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MINUTES

Confirmed minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Binsted Parish Council (BPC) on Tuesday 8 Sep 2026

26/082	**Apologies**: Cllr Jones, District Councillors Ashcroft and Davies **Present**: Cllr Hearne (Chair), Cllr Melvin, Cllr Ibbotson, Cllr White, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Lock, Mike Mordecai (Clerk)
26/083	**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.**
26/084	**Approval of Minutes of 14 Jul FCM:** Proposed Cllr Hearne, Seconded Cllr Lock, unanimously approved.
26/085	**Chair's Announcements**- Cllr Hearn welcomed Cllr Hannah Logan and Pam Hibbins from Kingsley Parish Council.
26/086	**District Councillor Report:** None
26/087	**Finance and Governance** **Income, Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations for Jul and Aug 2026**- On track/slight underspend on budget. Proposed Cllr Lock, Seconded Cllr Hearne, unanimously approved.
26/088	**EHDC and SDNP Local Plan updates- Clerk** Local Government reorganisation plans in Hampshire have been put on hold. **School liaison- Cllr Jo Ibbotson** Further meeting held with Agatha and Stephen AHT at Rowledge re Travel Plan. Follow up meeting to be held shortly. Intention is to aim for both Binsted and Rowledge Schools to work in partnership on TPs. Signs purchased through funding from HCC Cllr Cox for Binsted. See below for other travel/transport related matters. **Bentley Station- Cllr Jo Ibbotson** Nominated for and attending an award at the SE Britain in Bloom event at RHS Wisley later in the month. Liaising closely with Southwestern Railways and Bentley Green Pop Up Cafe to improve waiting room facilities (lighting, heating, decorative condition; possibility of different toilet access). **Holt Pound Oval- Clerk** Cllr Clarke has continued to pursue Greene King's agreement to release land they currently lease- this is a pre-requisite to enable the project to return HPO to sports use. **Blacknest Fields- Cllr Melvin**- No update this month **Transport Working Group- Cllr Melvin** **Frith End & Blacknest Speed Calming Scheme and HGV signage:** • Frith End 30mph speed limit - Signage installed 15/8. FB post done about new limit.

- Met Highways 26/8 about full s106 implementation: Highways next step is HGV signage improvements. Next action for us is to collect speed data in new 30mph limit, for review at end Oct. We recapped other safety concerns & agreed potential need for further public consultation in Nov.

- MP Damian Hinds replied 29/8 to Alison's 30/7 request enclosing draft letter for MP to send to Highways to encourage Highways' speedy full implementation of project. MP is willing to forward a letter from us but not to send a letter under his own name. Have declined offer.

- C18 Rd Group (Froxfield) emailed Alison 29/8, seeking help to reduce limit on national speed limit road.

Tentative plans being made to organise Public Drop-In Event on Wed 18 Nov, in Road Safety Week (15-21/11) at Pav, if Safer Roads police team can support this date. (https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week). Event aims: 1) Feedback to prioritise action on 'Top Five' aims 2) Demonstrate speed enforcement.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs):

SID teams & rota: SID volunteers now working in 3 teams – updated rota published in SID info pack.

SID Info Pack finalised and published on website on 12/8 (with volunteer contact details redacted).

Risk Assessment: All volunteers except Andrew have signed/confirmed they've read the risk assessment.

SIDs moved around the parish by Transport Working Group volunteers.

New Elan delivery delayed until early Sept (Alison ordered on 5/8 after BPC Finance approved on 4/8). BHO team has W'tec & Elan brackets for BHO n'bnd in readiness. Extending School Rd R'ledge SID post: We've instructed Highways to raise works order to extend post. Alison to find a way to get Rowledge Rec Field hedge cut before Highways work.

SID Data: Two very useful 'Data Analysis' meetings held (24/8 & 28/8). Frith End & BHO SID teams have now installed all necessary software and can collect & analyse the data.

Binsted/StnRd SID team did not attend meeting, so need to be trained to do this.

All data files will be sent to Mike, for data backup & to fulfil GDPR responsibilities as data 'owner'. Data has no unique identifiers so for GDPR purposes only need to describe file name & data retained. Isington residents – traffic volume SID data will be shared at same time as ATC info received. Station Road residents – will share data with Jo as we get it, but caution needed on early wider sharing. Will design social media templates for simple messages ('2 facts') about the SID data. Our aim is to share data to encourage police enforcement, and to inform parishioners. Further data meeting to be held end Sept (want to answer Qs b4 starting to share data w public/police):

Police enforcement: Alison spoke on 11/8 to Alton Rural police Rich Freeman who has agreed to: run speed enforcements in new 30mph Frith End, starting Sept, with FB posts after each event; reach out to Binsted Primary when new school year starts to arrange for police to go for a talk; & for occasional PCSO Jess Hornsby presence around pick-up/drop-offs; ask police Road Safety Team to organise an event in our parish, ideally during national road safety week. Alison has requested this event on Wed 18 Nov if possible.

No response as yet to Alison's 22/7 request to Highways requesting police speed enforcement.

Speeding in Isington & River Hill: Dennis used 6 wheelie bin speed signs as verge signs; Isington & River Hill ATC wires ordered for 2 weeks in mid Sept, after BPC Finance approved cost 4/8. More durable verge signs have been obtained for deployment after ATC wires. Longer term - Isington residents to identify locations for improved hazard signage (e.g. bends).

Rowledge and Binsted school road safety issues: Jo & Agata Blazevic (HCC Travel Planning) working on Travel Plans; met Rowledge Deputy Head on 3/8. Rowledge: Alison is working with Highways on getting A325 sign in place; Rowledge: Alison asked Highways 4/8 costs/feasibility of flashing beacon & crossing; Rowledge: Duncan Knox (Road Safety & Sustainable School Travel Team Manager for Surrey Highways) replied 25/8 to Alison's Q if Surrey could consider co-funding school crossing: *"All budget for current financial year already allocated. In future years new West Surrey Unitary will decide how to invest any highway budgets, so unable to say what money will be available or what it will be spent on -but Duncan suspects it will be highly unlikely any would be spent on roads outside the administrative boundary."*; Binsted: Highways agreed with Alison to raise works order to repaint both sets of existing markings. Highways unable to improve Zig/Zags by extending entrance or reducing gap. Antonia Cox also working on Highways to expedite repainting. Long-term, still want double yellows at junction with London Road; Alison has asked Highways for extra pedestrian signs between parking strip and school; Graham has reported Potholes near school/jct and sunken areas further along Church St; Alison has asked Highways if Church Street is wide enough for a 'virtual' pavement; School confirmed need for extra signs to deter parking at School entrance; County Cllr Antonia Cox approved £969 grant bid for the signs: funds have been received and signs ordered. Mike to keep residents informed about parking actions (& confirm can put signs by houses)

Highway works: Alison is keeping track of dates for local resurfacing and diversions; B3004 road closure at Green Street scheduled 14/9-2/10 but schedule may slip due to backlogs; Kingsley PC and Antonia Cox also sharing info about B3004 Kingsley and plans for B3004 repairs; Official diversion avoids F End. Highways refused Alison's request for extra yellow sign to reinforce diversion; Alison wrote to Antonia Cox 6/8, asking for Highways to set up B3004 communication forum and on 17/8 asking whether Highways could survey of verge condition before/after B3004 diversion; Resurfacing of Blacknest Rd indicated as 2-20/10 i.e. exactly following B3004 works; Resident asked Alison 10/8 if Blacknest Rd resurfacing could be extended to Bentley rail bridge (potholes nr Aldix Copse and under rail bridge). Resident agreed to report potholes online & share report #s with Alison; Mike to investigate when work will start on A325 roundabout at Haskins/Birdworld.

Community Speed Watch (CSW): Frith End CSW team continuing to run weekly and additional sessions since 30mph limit introduction; Each session identifying c.6 speeders/session, despite low August traffic volumes; Graham to advise if Binsted village CSW team will restart.

Average Speed Watch (ASW) cameras: Alison asked Kingsley PC if they are getting ASW support from Hants Constabulary - they aren't.

A325 Shipwrights Way crossing: Mike and Alison met 27/8 to discuss potential visibility improvements & 50mph limit; Alison will check with Highways whether FlanCity Info Sign could be used in 50mph for Shipwrights Way.

Stagecoach Bus Route 13 (Bordon–Basingstoke): Cllr Cox has advised that the 2-hourly Sunday service will be retained at least until June 2028.

Alton Travel Strategy: Cllr Cox will attend a scoping workshop for Alton Travel Strategy in September: strategy will take account of the traffic increase arising from projected housing developments.

New Information from Alison's research into funding

Online searches reveal differences in the ways that HCC and Surrey CC manage and fund Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) & school transport safety. Both use distinct centralised budgets, developer contributions and local member nomination schemes, but HCC emphasises school-funded local street trials whereas SCC uses structured Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS).

- Hampshire: Use capital funds to implement TROs based on local highway priorities (i.e. no KSI, no TRO!) It operates specific community-led frameworks e.g. School Streets programme, where applicant school or promoters must normally fully fund the design, TROs, implementation, & future decommissioning of the trial scheme.

- Surrey: Uses central budgets for Road Safety Outside Schools and broader Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS). Elected members can directly nominate one local division scheme per year for central ITS prioritisation. SCC also extensively processes TROs via Section 278/106 developer agreements.

Police Liaison and Local Safety- Cllr William White and Clerk

There has been plenty of comment on local Facebook sites re wildfire risks during this particularly dry summer. We have discussed whether there is a role for additional Parish Council input in this area, but given the active comments on FB (including the PC) we believe that these informal networks are adequality highlighting the risks and preventative measures.

We have become aware of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Isington, and will contact the organiser to look at a joined-up approach with other rural crime prevention networks. And we continue to highlight (via Facebook) other crime-related issues brought to our attention in Hampshire Constabulary newsletters and alerts.

Recreation Ground- Clerk and Cllr White

- Cllr White has had some very informal discussions with surrounding landowners regarding whether there is potential to acquire land adjacent to the Rec to expand facilities. It was agreed that this is something the Council wishes to pursue in more detail.

- With the cricket season about to end, now is the time to embark on some of the enhancements we have previously agreed to fund via Neighbourhood CIL- windows and doors replacement, kitchen, signage, redecoration, and some other repairs/H&S checks.

Jalsa Salana- Cllr Lock reported that there was an improvement in traffic management from last year in the parish, in particular with additional signage and marshalling at the Hen and Chicken junction, but with some deterioration when marshals were not present, and we would like to see greater marshalling coverage over the festival period. We have received information that other surrounding areas (such as Blanket Street in Worldham, and areas west of the A325) did suffer with festival related traffic congestion.

26/089 **Planning Applications**

EHDC-26-0864-LDCP- Decision: To request the structure is only in place for the duration of any works to the main house.

EDDC-26-0925-TCA- No objection.

SDNP/26/02692/LIS- No Objection.

	EHDC-26-0744-OUT- The applicants attended meeting and briefly outlined their plans. They believed that a bungalow development would be appropriate for the area (sightlines etc), that access to utilities would be relatively straightforward, and that they had been advised that bungalows were in high demand with relatively little supply. Questions received by the Clerk from local residents were raised, including localised flooding and the need to ensure that any development would not exacerbate this, traffic management and access down a small lane with limited passing points, whether footpath access could be improved for people wishing to walk to access local services. In addition, whether covenants could be placed on the houses to ensure that future owners could not extend/add bedrooms and ensure that this type of smaller housing (that is needed in the parish) remains that way. Decision: No objections at this stage. The Council will review again at full application stage, in light of the points raised above and any other matters in the full application or raised by residents.
26/090	**Clerk's Notices, Matters Arising, Actions from Previous Meeting:** See previous sections with Clerk's updates.
26/091	**AOB, Chair's Closing Remarks, Date of Next Meeting** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 13 Oct.

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