



MINUTES

Confirmed minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Binsted Parish Council (BPC)
on Tuesday 12 May 2026

26/052	Apologies: Cllr Melvin, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Jones Present: Cllr Hearne (Chair), Cllr White, Cllr Lock, Cllr Ibbotson, Mike Mordecai (Clerk)
26/053	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.
26/054	Election of Chair and Vice Chair
26/045	Chair's Announcements- None
26/046	District Councillor Report: None
26/047	Finance and Governance Audit Update: RFO and Clerk met Internal Audit on Monday 11 May- the Internal Audit report will be presented, alongside various other financial/audit documents (including the AGAR) at the AGM later in May. With the RFO concentrating on year-end processes, April's financial reconciliations will be presented to FCM in June. Policies for Approval: Standing Orders - Reviewed and agreed by the Finance and Governance Committee (FAGC) in advance of FCM. The majority of it is from the HALC model, and only tailored to reflect our current processes or specific circumstances. Decision: Approved. IT Policy - Reviewed and agreed by the Finance and Governance Committee in advance of FCM. By way of background, there are new audit stipulations around having a generic IT policy, and to try and avoid having to review lots of separate but related data policies separately, the Clerk has brought them together into a single policy with Annexes. As with the revised Standing Orders, the Clerk has used HALC model policies, only amending them where relevant to our circumstances. Decision: Approved. Risk Assessment - Minor change to the document signed off in Dec 2025 to align with new IT Policy. Decision: Approved. Contract Pricing: For approval. FAGC reviewed and recommend for approval: Allotments: 4% increase (£50 to £52, subject to checking that BPC prices are broadly in line with other local councils). Decision: Approved

	SDNP/26/01609/OHL- No comments SDNP/26/01267/HOUS- No comments 49776/006- No comments Other Matters arising: Cala Homes Development- Have yet to see a final decision notice on EHDC website Whilst not on the agenda, since the agenda was published, it has been noted in separate correspondence that appeals to the Planning Inspectorate have been refused on the Cradle Lane and Pickett's Hill site, both of which BPC objected to.
25/050	Clerk's Notices, Matters Arising, Actions from Previous Meeting: Annual Parish Meeting planning- Clerk's key focus for the next week, and will be requesting that all councillors provide some "highlights/key achievements" and forward look for the slide deck. HCC Council Election Results- To note that Antonia Cox has been elected as our new HCC councillor. She has emailed us to apologise for not being able to attend our next FCM or APM (due to prior commitments), but she is keen to meet BPC soon. Action: Clerk to liaise. Other Matters Arising and Correspondence from Parishioners - Fete seems to be taking shape (Clerk to continue to liaise). - No news on Binsted Inn sale. Have had queries with residents as to whether we should consider looking at Asset of Community Value (ACV) process. - Little uptake after advertising our vacant allotments- Clerk to ask neighbouring parishes if they have waiting lists. - Clerk to further investigate many complaints from residents on The Straights re whether there has been any planning violations at a specific site.
25/051	AOB, Chair's Closing Remarks, Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9 Jun.


9/6/2026

	BNF Path Strip- No change, as new contract signed less than 12 months ago. Decision: Approved Pavilion Hire- No change, as after review of what other local Parish Councils charge, current fees align. Decision: Approved BNF Grazing- 3% increase. Decision: Approved Tennis and Croquet Club- 3.5% increase (£470 to £490) Decision: Approved
26/048	Blacknest Fields- Cllr Melvin No update received. Transport Working Group- Cllr Melvin No update received. School and Police Liaison, & Bentley Station- Cllrs White and Ibbotson School Liaison: Binsted School Head has reported a big improvement in inconsiderate parking at the school with just 2 or 3 persistent 'offenders' still to tackle. A Walk to School week is being held w/c 18th May and parking awareness alongside this, in which prohibited parking areas will be coned off and patrolled. The police have been asked (by William) if they can be present at any point during the week. PCSO Jess Hornsby has said she hopes to drop in. Staff will be running a walking school bus from the recreation ground car park. PCSO Jess Hornsby hasn't responded to our 'when are you planning to do some speed traps locally question'. But she has said there is a new local PC in post now, his name is Harry Millard. Binsted School's Gardening Club is growing plants to contribute to the station planters (see below). Binsted Primary requested a letter of support for an EHDC CIL bid for the school's outdoor learning structure, which the Clerk has sent. Rowledge School is also fundraising for an Outdoor Learning Classroom, and Cllr Melvin has sent a similar letter of support. Bentley Station: Still awaiting the final decision about funding for the station history display from SWT. The station has been entered into Britain in Bloom by the Community Rail Partnership. Binsted School is growing on plug plants and Bentley School also growing their contributions. Cllr Ibbotson has been liaising with Jade from the Bentley Green Community Orchard and Wildlife Haven project along with the Community Rail Team. A small group of volunteers have set up a Station Cafe 3 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. Jalsa Liaison Group- Cllr Lock attended the Liaison Meeting in April. Cllr Lock acknowledged at the meeting that there had been big improvements in traffic management last year as compared to the year before. His main request for the 2026 festival was improved traffic management at the Hen and Chicken junction on the A31 given that the roads from there to Binsted are particularly unsuitable and dangerous for large traffic volumes. Communications- Clerk update- key activity completed this month was liaising with web provider to ensure BPC meets its web accessibility requirements. Holt Pound Oval Working Group- No update received. Recreation Ground- Clerk: The Football Club have signed a new contract. Awaiting response from RCC re final version of cricket contract. Binsted Cricket Club contract drafted.
25/049	Planning Applications