerk will book hall and send out invitations to local organisations.

Signed _____ Date _____

Appendix A

Meeting Report 3rd March 2026

Community Account

Statement balance 24/02/2026	Cashbook balance as at 24/02/2026	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£8,196.40	**£8,196.40**	**£7,689.81**

Payments made since last meeting

Payment method	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
DD	Mrs C McGarvie	Salary January	321.60
DD	Barclaycard	donation to Royal British Legion	25.00
TOTAL			**£346.60**

New items for payment

Payment method	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
DD	Mrs C McGarvie	Salary March	321.60
DD	Barclaycard	Microsoft office 365 (£14.16 VAT)	84.99
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	Homeworking allowance	100.00
			£506.59

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
			£0.00

Payments not presented as of 24/02/2026

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			

Receipts not cleared as of 24/01/2026			
Receipt date	**Payer**	**Details**	**TOTAL COST**

Savings Account balance 24/02/2026	£33,158.48	
CIL	**£6,767.75**	**From Washoe Lodge must be spent by 2029.**

Appendix B

Bank Reconciliation 27th February 2026

Authority name	Brimpton Parish Council		
Prepared by	Christine McGarvie	Clerk and RFO	
Date	27th February 2026		
Approved by	John Hicks	Chair of council	

Balance per bank statements as at 24th February 2026		£	£
	Community Account	8,196.40	
	Saving account	33,158.48	
			41,354.88
Less any un-presented payments at 24th February 2026			
			0.00
Add any uncleared receipts			
Net Bank balances as at 24th February 2026			£41,354.88

CASH BOOK	
Opening balance as per cashbook 1st April 2025	6,078.58
Add: Receipts in the year	12,962.28
Less:Payments in the year	10,844.46
Closing balance as per cash book as at 24th February 2026	£8,196.40
Opening balance savings account 1st April 2025	32,843.52
Add: Receipts in the year	£314.96
Less:Payments in the year	0
Closing balance as per cash book as at 24th February 2026	£33,158.48
Overall closing balance	£41,354.88
diff	£0.00

Appendix C

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Planning Applications for Consideration

		Comment deadline
1	**26/00215/HOUSE – Jakari, Bannister Place.** New single storey front extension to garage and conversion to utility/storeroom; extension to rear gable projection to form a larger floor area at ground floor level to enable additional bedroom with dormer and roof terrace; additional dormer to existing first floor; new Velux rooflights	Deadline 26th Feb. Extension granted

Planning Application Decisions made

1	**23/02548/FUL** - La Capana – Change of use of public house to car sales removal of the first floor residential to use for office space .	Granted

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1.	**25/00767/OOD – 25/00799/RET** Hockford Lane erection of fencing , gate and hardstanding retrospective	Not decided. Deadline 25th Sept 25. B&DBC