



## MINUTES

### Unconfirmed minutes of Full Council Meeting of Binsted Parish Council (BPC) on Tuesday 13 Jan 2026

26/001	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Lock, District Cllr Davies, District Cllr Ashcroft  <b>Present:</b> Cllr Hearne (Chair), Cllr White, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Melvin, Cllr Jones, Cllr Ibbotson, Mike Mordecai (Clerk)</p>
26/002	<p><b>Declarations of Interests:</b> 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. <b>None stated.</b></p>
26/003	<p><b>Approval of Minutes from 09 Dec 2025 Full Council Meeting:</b> Proposed Cllr Melvin, Seconded Cllr Clarke, unanimously approved.</p>
26/004	<p><b>Chair's Announcements-</b> None</p>
26/005	<p><b>EHDC Local Plan- A31 Alliance Presentation- See attached presentation</b></p> <p>Concern was raised by councillors around the possibility that EHDC was not planning to reconsult at Reg 18 stage despite proposed housing numbers having increased significantly since the original Reg 18 consultation, and that public awareness of housing number proposals (and the potential impact) was low. Discussions also included how the stated aim of the A31 Alliance's objective of ensuring that a new Reg 18 consultation could be achieved, potential legal challenge and costs, the timetable for doing so, and how this might dovetail with planned Local Government reorganisation.</p> <p>Also discussed was the impact of other parts of the parish impacted by proposed housing numbers, including along the A325 and further increases in Bordon- and that any public meeting should highlight these issues as well as the A31 ribbon.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> It was agreed that BPC would organise a public meeting to raise public awareness within the parish of the latest housing numbers proposed in EHDC's Local Plans and approach to Reg 18/19 consultation. And that BPC would write to EHDC and other decision makers and stakeholders with its views following public feedback at this meeting.</p>
26/006	<p><b>District Councillor Report:</b></p> <p>None- See Apologies above.</p>
26/007	<p><b>Finance and Governance</b></p> <p><b>Decision:</b> Income, Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations for Dec 2025- Approved Cllr Hearn, Seconded Cllr White, approved unanimously</p> <p>It was noted by the Clerk that BPC's Internal Auditor had signalled his intention to retire after the 25-26 external audit had taken place, and had recommended an alternative supplier.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Clerk to make initial contact with suggested supplier.</p>

<p><b>26/008</b></p>	<p><b>Working Group Updates (including written submissions in advance of meeting)</b></p> <p><b>Transport Working Group</b></p> <p>Cllr Melvin is following up with HCC Highways re a timetable for implementing Frith End/Blacknest Road traffic calming plan. Clerk and Cllr Melvin to meet re recording pothole and other hazards/road repairs required in parish.</p> <p><b>Blacknest Fields, Police Liaison, Communications</b></p> <p>No updates this month.</p> <p><b>Schools Liaison- Cllr Ibbotson</b></p> <p>Rowledge Primary School - letter of support sent by Cllr Melvin for Outdoor Classroom initiative.</p> <p>Binsted Primary School – Cllr Ibbotson will liaise with head on return from holiday in February re progress on travel plan. <b>Action:</b> Clerk to write article for Parish Magazine on subject.</p> <p><b>Bentley Station- Cllr Ibbotson</b></p> <p>Application to SW Trains for £680 small projects grant submitted for Bentley Station history boards. Met with graphic designer in December from Red Rocket (Community Rail-linked company) who will use our text/images to produce 2 x permanent displays. Awaiting decision on funding.</p> <p>Advent window project (that included one at the station) raised £850 for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.</p> <p><b>Holt Pound Oval Working Group- Cllr Clarke</b></p> <p>A meeting is to be arranged with Chloe Davanna (Sport &amp; Leisure Lead- EHDC) about possible sources of funding for a project to return the site to sports use.</p> <p>A meeting was held in early January with the Regional Property Manager for Greene King to explore the options regarding access to the land to the south of the pub and access through and the possible sharing of the pub car park. Green King are keen to support communities and local sports activities, and actions were agreed on both sides to pursue the matter further.</p> <p><b>Recreation Ground- Cllr Jones</b></p> <p>Bike shed repairs – supplier only delivered one of the two panels- we are pursuing them to fulfil order.</p> <p>Playground – received advice and some suggestions for potential suppliers (and grants) to start rolling programme of replacement equipment.</p> <p>Kitchen refurb – No update this month.</p> <p>Recreation Ground and Pavilion signage replacements will start in Feb.</p> <p>Pavilion exterior clock replacement/associated electric repairs and security light completed.</p>
<p><b>25/009</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>Farnborough Airport: <b>Decision:</b> Object on grounds of environmental and noise impact assessments being limited to small geographical area that do not include our parish and similar surrounding areas where there will be an impact due to flight paths.</p>

	EHDC-25-1472-DCON, EHDC-25-1463-DCON SDNP/25/04996/DCOND: All noted, but no further comments raised.
<b>25/010</b>	<p><b>Clerk's Notices, Matters Arising, Actions from Previous Meeting:</b></p> <p>Subject Access Request completed.</p> <p>Meeting planned with Binsted Youth Football Club to agree updated contract.</p>
<b>25/011</b>	<p><b>AOB, Chair's Closing Remarks, Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>BPC welcomed Antonia Cox (the prospective Conservative Party Candidate at the next HCC elections (elections are proposed but not confirmed in May 2026 due to Local Government reorganisation- decision awaited) to the meeting and thanked her requesting to attend the meeting to understand the key issues within the parish. Antonia introduced herself and discussions included the likelihood of HCC elections happening (HCC have stated to central Government that they wish to proceed).</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.</p>