



MINUTES

Confirmed minutes of Full Council Meeting of Binsted Parish Council (BPC) on Tuesday 21 Apr 2026.

26/032	Apologies: Cllr Lock, Cllr Melvin, Cllr Clarke, District Cllrs Davies and Ashcroft Present: Cllr Hearne (Chair), Cllr White, Cllr Ibbotson, Cllr Jones, Mike Mordecai (Clerk)
26/033	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.
26/034	Approval of Minutes from 10 Mar 2026 Full Council Meeting: Proposed Cllr Ibbotson, Seconded Cllr Jones, unanimously approved.
26/035	Chair's Announcements- None
26/036	District Councillor Report: None
26/037	Finance and Governance Income, Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations for Mar 2026: Clerk reported good end of year position re budget. As discussed in previous month, expenditure at first sight may look higher than budgeted, but this was down to drawing down EMRs (and the way the accounting software presents this information). Proposed Cllr Ibbotson, Seconded Cllr Jones, Unanimously Approved. Audit Timetable: RFO and Clerk will be preparing information for Internal Audit Meeting on 11 May, the day before next FCM on 12th May. Need to have a Finance Committee meeting before 11th May, and there will be a number of policy, governance and finance documents to sign off at May and June's FCM, as well as the AGM in May. This year's financial performance will need to be referenced in Annual Parish Meeting presentation (Action: Clerk and RFO)
26/038	Blacknest Fields- Cllr Melvin No update received (see apologies). Transport Working Group- Cllr Melvin No update received (see apologies). Police Liaison- Cllr White- No new news this month. Schools Liaison and Bentley Station- Cllr Ibbotson- The station has been entered into Britain in Bloom by the Community Rail Partnership. A small group of volunteers from Bentley Green Community Orchard and Wildlife Haven project will be setting up a Station Cafe three mornings a week in the Waiting Room. For donations, they are selling coffee and tea during morning rush hour. All profits are going to the Bentley Green project.

	Holt Pound Oval Working Group- No update received (see apologies). Recreation Ground- Cllr Jones and Clerk Playground- Visit planned for end May to get initial thoughts from specialist re potential upgrades. Signage- Liaising with Cllr Melvin re next steps. Kitchen refurbishment- One quote received- £2.5k to refurbish, £6k for new one. Chasing 2nd quote. Speedwatch- Cllr Jones keeping signs "charged". Asking for more volunteers to start Speedwatch. Fete- Cllr Jones with fete committee to assess progress and where BPC could help. Phone Box- Needs a new coat of paint. Football Club have agreed new contract. Action: Clerk to arrange signatures.
25/039	Planning Applications SDNP/26/00749/HOUS- Object SDNP/26/01136/CND- Comment SDNP/26/01082/HOUS- No comment EHDC-26-0305-LDCP- Support EHDC-26-0268-FUL- No comment EHDC-25-1305-HSE- No comment
25/040	Clerk's Notices, Matters Arising, Actions from Previous Meeting: SDNP/EHDC Draft Local Plan BPC are expecting the Regulation 19 process for SDNP to start in May, and for EHDC in "the summer". Reg 19 is the opportunity to tell the planning inspector whether you think the plan the council has proposed is sound or not. Responses are sent to the inspector and considered as part of the examination process. Whilst a number of potential volunteers put their names down to help BPC respond to these consultations there is a need for a we need a councillor lead. Action: Clerk to contact Froyle and Bentley Parish Councils around whether there were opportunities in a joint approach/sharing resource between us on this and other overlapping areas of mutual interest. Request from Froyle Parish Council to support playground enhancements bid Froyle PC has requested a letter of support for this S106 bid, on the basis that Binsted residents use Froyle playing fields and pavilion, EHDC requires our letter of support because the amount Froyle have bid for would include c£2K that is "allocated" to Binsted and vicinity. (In the same way, BPC could apply for S106 funding from funds allocated to other local parish councils). Decision and Action: Letter of support agreed, Clerk to send. Rowledge War Memorial Clerk has been talking to interested Rowledge residents about forming a residents' community group (with some organisational support from BPC) to raise the funds required to upgrade the War Memorial. To understand the value of the work required we need an updated quote/scope of works from HCC

	Highways. HCC Highways will provide this for a fee of £500. Decision: BPC will be willing to fund 50% of this fee. Allotments Clerk has advertised our two free allotment plots on Facebook, and have had one interested party contact me. Other Matters Arising Annual Parish Meeting- Cllr White has found a guest speaker- Giles Porter who will be talking about "Farming in Hampshire". Cllr Ibbotson will assist preparing some display boards. Cllr White will assist in setting up on the night, and Cllr Jones will assist purchasing refreshments in advance of the meeting. The Clerk attended a meeting of local clerks arranged by HALC on the subject of local government reorganisation.
25/041	AOB, Chair's Closing Remarks, Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12 May.

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