Brimpton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Date:	Tuesday 1st September 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) 14 members of the public including Andrew Perkins, Chief Executive – Wasing Estate.		

77/26 Open Forum

77.1 **Medicine Festival traffic issues.**

Mr Brims raised concerns about traffic using Wasing Road to access the Medicine Festival at Wasing Estate. At a meeting in July, the Operations Manager had assured the Parish Council that there was a traffic management plan in place and traffic would be directed away from Wasing Road.

A few large lorries were witnessed on Wasing Road. It seems that the food vendors at the event were not told that their deliveries should not come via Wasing Road.

Another resident reported that camper vans leaving the site on the Monday or Tuesday after the event were also blocking Wasing Road.

Mr Perkins has spoken to the organisers of the Medicine Festival to feed back the complaints about large vehicles using Wasing Road. They have said that the traffic management plan was only given to direct suppliers and not the food vendor suppliers so this will be rectified next time. The next Medicine Festival will be held in 2028.

A resident pointed out that there were large queues at the entrance to the site as tickets were being checked and this caused queues back to the Hinds Head in Aldermaston. Mr Perkins said that this was rectified by the afternoon on the first day.

It was agreed that the organisers of the Medicine Festival will be asked to include the Parish Council in reviewing the Traffic Management Plan earlier in the process next time.

Mr Perkins said that they will be a review meeting with the organisers of the festival in October, and he will ask them to send a response to the traffic problems seen to the Parish Council after this meeting.

77.2 **Overweight vehicles**

A resident raised concern about an increase in lorries going through the village that are above the weight limit. There has been an increase over the last 18 months in the number of lorries over the weight limit along with a general increase in traffic

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Public Protection Partnership to raise this general concern and ask if they can monitor the situation. Cllr Boeck asked to be copied to any correspondence on this matter.

Action: Clerk

78/26 Apologies for absence
None

79/26. To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda
None

80/26 Minutes of the previous meeting
The minutes of 4th August 2026 were agreed as a true and accurate record. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

80.2. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meeting not otherwise on the agenda (including review of Action Tracker)
36/24.2 Flashing crossroads sign on B3051 – West Berkshire Council have informed the Parish Council that they have ordered a new sign and it should be installed before the end of the year.

81/26. Planning and Development
81.1 To consider new planning applications received and provide updates on any already considered
No new applications.

81.2 To receive any update on the planning issues at Blacknest triangle, Brimpton Common
26/00324/FUL – Land at Brimpton Lane and Brimpton Footpath 20 and Blacknest Lane, Brimpton Common – this new application has been refused by West Berkshire Council. The applicant has indicated that they intend to appeal against the decision, but no appeal has been lodged yet.

District Cllr Boeck gave an update on the similar site on Reading Road which was subject to an enforcement action by West Berkshire Council. The original enforcement notice was withdrawn but a new one was served on 21st August which clarified the exact area of land which it covered.
West Berkshire Council's position has not changed, and they are currently waiting for the courts judgement on the appeal made by the applicant against the enforcement notice.

82/26. Parish Environment
82.1 To provide an update on the new Speed Indicator Device
SID is currently on the B3051. The supplier has been out to assess why it was flashing late and has advised that it was a problem with the way it had been installed on the bracket (it was pointing to the centre line instead of the carriageway). Clerk will look at the reports now the unit is properly installed to see if there are any further spurious readings.

Action:Clerk

82.2 To discuss increase in litter and fly tipping in the Parish
Mr Dolphin has reported 6 cases of fly tipping in Hockford Lane during August. The waste was quickly removed by Basingstoke & Deane and Hampshire Councils.
Mr Dolphin urged residents to report any cases of fly tipping as soon as possible so they can be dealt with.

Mr. Hicks pointed out that there is a lot of litter along the verges in Brimpton Lane from the School up to Back Lane and particularly at Able Bridge. Clerk to raise a case with West Berkshire Council requesting a litter pick.

Action: Clerk

83/26. Consultations
None

8. Finance
83.1 To approve payments & approve reconciliation against bank statements
The payment list in Appendix A was agreed.

83.2 To consider a grant request from Citizens Advice West Berkshire
The Parish Council asked the Clerk to respond to Citizens Advice West Berkshire and ask them to provide statistics for how many people from the Parish have been helped by their service in the last year before the grant request is considered.

Action: Clerk

83.3 To consider request from West Berkshire Library Service for support and offer of additional paid services
The Parish Council had received an email from West Berkshire Library services asking if it wanted to purchase additional services or give a grant.
There is no mobile library service in Brimpton and most residents that use a library go to Tadley.
The Parish Council agreed not to provide a grant to the West Berkshire Library Service.

84/26 Reports
84.1 District Councillor's Report
Cllr Dominic Boeck gave an update on the Local Government re-organisation.
West Berkshire Council will be merged with South Oxfordshire and The Vale of White Horse to form a new larger unitary authority called Ridgeway.
This will be the second largest authority in the Thames Valley.
There should be no immediate changes to services initially. In time there will be streamlining and economies of scale sought.
The proposal for the new authority was accepted late in July 2026. The Government will issue a Structural Changes Order in Autumn. There will be elections for the existing authority in May 2027 along with elections to a Shadow Council that will be setup to carry out the transfer of services to the new authority by April 2028.
The terms of existing councillors will be extended by one year to allow the transfer to happen smoothly.
Parish Council elections will be held in April 2026 for a 5-year term.
Mr. Hicks asked how many councillors there will be in the new authority. Cllr Boeck clarified that there will be 36 councillors from the West Berkshire area. 3 member wards will become 2 member wards and a further 2 will need to be removed to meet the 36 number.
A question was asked about the mayoral position. It is not yet known what area a new Mayor would cover.

84.2 Chairman's Report
Nothing to report.

84.3 Clerk's Report
The Local Government pay awards has been agreed at 3.3%. NALC will send out the updated pay scales soon and then the Clerk will implement the pay increase back dated to April 2026.

84.4 Report from Village Hall Committee

The kitchen refit is almost complete.

The next event is a Pizza night on 26th September.

The solar panels on the hall roof have given 9.3 megawatt hours of electricity this year, compared to 8.2 megawatts last year.

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

The next AWE LLC meeting will be held on 4th November. Mr Bassil will attend the meeting.

85/26 The next meeting will be held on 6th October 2026 at 7.30pm

Signed _____ Date _____

Appendix A

Meeting Report 1st September 2026

Community Account

Statement balance 24/08/2026	Cashbook balance as at 24/08/2026	Cashbook balance after new payments made and income received
£1,143.23	**£1,143.23**	**£627.23**

Payments made since last meeting

Payment method	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
DD	Mrs C McGarvie	Salary July	321.60
EP	Digital House MD Ltd	website hosting for a year (32.40 VAT)	194.40
DD	ICO	Data Protection fee	47.00
TOTAL			**£563.00**

New items for payment

Payment method	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
DD	Mrs C McGarvie	Salary September	321.60
			£516.00

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
			£0.00

Payments not presented as of 24/08/2026

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			

Receipts not cleared as of 24/08/2026			
Receipt date	**Payer**	**Details**	**TOTAL COST**

Savings Account balance 24/08/2026	£33,337.14	
CIL	**£14.44**	**CIL spent on hall kitchen and churchyard wall**

Appendix B

Bank Reconciliation 28th August 2026

Authority name	Brimpton Parish Council		
Prepared by	Christine McGarvie	Clerk and RFO	
Date	28th August 2026		
Approved by	Nick Matthews	Chair of council	

Balance per bank statements as at 24th August 2026		£	£
	Community Account	1,143.23	
	Saving account	33,337.14	
			34,480.37
Less any un-presented payments at 24th August 2026			
			0.00
Add any uncleared receipts			
Net Bank balances as at 24th August 2026			£34,480.37

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	13,039.38
Closing balance as per cash book as at 24th August 2026	£1,143.23
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 August 2026	£33,337.14
Overall closing balance	£34,480.37
diff	£0.00

Appendix C
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Planning Applications for Consideration

		Comment deadline
1	None	

Planning Application Decisions made

1	**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.	Refused

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1.	**26/01159/HOUSE** – Eastbank, Brimpton Lane - Demolition, reconstruction and remodelling of rear section and refurbishment of listed house	Deadline 2nd September 2026
2.	**25/00767/OOD – 25/00799/RET** Hockford Lane erection of fencing , gate and hardstanding retrospective	Deadline now 4th Sept 2026