

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026.**

**PRESENT**

**Cllr. Nankivell (PN) – Chairman**  
**Cllr. Allen (MA) – Vice – Chair**  
**Cllr. Hutton (EH) and Cllr. Parker (AP).**  
**Cllr. Pinniger (WCC).**  
**Mr K. Fell – Clerk**  
**Mr & Mrs Catesby**  
**Mr & Mrs Sumner**  
**Mr Matt Forman**

**1. WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Jonathan Williams (HCC), Cllr. Margot Power (WCC) & Cllr. Macintyre.

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2025.**

Members agreed the Minutes, and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

**4. MATTERS ARISING.**

Members discussed the van parked at Tavy Cottage. The Village Hall car park was suggested but no decision was made.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Nil.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR.**

Cllr. Williams had given his apologies. He stated that he was planning to visit the drain on Saturday.

**7. CITY COUNCILLOR'S – Cllr. MARGOT POWER, Cllr. CLARE PINNIGER and Cllr. RUSSELL GORDON-SMITH.**

WCC Cllrs had sent reports. Cllr. Pinniger mentioned that there had been problems with noise at the bottle banks, which are situated in the carpark of Alresford railway station. The Chairman had previously asked Cllr. Gordon-Smith about road sweeping but as he was absent at this meeting Cllr. Pinniger will investigate.

A new vehicle report had been prepared for the vehicle which was thought had been abandoned in Hobbs Close.

**8. RESIDENTIAL PLANNING - Cllr. PARKER.**

Cllr. Parker gave details of the Planning Application 25/02571/HOU Install a drop kerb for vehicular access to the rear of Bishop's Court Lodge off the B3047. Form new opening in brick wall to rear. Installation of gates. (Part retrospective) Amended drawings. The drop kerb needs to be moved. It is close to Martin Jay's boundary. Graham Sumner provided some information on the application. Cllr. Parker understood that more detail will be submitted and he reserved judgement until these had been received and read.

**9. COMMUNITY MATTERS - Cllr. MACINTYRE.**

Cllr Macintyre had given her apologies but had submitted a report. Cllr. Macintyre wanted Members of the Parish Council to consider precepting for sufficient funds to cover the various projects in the village.

#### **10. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Cllr. HUTTON.**

The Chairman had written to Karl Borges regarding his offer of speed gates to one end of the village.

#### **11. LENGTHSMEN/SID - Cllr. NANKIVELL.**

The Chairman stated that the forthcoming Lengthsmen dates had been received from the co-ordinator.

#### **12. INDUSTRIAL PLANNING & SUN LANE DEVELOPMENT - Cllr. PARKER.**

Cllr. Parker said that he had no further news on the Sun Lane development and there was nothing more on Field House.

Regarding the Solar Farm there will be a leaflet drop to Bishop's Sutton residents. Cllr. Parker pointed out that although it was close to an electricity substation it would be very prominent from the B3047 and therefore its visual aspect could affect its approval. A resident mentioned the size and height of the panels and another resident thought there would be a planning application at the end of January 2026.

#### **13. FOOTPATHS & ROW - Cllr. HUTTON.**

A resident has sent in an email about the condition of Green Lane. However Cllr. Hutton had walked it and considered it passable.

#### **14. WEBSITE/SID/DEFIBRILLATOR - Cllr. ALLEN.**

Cllr. Allen had added October and November Minutes to the website and the Dates of Meetings 2026. He had also carried out the work of changing the Parish Council email address for the Clerk.

#### **15. CORRESPONDENCE - CLERK.**

Reports from WCC Cllrs.

Report from HCC Cllr.

Cllr. Power apologies

Cllr. William's apologies

LGR Ministers Statement, HCC correspondence

Karl Borges re speed gates & Chairman's reply

BW Tree Surgeons

Christine Nuttall re Ox Drove

Brendon Gibbs - Lengthsman visits

Cllr. Macintyre Wildlife Trust Event in Village Hall 22<sup>nd</sup> January '26

Police Commissioner – Fixed Speed Cameras

Clerks & Councils Direct Jan. '26 & Yearbook 2026

Correspondence re Clerk's new email address

Drain work Cllr. Williams & Cllr. Hutton

#### **16. FINANCE – CLERK.**

The Clerk gave the Chairman an update on the financial position.

#### **RECEIVED**

Nil.

#### **TO PAY**

Clerk's exps.

£75.80

Agreed

## **BUDGET**

A Draft Budget had been prepared by the Clerk, and this had been distributed before the meeting. Members discussed various items and whether there should be a higher precept amount, but it was agreed that the increase to £10,500 would be sufficient. This, with a 2025/6 Tax Base of £211.20 would result in a charge for a Band D property of £49.71. The Precept was agreed by all and the Clerk submitted it to WCC.

## **17. OTHER MEETINGS.**

Nil.

## **18. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.**

The funds towards the Remembrance tree site were awaiting a decision from the Village Hall Committee whose next meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February'26. It was agreed that the Parish Council would hold the funds and with the spit the PC cost would be £100.

## **19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –10th FEBRUARY 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm.**

The Chairman thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.