Brimpton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Date:	Tuesday 7th July 2026	Time:	7.30pm
Place:	Brimpton Village Hall		
Attending:	Mr Nick Matthews (Chairman)		
	Mr Philip Bassil (Vice-Chairman)		
	Mr Charles Brims		
	Mr John Dolphin		
	Mr John Hicks		
	Mrs Wendy Matthews		
In Attendance:	District Cllr Dominic Boeck		
	Christine McGarvie (Clerk)		
	13 members of the public		
	Lythe Hampshire – Operations Manager, Medicine Event		

55/26 Open Forum

55.1 A member of the public raised concern about the number of cars parked on land at property known as Two Acres in Brimpton Lane, Baughurst. The site has a long history of planning applications, and it is unknown whether the owner has permission for commercial use of the land. Mr Matthews said he would make some enquiries.

55.2 A member of the public pointed out that there was an article in the Newbury weekly news this week reporting that the planning enforcement case relating to the caravans on the land opposite the AWE main gate is being heard at the High Court on 8th July.

56/26 Apologies for absence

None

57/26 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda

None

58/26 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of 2nd June 2026 were agreed as a true and accurate record. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

59/26 Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting not otherwise on the agenda (including review of Action Tracker)

Action Tracker

50.2/26 Hedges overhanging the highway – Mr Brims has spoken to Wasing Estate and the landowners regarding the overgrown hedges. Wasing have kindly agreed to cut the hedges and the landowners are very happy for this to be done.

36/24.2 Crossroads warning sign on B3051 warning sign – Clerk to ask for an update from West Berkshire Council before the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

60/26 – Medicine Festival , Wasing Estate

Lythe Hampshire – Medicine, Operations Manager explained that they have worked hard to try to ensure that the event causes as little disruption as possible. It will be held from 12th August until 17th August. This is one day longer than in previous years.

There will be road signs directing traffic away from the village. Most of the traffic will be directed from the A340 and into the site from Wasing lane, Aldermaston.

There will be a contact number for residents to call with any concerns. The phone will be answered at any time throughout the event and will be a satellite phone to avoid any issues with poor signal.

There is a comprehensive traffic management plan and emergency action plan if the road does start to back up.

They expect between 7000 and 8000 attendees but spread out over several days.

There is more parking on the estate this time which should speed up arrivals. There are also two entry points.

Mr Hicks asked what measures would be in place to reduce the noise. Lythe Hampshire explained that the sound systems will be nearer the forest area and they will be using hay bales to suppress the sound.

61/26. Planning and Development

61.1 To consider new planning applications received and provide updates on any already considered

None

62/26. Parish Environment

62.1 To provide an update on the new Speed Indicator Device

The new SID has been used outside the hall and at the end of Hatch Lane so far. There were some very high speeds recorded outside the hall but there was some discussion about whether this could be accurate given the bend on approach. Clerk to speak to the supplier about the results and ask their opinion on whether this could be an error with the unit or some other misreporting.

Clerk to also ask if the SID could be configured to show speeds earlier as it is only flashing when drivers are very close to it.

Action: Clerk

63/26. Finance

63.1 To approve payments & approve reconciliation against bank statements

The payment list in Appendix A was agreed.

64/26. Reports

64.1 District Councillor's Report DB

Cllr Boeck has sent a report via email which will be available for residents to read on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Boeck reported that he was pleased that a Members Bid grant of £2000 was awarded to St. Peter's Church in Brimpton for repairs to the flint walls.

Cllr Boeck has been raising the issue of emergency road closures with no notice for residents. Recently Wasing Road was closed for two days and residents were only informed after the closure had already started. Mr Hicks pointed out that the road closure notices from West Berkshire Council are often inaccurate with the wrong road names and dates changing with no notice.

64.2 Chairman's Report **NM**

Nothing to report.

64.3 Clerk's Report

The Clerk received a consultation from West Berkshire Council on the Winter Service Plan but it was agreed that there was no point in responding as the Parish council have responded for several years but the suggestions are never accepted.

Baughurst Parish Council have put forward some dates for an initial liaison meeting. Mrs Matthews had volunteered to join this group and will respond.

There is currently an unauthorised encampment on the recreation ground in Sherfield on Loddon (13 to 15 vehicles) which is likely to be moved on by Friday.

64.4 Report from Village Hall Committee

There are several events planned for the next few months including a Pizza night, Bingo evening and Wine Tasting evening. The dates of the events are to be finalised

Since solar panels have been installed the hall has been able to use the electricity from the solar panels 50% of the time, saving approximately £4000.

The Bacon Butty morning will be held on the 25th July. All welcome.

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

Nothing to report.

65/26 The next meeting will be held on 4th August 2026 at 7.30pm

Signed _____ Date _____

Appendix A

Meeting Report 7th July 2026

Community Account

Statement balance 24/06/2026	Cashbook balance as at 22/05/2026	Cashbook balance after new payments made and income received
£6,448.82	**£6,448.82**	**£1,980.83**

Payments made since last meeting

Payment method	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
DD	Mrs C McGarvie	Salary July	321.60
DD	Barclaycard	APA refreshments	76.00
TOTAL			**£397.60**

New items for payment

Payment method	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	Traffic technologies	SID, tablet,battery, setup (£718 VAT)	4308.00
DD	Barclaycard	lock for SID	12.99
EP	Brimpton Village Hall	hall hire 6 months	100.00
EP	ICO	Data protection fee	47.00
			£4,467.99

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
08/06/2026	Barclays	interest	£94.72
			£94.72

Payments not presented as of 22/05/2026

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			

Receipts not cleared as of 22/05/2026			
Receipt date	**Payer**	**Details**	**TOTAL COST**

Savings Account balance 24/06/2026	£33,337.14
CIL	**£14.44**

CIL spent on hall kitchen and churchyard wall

Appendix B

Bank Reconciliation 30th June 2026

Authority name	Brimpton Parish Council		
Prepared by	Christine McGarvie	Clerk and RFO	
Date	30th June 2026		
Approved by	Nick Matthews	Chair of council	

Balance per bank statements as at 24th June 2026		£	£
	Community Account	6,448.82	
	Saving account	33,337.14	
			39,785.96
Less any un-presented payments at 24th June 2026			
			0.00
Add any uncleared receipts			
Net Bank balances as at 24th June 2026			£39,785.96

CASH BOOK	
Opening balance as per cashbook 1st April 2026	5,368.21
Add: Receipts in the year	8,814.40
Less:Payments in the year	7,733.79
Closing balance as per cash book as at 24th June 2026	£6,448.82
Opening balance savings account 1st April 2026	33,242.42
Add: Receipts in the year	£94.72
Less:Payments in the year	0
Closing balance as per cash book as at 24th June 2026	£33,337.14
Overall closing balance	£39,785.96
diff	£0.00

Appendix C

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Planning Applications for Consideration

		Comment deadline
1	None	

Planning Application Decisions made

1	**26/00906/HOUSE** – **Appletree House, Brimpton Common** Erection of a detached oak-framed two bay garage with ancillary loft space above	Approved

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1.	**26/00865/HOUSE – Martingales, Brimpton Common.** Proposed single storey side and rear extension with alterations to the existing porch and internal alterations with a new car port.	19th June deadline for determination
2.	**25/00767/OOD – 25/00799/RET** Hockford Lane erection of fencing , gate and hardstanding retrospective	Not decided. Deadline 31st July 2026 B&DBC
3.	**26/00402/FUL** – Lyra Stables, Wasing Road. Retrospective single storey extension. Change of use of building from mixed office and ancillary residential use (originally approved under 08/00426/FUL) to office use	29/4/26 deadline. Not yet decided
4.	**26/00324/FUL – Land at Brimpton Lane and Brimpton Footpath 20 and Blacknest Lane, Brimpton Common** Change of use of land to a residential caravan site consisting of 3 pitches.	Deadline 31st July (48 objections so far)