Brimpton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Date:	Tuesday 4th August 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)		
	9 members of the public		

66/26 Open Forum
66.1 Mr Matthews reported that the Community Connect Bus that runs through the village every weekday at 8:07am was going to be cancelled by West Berkshire Council due to low usage. Cllr Dominic Boeck was able to intervene and provide evidence of the importance of the service. West Berkshire Council have reversed the decision to cancel the service. Mr. Matthews thanked Cllr Boeck for his help and West Berkshire Council for reversing the decision.

66.2 Mr Matthews reported that the Garlic competition barbecue raised £2064 which will be donated to Parochial Church Council for the Spire refurbishment project. A resident thanked all the organisers for their hard work.

67/26 Apologies for absence
None

68/26 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda
Mr Hicks stated that he is a near neighbour of Eastbank, Brimpton lane which is on the agenda for discussion under planning.

69/26 Minutes of the previous meeting
The minutes of 7th July 2026 were agreed as a true and accurate record. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

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

66.3/26 Mrs Matthews emailed Baughurst Parish Council with her availability for a liaison meeting but the date of the meeting has not been confirmed yet.

Action Tracker

53.3/26 Councillors' Register of interests forms have been redacted where possible and new ones completed for those that couldn't be redacted.

36/24.2 Crossroads warning sign on B3051 warning sign – Clerk has raised a new case to request an update on whether the sign is going to be fixed but hasn't received a response yet.

Action: Clerk

70/26. To discuss request from Aldermaston Parish Council for a joint meeting with AWE to discuss site development plans and impact on local community.

Mr Dolphin volunteered to attend the suggested meeting. Clerk to inform Aldermaston Parish Council so that the meeting can be setup.

Action: Clerk

71/26. Planning and Development

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

26/01159/HOUSE – Eastbank, Brimpton Lane - Demolition, reconstruction and remodelling of rear section and refurbishment of listed house

The applicant was at the meeting and outlined the background to the application. Approval had already been given for the demolition of the extension but there have been changes to the original plans, so they are seeking permission for a different design.

The old extension has already been demolished.

The Parish Council agreed to respond with no objections if the Heritage Officer is in agreement with the plans.

26/00402/FUL – Lyra Stables, Wasing Road - application was approved. The Clerk received confirmation from the planning officer that the condition that the office was ancillary to the dwelling (Tarkwa) has been removed as part of this approval.

72/26. Parish Environment

72.1 To provide an update on the new Speed Indicator Device

SID is currently outside the hall.

The supplier has said that the late flashing of the SID is due to the sight lines rather than any parameters. Clerk to respond and ask him to look at this again.

Action: Clerk

73/26. Consultation

WBC scoping consultation on the new West Berkshire Local Plan. Deadline for comments is 4th September

It was agreed not to comment at this time but to keep updated on the progress of the Local plan.

74/26. Finance

74.1 To approve payments & approve reconciliation against bank statements

The payment list in Appendix A was agreed. Mr. Matthews to approve the payment online.

75/26. Reports

75.1 District Councillor's Report **DB**

Cllr Boeck will send his monthly report via email after the meeting.

He urged residents to support the petition started by Aileen O'Connor, Chair, Thames Valley Police Federation which aims to stop the early release from jail of PC Andrew Harper's killers. The petition can be found at the following link https://c.org/gQckVsqCfG

75.2 Chairman's Report **NM**

Mr Matthews reiterated that the decision by West Berkshire Council not to cancel the 8:07am Community Connect Bus is very good news and he had spoken to the officer at West Berkshire Council to personally thank them.

75.3 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report

75.4 Report from Village Hall Committee

Bacon butty morning was a great success. Good event.
Trying to organise some more events.

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

Nothing to report.

76/26 The next meeting will be held on 1st September 2026 at 7.30pm

Signed _____ Date _____

Appendix A

Meeting Report 4th August 2026

Community Account

Statement balance 24/07/2026	Cashbook balance as at 24/07/2026	Cashbook balance after new payments made and income received
£6,448.82	**£1,706.23**	**£1,190.23**

Payments made since last meeting

Payment method	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
DD	Mrs C McGarvie	Salary June	321.60
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
TOTAL			**£4,742.59**

New items for payment

Payment method	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
DD	Mrs C McGarvie	Salary August	321.60
EP	Digital House MD Ltd	website hosting for a year (32.40 VAT)	194.40
			£516.00

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
			£0.00

Payments not presented as of 24/07/2026

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			

Receipts not cleared as of 24/07/2026			
Receipt date	**Payer**	**Details**	**TOTAL COST**

Savings Account balance 24/07/2026	£33,337.14	
CIL	**£14.44**	**CIL spent on hall kitchen and churchyard wall**

Appendix B

Bank Reconciliation 31st July 2026

Authority name	Brimpton Parish Council		
Prepared by	Christine McGarvie	Clerk and RFO	
Date	31st July 2026		
Approved by	Nick Matthews	Chair of council	

Balance per bank statements as at 24th July 2026		£	£
	Community Account	1,706.23	
	Saving account	33,337.14	
			35,043.37
Less any un-presented payments at 24th July 2026			
			0.00
Add any uncleared receipts			
Net Bank balances as at 24th July 2026			£35,043.37

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	12,476.38
Closing balance as per cash book as at 24th July 2026	£1,706.23
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 July 2026	£33,337.14
Overall closing balance	£35,043.37
diff	£0.00

Appendix C

Brimpton Parish Council Meeting - 4th August 2026

Planning Applications for Consideration

		Comment deadline
1	**26/01159/HOUSE** – Eastbank, Brimpton Lane - Demolition, reconstruction and remodelling of rear section and refurbishment of listed house	5th August 2026

Planning Application Decisions made

1	**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	Approved
2	**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.	Approved

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1.	**25/00767/OOD – 25/00799/RET** Hockford Lane erection of fencing , gate and hardstanding retrospective	Deadline now 4th Sept 2026
2.	**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)