

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2025.**

PRESENT

Cllr. Nankivell (PN) – Chairman

Cllr. Allen (MA) – Vice – Chair

Cllr. Hutton (EH) and Cllr. Parker (AP).

Cllr. Gordon-Smith and Cllr. Pinniger (WCC).

Mr K. Fell – Clerk

2 Residents

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. McIntyre.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING 11th NOVEMBER 2025.

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

4. MATTERS ARISING.

Agenda items.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Nil.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

Cllr. Williams had given his apologies but sent in an email asking about the Highways drain works. Cllr. Hutton was asked to send a photograph of the drain.

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

WCC Cllrs had sent reports. The Mayoral elections had been put back by the Government. In the normal elections Cllr. Power and Cllr. Porter were up for election. The consultation on the LGR was now taking place and representations could be made by the Parish Council or individuals. Option 2 was WCC's preferred option.

The Chairman asked the WCC Cllrs to check why the scheduled road sweeping in the village, wasn't being carried out and commended the Winchester City Council for introducing food waste recycling.

The Solar Farm was also discussed at this point. Cllr. Parker stated that an impact assessment was not required but a visual impact assessment was required.

8. RESIDENTIAL PLANNING - Cllr. PARKER.

Cllr. Parker stated that the Planning Application 25/01399/FUL Agricultural Access/ Land adjacent to Field House had been permitted.

9. COMMUNITY MATTERS - Cllr. McINTYRE.

Cllr McIntyre had given her apologies. NM had submitted an email regarding the cost of maintaining the area around the Remembrance trees. The email had been written by James Caldwell, and he had suggested if the Parish Council and the Church could provide a small annual donation to the Avenue of Remembrance Fund. Mel & Stephen Wall attended the meeting as Stephen carries out the grass cutting etc at the site. Members discussed the proposal and the Parish Council was happy to support the request but wished to obtain the view of the Church and the Village Hall.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Cllr. HUTTON.

It was reported that a large van was obstructing the pavement at Tavy Cottage on the main road. A discussion was taking place with the Landlord.

An abandoned car at Hobbs Close will be reported to the Police. However this is not on the public highway.

Cllr. Pinniger said that Cllr. Williams had no news regarding the footpath to Alresford.

The Chairman had obtained a quotation for carrying out work around the telephone box plus Water Lane. Members agreed the price.

11. LENGTHSMEN/SID - Cllr. NANKIVELL.

Nil.

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

Cllr. Parker said that he had no further news on the Sun Lane development. There was a meeting next week.

13. FOOTPATHS & ROW - Cllr. HUTTON.

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr. Allen was investigating a request from the Clerk to obtain a government email address for the Clerk's use as recommended by the Auditors. MA also spoke about a battery check for the SID equipment.

15. CORRESPONDENCE - CLERK.

Reports from WCC Cllrs.

Report from HCC Cllr.

WCC Planning update, new street cleansing & Ground maintenance service, Council report, Community Resilience Workshop.

Orchard Ground Care Ltd.

HCC Enquiry raised re School Lane

Martin Henderson re School Lane

Lengthsman schedule

Cllr. Power apologies

Cllr. Williams apologies

16. FINANCE – CLERK.

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

RECEIVED

Nil.

TO PAY

Clerk's exps.	£117.74
Church donation	£75.00

Agreed

The Clerk reminded Members that the Precept would be set in January, a Draft Budget had been prepared for the Chairman.

17. OTHER MEETINGS.

Nil.

18. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.

Nil.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –13th JANUARY 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.