



Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 9th March 2026 at 7:30 pm

Those present:

Cllr Victor Wright
Cllr John Bennett
Cllr Nigel Kemal
Cllr Margaret Rowe
Cllr Alan Stevens
Cllr Jilly Jordan

Chairman
Vice Chairman

Bucks Council

Wendy Taylor

Clerk

10 members of the public were present (MOP)

124/26	Apologies for absence	
	Apologies received from Cllr Cross. These were accepted.	
125/26	Public participation	
	PCSO Tina Hobson provided crime information covering period 6/2/2026-9/3/2026 which comprised 3 x road related incidents, 2 x traffic collisions, 1 x suspicious vehicle and 1 x burglary business. Some traffic incidents occurred on A4146. Re parking issues in Mount Pleasant, area patrolled - no incidents present at that time but will continue to patrol. Major traffic issue in Stewkley Road involving 7 vehicles ploughing into each other and street furniture due to ice. MOPs believe lack of clearing ditches preventing water draining away was to blame - Cllr Jordan wants a details of the problem and she will send it forward. Water running off the road in the area of Stewkley Road and High Road junction was unable to drain away due again to gullies being blocked. Local resident wants French drains put in. Council will address whole issue to make sure the correct work is carried rather than a 'sticking plaster' approach. Cllr Jilly Jordan read out her report which will be added to the website. Cllr Jilly Jordan spoke about the Bucks Local Plan as several MOPs were concerned about the 30 houses planned for the Green Farm area. It is at site survey stage now so comments are invited from the general public by 16 March, so no-one knows whether this site will be used or not.	Clerk
126/26	Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting	
	Minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2026 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.	
127/26	Matters arising	
	None brought forward.	
128/26	To receive declarations of interest related to the business on the agenda	
	None	
129/26	Finance	
	a) Accounts paid Please see attached list.	

	b) Monies received: Please see attached list. A further £20 received for the hire of the hall since the agenda was created. It was pointed out to the Clerk that the heating is being left on in the hall after usage. This would account for the gas bill doubling. Cllr Wright will speak to hirees to ensure they know how to use the system and ensure they do it. Balance at bank as at 9th March 2026 was £10,414.11. Bank statement for February 2026 had not been received so will be signed by Cllr Wright at the next meeting. c) Devolved Services Agreement: The parish council will receive £1,940.18 from Bucks Council for the devolved services. The agreement, now called a 'Memorandum of Understanding', has been signed by the clerk and will stay in place with services remaining the same unless either party withdraws. d) Discussion about advertising in parish magazine to increase revenue as it is now costing £329 per edition to print (£1.29 a copy). This is due mainly to an increasing amount of colour pages. It was suggested that an ad be put out for someone to look after this aspect of the parish mag.	Cllr Wright
130/26	Update from Clerk on parish matters	
	a. Parish Council Action Plan: was not discussed b. Village green boundary: Clerk asked to obtain advice on using Bucks Council legal team. Bucks Council legal team will not work on an asset that is not theirs so Council decided to go ahead and involved the services of Roger Taylor, a solicitor who specialises in village greens. c. Fire equipment servicing: It was agreed that Cllr Wright will contact Combat Fire to ensure their quote still stands. If so, Chubb will be contacted to stand down.	Clerk
131/26	Planning	
	No new planning applications	
132/26	Environment	
	a. Fountain Awaiting Land Registry response. No change still. b. Allotments Still very wet in the area. Clerk has received the annual billed for water but needs to talk to those managing this so she understands the attached back up documentation. c. Millennium Green Current treasurer/secretary has resigned so the committee are looking for someone to take over. In the meantime Cllr Kemal and Erica McDonald will cover the role. Curry night 25 April. Ditches are being dug to assist with drainage issues. d. Childrens Play Area, Mount Pleasant Ground far too wet to fix the fence so will be carried out at a more suitable time.	Clerk Cllr Kemal Cllr Morgan
133/26	Correspondence that requires discussion	
	Clerk advised that she had been on a course to understand the new Assertion 10 for the annual AGAR audit. To this end she has prepared the IT Policy.	

	The ICO documentation was also prepared so the general public knows where and how to obtain available information pertaining to the work of the Council. Both these documents were adopted and will added to the website. Andrew Wood has agreed to carry out the internal audit for the Council. Information from this course will be sent to him.	Clerk
134/26	Councillors Open Forum	
	Village litter pick was discussed. Agreed date: 11 April to ensure job done before Open Gardens.	Cllr Wright
135/26	Next meeting	
	The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 20 April, 2026 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm. Please note the dates for 2026: 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 9th March 2026

Payments			£
4/2/26	British Gas	Parish Hall Gas	43.35
19/2/26	Eon Next	Parish Hall Power	72.76
20/2/26	Npower	Streetlighting	106.45
3/3/26	Mrs S N Green	Parish Hall cleaning (Feb 25)	50.00
3/3/26	Wendy Taylor	Course expenses	18.50
3/3/26	Wendy Taylor	Sage monthly software licence fee reimbursement	13.20
3/3/26	Harlequin Press	March Soulbury Parish News	329.00
3/3/26	Bucks Council	Revised charge for emptying dog bins	480.00
3/3/26	Bucks Council	Rent for Children's play area	600.00
10/3/26	British Gas	Parish Hall Gas	93.71
Receipts			
Feb 26	Hall hirers	Parish Hall bookings	255.00