



Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 19th January 2026 at 7:30 pm

Those present:

Cllr Victor Wright
Cllr John Bennett
Cllr Nigel Kemal
Cllr David Morgan
Cllr Margaret Rowe
Cllr Alan Stevens

Chairman
Vice Chairman

Wendy Taylor

Clerk

2 members of the public (MOP)

100/26	Apologies for absence	
	Apologies received from Cllrs Cross and Jordan (Bucks Council). These were accepted.	
101/26	Public participation	
	Nothing brought forward from the public. PCSO Hobson advised that there had been one each of sus person, criminal damage, theft, sus vehicle, drink/drug driving, arson, vehicle seizure and 2 road traffic accidents and 4 road related incident between Nov 2025 and Jan 2026. Cllr Wright asked PCSO Hobson to look into parking issues in Mount Pleasant. Post meeting note: Cllr Jordan advised via email she could not attend but sent her report for inclusion on our website.	Clerk
102/26	Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting	
	Minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2025 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.	
103/26	Matters arising	
	None brought forward.	
104/26	To receive declarations of interest related to the business on the agenda	
	None	
105/26	Finance	
	a) Accounts paid Please see attached list. b) Monies received: Please see attached list. Balance at bank as at 19th January 2026 was £14,187.77. Bank statement for December 2026 was signed by Cllr Wright. c) Clerk advised of alterations to the budget and will forward a copy when distributing the minutes. d) Precept: Clerk forwarded the precept request to Bucks Council which has been accepted.	Clerk

	e) Devolved Services Agreement: due to Bucks Council's adoption of Poppy Lane, the Council is now responsible for an extra 140.7 sq m of verges to cut. Clerk approached CS Maintenance who have quoted £220 per village cut to include Poppy Lane, an increase of £20. Council agreed this increase. It was also pointed out that Council is now responsible for the cost of streetlighting as there are 3 additional streetlights now and there is the additional cost of trimming the hedge. We await notice of the increase Council will receive to mitigate these increased costs. f) Several mowing contractors have sent the clerk requests to quote for mowing in the village. It was unanimously agreed that CS Maintenance did a good job and there was no desire to change.	Clerk
106/26	Update from Clerk on parish matters	
	a. Parish Council Action Plan: Item relating to traffic calming can now be deleted. Re defib training, Cllr Wright is arranging for a Saturday at the end of March. 4 parish councillors and the clerk will attend the training and there are 15 places in all to fill. Tea/coffee will be provided. Note to go out on all socials and in the Parish News to get members of the public involved. If more than 15 want to be trained another day will be added. b. Village green boundary - second email sent but no response to date. Clerk asked to obtain advice on using Bucks Council legal team.	Cllr Wright Clerk
107/26	Planning	
	25/5384: Battams Farm, 37 The Green, Soulbury LU7 ODD - demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of a dwelling. Change of footings from original planning permission. No objection. 25/5165: Cherry Tree Barn, Bragenham Lane, Soulbury, LU7 OEE - installation of picture window to ground floor north west elevation. Consideration roof skylight to south east single storey pitched roof. No objection. 25/5230: Willow Farm, Great Brickhill Road, Soulbury, LU7 ODR - open fronted barn and replace muck clamp with mobile muck trailer to overcome previous condition No 8 of planning permission 21/01552. No objection. Green Farm, Soulbury: Council learned from the owner that so many obstacles are being put in their way by the Bucks Council Planning Team that they have given up all hope of getting planning permission. This leaves the village with a complete eyesore than no-one can do anything with. Cllr Stevens requested that a letter be sent from the Council to the Planning Team outlining this point, that the owners have been treated very unfairly, and that every objection in the book has been thrown at them. He asked that the letter clearly sets out Council's objections to their actions in the strongest possible terms and that the owner has full support of the Council, which is more than happy with the designs - fact that has been the case for years. Council is also very unhappy that they have not been kept informed by the Planning Dept.	Clerk
108/26	Environment	
	a. Fountain Awaiting Land Registry response. No change. b. Allotments All rents are in and no objections to rent increase. c. Millennium Green 20 June for Soulfest next year. 15 Jan meeting of Soulfest organisers where they were advised that the Cricket Club was happy to run the bar if needed. Efforts are being concentrated to find funding for the work required on the SMG. 5 funders have been highlight.	

	Events for 2026, Easter Egg Hunt 4/4/26, Fireworks 7/11/26, a trial for an SMG breakfast in the summer when it will not clash with the Soulbury Breakfasts and a Silver Band concert will hopefully be in the offing. Dates to be confirmed. d. Childrens Play Area, Mount Pleasant Ground far to wet to fix the fence so will be carried out at a more suitable time.	Cllr Morgan
109/26	Correspondence that requires discussion	
	ICO FOI Act 2000: Clerk received a template guide requiring completion. Council must adopt the model scheme in full as it will be in breach of the FOI Act if it is not adopted. Work continues with a view to officially adopt it at the next meeting.	Clerk
110/26	Councillors Open Forum	
	Cllr Kemal asked for dates of meetings/events in the village for inclusion in the Parish News.	Cllr Kemal
111/26	Next meeting	
	The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 16th February, 2026 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm. Please note the dates for 2026: 9/3/26 (change to date), 20/4/26, 18/5/26 annual meeting, 15/6/26, 20/7/26, 21/9/26, 19/10/26, 16/11/26, 21/12/26	

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Payments and receipts as at 13th January 2026

Payments			£
3/1/26	SMG	Donation towards upkeep	600.00
3/1/26	Mrs Green	Parish Hall cleaning	50.00
3/1/26	Wendy Taylor	Reimbursement of monthly Sage Payroll software fee (Dec 25)	13.20
3/1/26	Victor Wright	Expenses - renewing contract with Community Payback	8.70
3/1/26	Victor Wright	Cable ties	10.48
11/1/26	Bucks Council	Clearing dog waste bins	576.00
11/1/26	Eon Next	Parish Hall power	34.38
11/1/26	Anglian Water	Parish Hall water	62.87
13/1/26	British Gas	Parish Hall gas	67.48
	Receipts		
Dec 25	Hall hirers	Parish Hall bookings	50.00
31/12/25	Magazine	Advertising	200.00
12/12/25	Soulbury Mill Green	Reimbursement of costs for play area refurb	4,224.90