

Minutes of the general meeting of Bulkington Parish Council held on Monday 14th September 2026 at Bulkington Village Hall, Bulkington, Wiltshire.

Present: Councillors P. Oakey (chair) J. Anderson-Hill, A. Breach, J. Socik.

In attendance: Proper Officer T. Hicks, Wiltshire Cllr. T. Reay.

MINUTES

26-27/30 Public Participation

26-27/30.1 There were no members of the public present.

26-27/30.2 There were no petitions or deputations received.

26-27/31 Apologies

Cllr. Macalpine-Downie sent her apologies and the reasons for absence were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

26-27/32 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

26-27/33 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th July 2026 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED and duly signed by the chair.

26-27/34 Reports

26-27/34.1 The chair updated the meeting that the waste bins that were under contract with ID Verde have been successfully moved and adopted by Wiltshire Council. This ensures a continuation of service at no cost to the parish. The chair thanked Cllrs. Breach and Anderson-Hill for moving the telephone kiosk to next to the bus stop. The plan is to make this a seasonal floral display. At present it will be taped off until refurbishment has been completed, and the chair urged the public to keep away from it while this was being carried it. It was agreed for the clerk to tape off the kiosk and put signs up to keep the public away.

26-27/34.2 The council received an update from Wiltshire Councillor Tamara Reay. The matters were:

- Planning changes and Local Plan scoping consultation. For more information: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy>
- Roadworks and traffic management. For upcoming planned roadworks, please go to <https://one.network>. The council requested that Cllr. Reay investigate why Bulkington was used as a diversion during the recent Bell Hill closure. With a working farm directly on the road and a school bus service, the village is unsuitable as a diversion route. It was also noted that the clerk to contact the sat nav companies to request this be updated.
- Wiltshire Council freight survey is now open and seeking residents views on how freight is managed within the county: <https://wiltshirefreight.commonplace.is>
- Household recycling centre booking is required from today at some sites. For more information of how to book, please see: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/20130/Household-Recycling-Centre-Booking-System-Pilot>
- Wiltshire Council has extended parking fees at their owned sites with fees being payable from 7am to 7pm, seven days a week. The excludes Marlborough High Street.

26-27/34.3 The council received the calendar.

26-27/34.4 The clerk gave a verbal report to update the council with her other parish responsibilities and

also requested permission to purchase the remembrance wreaths. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

26-27/35 Planning Matters to discuss

26-27/35.1 The council noted that no applications were received before the meeting.

26-27/35.2 The council noted the BPC Planning Schedule.

26-27/36 Maintenance

26-27/36.1 The weeds in the kerbs and the moss on the pavements are not being maintained by the parish steward to keep them looking tidy and safe. It was unanimously agreed for the clerk to write to Wiltshire Council to highlight this. It was also agreed for the clerk to investigate whether the grounds maintenance contractor could attend to this, but this would carry a cost.

26-27/36.2 On advice from the clerk, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to apply to Wiltshire Council for a traffic survey initially, instead of purchasing white gates.

26-27/36.3 The council discussed the Action Plan and instructed the Clerk to update with agreed actions.

26-27/37 Governance

26-27/37.1 The council UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the draft Data Breach Policy.

26-27/37.2 The council UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the draft Subject Access Request Policy.

26-27/37.3 The council UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the meeting dates for 2027, and to change the start times to 7pm.

26-27/38 Finance

26-27/38.1 Payments Approved:

26-27/38.1a Clerk's expenses.

26-27/38.2 The council had received no further invoices/requests for payment prior to the meeting.

26-27/38.3 Monthly Management Accounts

Members received the monthly financial report and bank reconciliation. The chair signed the bank reconciliation and bank statements.

26-27/38.4 Budget and Precept

Members reviewed the first draft of the proposed budget and precept demand for 2027-28. It was agreed to carry forward for approval in November.

26-27/38.5 The council noted the new National Joint Council for Local Government Services agreed pay scales for 2026-27, and associated clerk's back pay.

26-27/39 Playground

The clerk updated the meeting that the playground had been inspected and when the report was received it would be circulated, with any remedial work to be considered and approved by email.

26-27/40 Correspondence

The council considered the correspondence received regarding the traffic in the village at minute reference 34.2 and 36.2.

26-27/41 Agenda items for next meeting

There were no matters requested to be added to the next agenda.

26-27/42 Confirmation of date of next meeting: Monday 9th November 2026 at 7.00pm. Please note new time. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next council meeting.

Minutes prepared by the clerk.

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