



Soulbury Parish Council Buckinghamshire

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

Those present:

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

Chairman
Vice Chairman

Wendy Taylor

Clerk

9 members of the public was present (MOP)

64/26	Apologies for absence	
	Apologies received from Cllrs Alan Stevens, Maurice Cross and Jilly Jordan.	
65/26	Publication participation	
	Cllr Jordan's report will be added to the website. It was reported that the gullies in Soulbury have all been cleared. However the crew were asked if they were clearing the first gully in Dean Farm Lane. They said all gullies were to be done. However, this particular gully was not cleared. Highways to be contacted.	Clerk Clerk
66/26	Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting	
	Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2026 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.	
67/26	Matters arising	
	Two swing seats have been purchased to replace the damaged seats at the Children's Play area, Mount Pleasant. Cllr Wright will arrange for fitting. Regarding alerting FixMyStreet to the drainage problem at the junction of the Gt Brickhill Road and Stoke Hammond Road, we have been advised that the water does not contain chlorine so has nothing to do with Anglian Water. Clerk will contact Highways to divert what is believed to 'spring' water off the road to prevent accidents occurring in the winter due to ice forming. Clerk received acknowledgment but no description of what is to be done.	Cllr Wright
68/26	Declarations of Interest	
	Cllr Wright declared interest in item 71/26, item 26/07681 due to proximity of the site. Cllr Bennett declared an interest in item 73/26a being related to the owner of the business.	
69/26	Finance	
	a) Accounts paid Please see attached list b) Monies received Please see attached list	

	c) Budget sent to all via email and presented paper copies at the meeting. Chairman suggested that everyone took the information, read it at home and make any comments at the next parish council meeting. Balance at bank as at 19th October 2026 was £36,258.11. Bank statement for September 2026 signed by Cllr Wright.	ALL
70/26	Update from Clerk on parish matters	
	a. Parish Council Action Plan: Work relating to the new LED and bracket to be removed from the action plan. Work relating to defib training - Cllr Wright will take this forward. Clerk will update plan and distribute. b. Village green boundary: This has now been passed to Bucks Legal. Clerk is handling requests for information as they come in. Council is waiting for their response. No further information has come forward. 21/9/26: Scenario not changed despite a follow-up. 19/10/26: still awaiting response from Bucks Legal.	Cllr Wright Clerk
71/26	Planning	
	26/08035: Liscombe House, Liscombe Park, Soulbury, LU7 0JN - Application of approval of details subject to conditions 3 (construction environmental management plan) and 4 (habitat management and monitoring plan) of planning approval 25/02066. Considered to be beyond the expertise of the Council 26/08023: The Boot Ph, 51 High Road, Soulbury, LU7 0BT - T2 Sycamore, fell. Objection - put on planning portal 26/07819: Land south of Leighton Road, 3 Locks, Soulbury, LU7 0DR - Request for an EIA screening Opinion under Reg 6 of Town and Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) to confirm whether or not there is a requirement for an EIA in relation to a proposal for residential development. Considered to be beyond the expertise of the Council. To be added to the next parish council agenda as details of this development have today been sent out to Soulbury and Stoke Hammond Parish Councils. SPC and SHPC have arrange to meet to discuss this. 26/07681: Chapel Lodge, 2a Chapel Hill, Soulbury, LU7 0BZ - Variation of condition 9 (no permitted development) of planning permission 12/02642/APP (erection of detached dwelling) to restore ordinary domestic permitted development rights for outbuildings under Class E of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), while retaining planning control over enlargement of the dwelling house. Objection - put on planning portal.	Clerk
72/26	Environment	
	a. Fountain No further update from the solicitor. Fence posts have been made to place around the fountain to denote its footprint. Chainlink fencing needs to be acquired. b. Allotments It was agreed that the annual rent for a plot should be increased to £36. It was felt unfair to split the water bill but this small increase will go some way to offset the increased costs of water supply. It was stressed that the use of sprinklers be banned. Clerk to advise allotment co-ordinator. A request to erect a shed on a plot was agreed subject to size which needs to remain at 6ft x 4ft	Cllr Wright Clerk

	c. Millennium Green Fundraising for SMG - awaiting confirmation of final provider.. Wine tasting evening made approx £180. Children's play area now closed due to deterioration of the play equipment thus becoming hazardous. New equipment to be considered and may come from the funding being agreed at the moment. Bonfire being constructed by the community payback teams. Dog poo situation is not improving - signage has been erected.	
73/26	Correspondence that requires discussion	
	a. Use of signage on village green - it was agreed that a subtle tasteful sign positioned against the business owner's property boundary to the village green would be allowed. No larger than 2 sq ft. b. A MOP described the problems Hollingdon are having with traffic along the road from Stewkley Road to the junction with Bletchley Road. It was agreed to contact Highways discuss a 30mph limit for the entire length and to impose a weight restriction. At present it is a 60 mph road and artics and the like are decimating the road which it is collapsing in places. c. Clerk learned that every building a parish council controls needs a fire risk assessment and the law places the duty of this on the Responsible Person, ie the clerk. The clerk will therefore arrange to get this done in time for the next parish council meeting. Still to do. d. Clerk read out a list of consultations running at the moment.	Clerk
74/26	Councillors Open Forum	
	The question of how much does it cost to run the SMG was asked. Cllr Kemal advised it was £1,000, but those present want to know what it comprised. Cllr Kemal will advise at the next meeting.	Cllr Kemal
75/26	Next meeting	
	The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 16 November, 2026 in Soulbury Parish Hall at 7:30 pm. Please note the dates for 2026: 21/12/26	

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Payments and receipts as at 13th October 2026

Date	Payments		£
15/9/26	Open Spaces	Subscription	45.00
15/9/26	Eon Next	Parish Hall power	41.05
15/9/26	BMKALC	AI training	220.00
15/9/26	Clear Councils	Insurance	887.90
21/9/26	Npower	Streetlighting	65.71
30/9/26	Wendy Taylor (Clerk)	Reimbursement for Sage Payroll monthly licence fee	16.80
30/9/26	Heart and Soulbury Gardens	HSG-094-029	112.50
30/9/26	C S Maintenance	CSM0548	220.00
30/9/26	Heart and Soulbury Gardens	HSG-095-062	250.00
	Receipts		
15/9/26	Bucks Council	Precept - second 50%	19,125.00
10/26	Hall hire	Parish Hall bookings	170.00
10/26	Stewkley Players	Parish Mag advertising	40.00

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