

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF BISHOP'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr. Nankivell (PN) – Chairman
Cllr. Allen (MA) – Vice Chairman
Cllr. Hutton (EH), Cllr. Parker (AP), Cllr. McIntyre (NM)
Cllr. Margot Power – WCC
Cllr. Jonathan Williams - HCC
23 Residents

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were apologies from Cllr. Clare Pinniger, and Cllr. Russell Gordon-Smith.

2. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 8th APRIL 2025.

Confirmed.

3. SEPTIC TANK UPGRADE – RACHEL JONES, SOLENT MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP MANAGER

Rachel distributed a brochure describing the scheme. 16 Local authorities had produced the legal agreement. All the affected properties were in the Solent Area. Recoverable fund used to monitor the rivers. There was green algae instead of mud flats in the Portsmouth and Langstone Area. Problems with nutrients therefore nutrient mitigation which developers have to take into account. Operated from Fareham with a partnership with the Wildlife Trust.

The new more efficient septic tank breaks down solids.

The first pilot is now working at a household. Now not possible to discharge into a water course.

The scheme is grant funded and there will be more information on the website after the election.

Surveys will be carried out focussing on tanks over 10 years old and properties near rivers.

There will be a contract between the installer and the householder with a legal agreement for 100 years. The mortgage provider for the property must be notified.

There will be some background noise from the tank as there has to be an electrical connection to a blower.

Time schedule – site visit in May with a July/August start.

The cost of maintenance for servicing the unit will be around £125 per year.

There are 30 grants and when choosing properties the council tax band and closeness to the river is important.

Bishop's Sutton and the New Forest were chosen because of closeness to river.

Q Would contractors accept funds towards the project from householders. It was thought credits would go to a pool.

Shared systems in Bishop's Sutton.

When considering a service plan can choose a contractor.

The Chairman thanked Rachel for her excellent presentation.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 10th MARCH 2026.

The minutes were agreed, and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Water Lane – water table still quite high after the rain, it was thought that planting Willow Trees may help in absorbing a lot of the water. The weeds had been cut. A resident asked about a schedule for weed cutting, however there is a legal timetable for weed cutting that has to be observed.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

PN read out his annual report to the meeting (copy attached).

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr. JONATHAN WILLIAMS.

Cllr. Williams had sent a report. (Report circulated)

Cllr. Williams stated that regarding the Alresford footpath a preliminary report had been prepared for the scheme, with the speed limit taken into account, also the vegetation and overhanging branches.

Council tax – 5% actual, HCC facing bankruptcy next year, could be bailed out by the Government or have to sell off assets.

8. CITY COUNCILLOR'S – Cllr. POWER, Cllr. PINNIGER & Cllr. GORDON-SMITH.

Councillor's April Report forwarded to Parish Councillors.

This included the LGR, Fly Tipping in the District, Community Investment Programme, Shared Prosperity Funding and New Tourism Strategy.

9. RESIDENTIAL PLANNING – Cllr. PARKER.

Cllr. Parker gave his report (see attached).

Solar Farm – no application received yet.

10. COMMUNITY MATTERS – Cllr. McINTYRE.

Cllr. McIntyre presented a report (see enclosed).

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS – Cllr. HUTTON.

Cllr. Hutton presented a report. (see enclosed).

12. LENGTHSMAN/SID – Cllr. NANKIVELL.

Cllr. Nankivell had presented an Annual Report (see enclosed).

13. INDUSTRIAL PLANNING & SUN LANE DEVELOPMENT - Cllr. PARKER.

Cllr. Parker presented a report.

Nothing to report on the Sun Hill development.

14. FOOTPATHS & ROW – Cllr. HUTTON.

Cllr. Hutton had included footpaths and ROW in his report. (see enclosed)

The drainage under the railway bridge was mentioned.

15. WEBSITE/SID/DEFIBRILLATOR - Cllr. ALLEN.

Cllr. Allen had submitted a report (see enclosed).

The Septic Tank information will be put on the website.

16. CORRESPONDENCE – CLERK.

Apologies from Cllr. Clare Pinniger, and Cllr. Russell Gordon-Smith.

Reports from Members

Hants & IOW – Watercress & Winterbourne brochure

Friends & Family

CPRE – 100 years

Titchborne – Lengthsman Schedule

Correspondence from Rachel Jones & Tom Gregory

Apology from Cllr. Power (pt meeting)

Zurich Insurance 2026

New Police Representative

WCC Election papers

17. FINANCE – CLERK.

The Clerk gave a Finance Report of the year to date.

The balance from the financial year 2025/26 was £1,843.56.

The Precept for 2026/27 was agreed at £10,500 and with a tax base of £211.20 this resulted in a rate for a Band D property of £49.71.

The renewal for the insurance premium for 2026/27 was the same as the previous year £264.

RECEIVED

WCC 50% Precept	£5,250.00
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TO PAY

Clerk's exps.	£153.60
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Zurich Insurance renewal	£264.00
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16. OTHER MEETINGS.

WDALC Meeting at Winchester Rugby Club 13th April 2026.

Present Chief Executive, Council Leader and Head of Planning.

LGR and New Local Plan discussed.

17. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.

There had been some fly tipping at Appledown reported and WCC stated that it was removed but it was still there.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL MEETING 12th MAY 2026 at 7.30pm.

Presentation by Tom Gregory on Alreside Meadow.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.