

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2026.

PRESENT

Cllr. Nankivell (PN) – Chairman
Cllr. Allen (MA) – Vice – Chair
Cllr. Parker (AP) & Cllr. Macintyre (NM)
Mr K. Fell – Clerk
Mr & Mrs Skinner
Mrs Christine Nuttall
Melissa & Steve Wall
Dr. Helen Clarke

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. Russell Gordon-Smith (WCC) & Cllr. Edward Hutton.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING 13th JANUARY 2026.

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

4. MATTERS ARISING.

Members stated that it was thought that the owners of the van that was at Tavy Cottage were moving.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Nil.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

Cllr. Williams gave an update on the drain in the main road as it was not right yet. He also will raise Green Lane with Countryside Services.

The Chairman raised two matters: 1. The railway tunnel flooding, this had received some work a few years ago but was now worse with the recent water levels. 2. Speed Gates – Cllr. Williams pointed out that they have to be installed by HCC and the cost would be around £10,000 for a pair. Members discussed and a resident suggested that motorists would still speed. Cllr. Allen thought that the PC should still investigate.

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

WCC Cllrs had sent reports. The report mentioned recycling and the WCC Budget.

WCC had sent an email concerning the forthcoming election and the Local Government Review. Although the details had not been finalised it appeared that there were two options for parishes.

1. To hold an election and maybe foot the cost completely (normally this is split between the City and the County.) or
2. Councillors continue for 6 yrs to fall in line with the LGR.

Members discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would continue for 6 years to avoid a possible heavy cost.

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 had been provided but these showed the wall removed above the gate. However the Planning Officer wished for this to be retained. The PC had sent in an observation on the plans and had objected to the plans current

form. Cllr. Parker stated that the PC comment was shown in WCC docs as from an individual and not the PC. The Clerk will correct with the Planning Officer.

Planning Application 26/00109/TPO 1 Hobbs Close Top and side Field Maples & trim Yew Tree.
PC No objection.

9. COMMUNITY MATTERS - Cllr. MACINTYRE.

Cllr Macintyre raised the matter of sight lines on bin collection days with bins obscuring the view for both pedestrians and motorists. This is because the bin men do not return householders bins to the normal position. However this is the normal situation in every village.

The Stream Project is coming to an end; however the group will continue to monitor the river. The last of the funds are now in the PC bank and will be forwarded to Attention2Place. Helen Clarke gave details of another river restoration project, and it was suggested that the leader of the project should be invited to a PC meeting.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Cllr. HUTTON.

Nil.

11. LENGTHSMEN/SID - Cllr. NANKIVELL.

The Chairman stated that the Lengthsmen had visited the village yesterday.

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

Cllr. Parker said that he had no further news on the Sun Lane development or the Solar Farm.

13. FOOTPATHS & ROW - Cllr. HUTTON.

Nil.

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

Cllr. Allen had no further news.

15. CORRESPONDENCE - CLERK.

Reports from WCC Cllrs.

Report from HCC Cllr.

Cllr. Power and Cllr. Russell-Smith apologies.

Cllr. William's apologies

Cllr. Hutton apologies.

Lengthsman work schedule.

WCC LGR re Elections, ROI Forms Sensitive information

Lloyds Bank – store container

The Garden Festival 2026

New email address – new notice

Update Register of Electors

Flood alerts -Env. Agency

CAB – Money Skills Sessions

NatWest Business Changes

Jack Williams Journalism Student on LGR

16. FINANCE – CLERK.

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

RECEIVED

Hants & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust £1,122.00

TO PAY

Clerk's exps. £91.20
Attention2Place £1,122.00

Agreed

17. OTHER MEETINGS.

Nil.

18. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.

Nil.

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

The Chairman thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.