



MINUTES

Confirmed minutes of Full Council Meeting of Binsted Parish Council (BPC) on Tuesday 11 November

25/082	<p>Apologies: Cllr White, District Cllr Davies, District Cllr Ashcroft</p> <p>Present: Cllr Hearne (Chair), Cllr Clarke, Cllr Lock, Cllr Melvin, Cllr Jones, Cllr Ibbotson, Mike Mordecai (Clerk)</p>
25/083	<p>Declarations of Interests: Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation is granted, they may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, any matter in which they have a pecuniary interest. They must withdraw from the room when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter. None stated.</p>
25/084	<p>Approval of Minutes from 9 September 2025 Full Council Meeting: Proposed Cllr Hearn, Seconded Cllr Ibbotson, unanimously approved.</p>
25/085	<p>Chair's Announcements- None</p>
25/086	<p>District Councillor Report:</p> <p>None- See Apologies above.</p>
25/087	<p>Finance and Governance</p> <p>Income, Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations for Sep and Oct 2025- Proposed Cllr Jones, Seconded Cllr Lock, unanimously approved.</p> <p>Finance and Governance Committee Terms of Reference and Finance related Standing Orders. Decision: Approved</p> <p>2026-2027 Budget and 2025-26 Internal Audit Update- The Clerk reported that the Finance and Governance Committee would meet again after the UK Government budget to check if that had any material impact on the draft BPC budget before being presented to FCM in Dec, and that there was a meeting planned with Internal Audit planned for early Dec in advance of Dec FCM.</p> <p>Transport Working Group spend on Speed Indicator Device.</p> <p>BPC applications for 5 new SID locations have been approved by Highways (2 in Station Road, 2 in Bentley, 1 in Isington Road). Highways need to extend the height of existing speed repeater posts (volunteers not allowed to do this work), at a cost of £1,850.29 (£1,725.29 Highways costs incl. traffic management, post supply & installation; plus £125 (£25/post) for 5 x SID brackets.) TWG has requested BPC approval to fund this from EHDC CIL (There will be no associated ongoing running costs).</p> <p>TWG also requests BPC's approval to fund 1 x additional Elan City SID unit with solar power at fixed location, on the newly approved location near 'Halfway House' A325 junction, using EHDC CIL funding. This will avoid volunteers changing SID unit and SID batteries fortnightly at this dangerous location. Cost will be £3,000 (including solar panel, connectivity option and delivery. After 2 years (i.e. from January 2028), there will be an annual cost of c.£100 p.a. for web platform subscription.</p>

	Decision: Approved
25/088	<p><u>EHDC and SDNP Local Plan Updates- Clerk</u></p> <p>EHDC- We have received an email from the A31 Alliance (a group of local residents concerned about EHDC's planning intentions), concerned about the emerging housing allocations in EHDC's Local Plan, the need to re-consult at Reg 18 stage due to how much change there has been since the last consultation, and to publicise these changes, and to publicise these changes to a wider audience.</p> <p>Decisions: Clerk to publicise the A31 Alliance petition more widely via FB, and to invite the group to a future BPC meeting.</p> <p><u>Schools Liaison- Cllr Ibbotson</u></p> <p>BPC have summarised Binsted School Traffic Survey and met with Head Teacher to develop a plan. A meeting with HCC for their assistance in developing a plan will take place later in Nov. The Clerk attended a launch meeting of a joint Binsted School/Church initiative to create a community garden behind the vicarage.</p> <p><u>Bentley Station- Cllr Ibbotson</u></p> <p>Planters refurbished for Winter/early Spring Liaison with SDNP for advice/support re: 'Gateway to National Park' ongoing signage in progress. Meeting scheduled in Nov with Community Rail to discuss application for grant for station history. Participation in 'Living Advent window' project with Bentley village.</p> <p><u>Transport Working Group- Alison Melvin</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frith End and Blacknest Speed Calming Scheme (s106 funded) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reduction to 30mph in Frith End has been approved: This will apply to a 1km stretch of Frith End Road, starting 30 metres of its junction with A325 Farnham Road, and continuing some 40m beyond the Frith End sign at the northwest end of the village. Article about this submitted to Dec/Jan parish magazine. ○ Cllr Melvin will meet Highways on 12 Nov to agree further details of s106 project - further safety improvements, inc. traffic calming, improved HGV signage in Frith End, and Weybank junction relining. BPC are still pressing for full implementation in Spring 2026. Meeting outcomes will be shared at 18 November TWG meeting, but no further statutory consultations are needed for delivery of remaining elements. ○ Blacknest & Frith End Village Gateway & verge improvements: to coincide with above traffic calming measures, Cllr Melvin continues to encourage Highways to restore verges (degraded by 2024 B3004 diversions). Irrespective of Highways, we are discussing a 'neighbourhood pride' project to encourage residents to restore their verges. A councillor grant will be sought to fund Village Gateway flower tubs, etc. 2. Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See 25/087 above. ○ BPC are recruiting additional TWG volunteers to change SID batteries on BPC's 3 existing SIDs (all changeovers currently being done by Alan Melvin.) 3. Recent collisions and need for police speed checks

- Cllr's Melvin and White are seeking police feedback on the recent collisions on Blacknest Road bend and on A325 opposite garage, and on obtaining previously promised police enforcement of speed limits.
- 4. School safety
 - In Rowledge School Road, TWG is progressing discussion / application for 20mph speed limit, with the intention of using EHDC CIL funding to pay for the consultation. Approval could take several years.
 - TWG is also seeking Surrey Roads' permission to deploy BPC's existing SIDs in School Road Rowledge (no useable post on Hampshire side of road). When approved, BPC will need to pay to get post height increased.
 - Quotes are being obtained to paint white lines on Parking Strip, but no decision on this yet reached.

Blacknest Fields- Alison Melvin

1. Autumn site work
 - Glow worm beetle larvae were released onsite in October, with help from SDNPA Rangers and volunteers.
 - Volunteers planted honeysuckle (plants funded by HCC) and surveyed for fungi.
2. Contractor selected for Beelines project
 - Following the tender exercise, contractor Katy Poulson has been selected to move gates and improve wetland for this SDNPA-funded project. Work will be carried out within next couple of months.
3. Site assessments for SINC Designation and Local Greenspace designation (LGS25-029)
 - We expect it will be a year before we hear the outcomes of HCC's August's habitat survey for designation as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) and of SDNPA Planning's assessment for Local Green Space.
4. Trees
 - Clerk is organising for Ben Abbott (arboricultural consultant) to undertake a full arboricultural report and for Callum Kilby (tree surgeon) to undertake the tree safety work quoted to BPC in June.
 - Dead wooding of FC trees alongside bridleway 41 has not yet been carried out by Forestry Commission.
5. Future project - site interpretation signage
 - BPC intend next year to apply for a grant to cover the costs of improving site signage and providing interpretation panels that give historical background and wildlife information.

Police Liaison- Clerk

See above re recent collisions.

Cllr White requested that the police look at dangerous parking by contractors working on the Barn Owl pub refurbishment.

Holt Pound Working Group- Clerk

Through further correspondence with the BAe Systems Pensions Fund, Geoff has secured a meeting with Greene King Estate Manager on 10 Dec.

A further meeting was held in September with a local sports club who have needs for both football and cricket pitches. The meeting focussed on:

- a document produced by the club setting out its vision for HPO and how the two parties could work in partnership to achieve this vision, and
- what conditions/assurances might need to be in place (for example the basis for high level commercial and legal frameworks/agreements with the various parties), and where further information would be necessary to provide the basis for a GO/NO decision to proceed in earnest.

The Clerk is arranging a meeting with the EHDC Sports and Leisure lead to better understand where EHDC could support this project and the funding landscape.

Minor fencing repairs at HPO have been completed, and the Clerk is liaising with Cllr White re grass cutting at the site.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion- Clerk

As part of the project to refurbish the pavilion and other works required at the Rec, various activities are now underway (via Graham and the Clerk) including replacing the (external) clock, fixing electrics and lighting, obtaining quotes for a fire alarm and alternative solutions to pavilion security and access, replacing the kitchen units, and other minor repairs/replacement equipment/signage.

Annual (3rd party) playground inspection report now received- Cllr Jones is reviewing and will produce a report setting out suggested next steps for repairs/replacements.

Rowledge Cricket Club (RCC) Contract- Following contract termination letter and invitation to agree a new contract, BPC has met RCC and a revised contract based on that meeting has been sent to RCC for final review.

Binsted Youth Football Club (BYFC) – BYFC have commented on a new draft contract. **Action:** MM and Cllr Clarke to review and send back to BYFC for final agreement. **Action:** MM to invoice BYFC for agreed quarterly recharges.

RD Groundcare contract: Clerk met RD Groundcare to update contract and agree minor amendments. RD Groundcare have agreed final draft. **Action:** Clerk to obtain signatures from both parties.

Allotments and other works- Hedge cutting and verti-draining completed. Clearing one vacant allotment plot completed, quotes for cutting back border vegetation and clearing other vacant allotment plot obtained.

Cllr White has been making enquiries with landowners adjoining the Rec to see if there is any appetite for engaging in discussions with BPC about expanding the size of the Rec.

Communications Working Group- Clerk

	<p>Website: Clerk met with contractor to ensure that requested outstanding actions and other changes be completed before the end of the year.</p> <p>Facebook- A report was presented on progress to improve our communications via this channel. Over the last 12 months. It was agreed that agreed actions had been successful and BPC would retain the services of the contractor providing this service. Post regarding the Binsted Fete needing a new committee was viewed 1,347</p>
25/089	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>SDNP/25/03372/HOUS- No Objection</p> <p>SDNP/25/04032/FUL- Applicants in attendance. Support, but query around access to site.</p> <p>SDNP/25/04385/APNB- It was understood that Prior Approval is not a matter that the PC can formally support or object to, but could comment on. [Post Meeting Note- BPC received a number of emails from residents after the meeting objecting to the development, and BPC commented based on these emails, and the application was subsequently refused.]</p> <p>EHDC-25-1176-FUL- Object</p> <p>EHDC-25-1175-FUL- Object</p> <p>SDNP/25/04446/APNB- No comment.</p>
25/090	<p>Clerk's Notices, Matters Arising, Actions from Previous Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <u>village fete</u> was discussed, given its future is in doubt unless new committee volunteers came forward. BPC plays an active part in assisting planning and volunteering on the day. It will continue to do so, and help support new committee members. Action: Clerk to liaise with existing fete committee to understand whether volunteers for a new committee have come forward and if BPC can provide any additional support to them. • <u>Correspondence</u>- the majority of unsolicited parishioner correspondence has been in relation to dangerous contractor parking associated with the Barn Owl pub refurbishment, as well as complaints about lighting at night. BPC have visited the site and met the site manager to raise these concerns, as well as writing to the pub owners. • The Clerk has also received representations from the Farnborough Noise campaign group requesting BPC lobby our local MPs, Rushmoor Council and publicise detailed environmental scope consultations from the airport in advance of a new planning application. As well as contacting Bentley and Froyle Parish Councils (who BPC worked with on the last planning application). It was agreed that that it was too early in the process and there was little that could be achieved by engaging with stakeholders as requested by the FN campaign at this point. Action: Clerk to continue to keep an eye on the issue and planning/consultation timetables. • <u>IT Review</u>- There are a number of drivers to warrant a wholesale review of our approach to IT and telephony. It was agreed that the Clerk should proceed with this work. •
25/091	<p>Chair's Closing Remarks, Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th Dec.</p>