

LECKHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th November 2025 at 7.15pm
in Leckhampstead Village Hall

Councillors present:

Simon Krelle

Kevin Sims

Caroline Gurney

In attendance:

Joanna Taylor (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Osibogun (part)

Cllr Schaefer (part)

Cllr Stuchbury

2 visitors

01/11. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Smith and Cllr White. Cllr Krelle took on the role of Chair in Cllr Smith's absence.

02/11. Declarations of Interest relating to items on this agenda

No interests were declared.

03/11. Approval of Minutes of meetings held on 23rd September 2025 and 2^{1st} October 2025.

Approval of the minutes will take place at the next meeting.

04/11. Action from Minutes of Annual meeting held on the 23rd September 2025

09/02/21 Long Row Paddock – Enforcements and planning applications

The Clerk confirmed there had been no developments on retrospective Summer House application (24/00072/APP.) The last correspondence from the planning team confirmed the procedures being followed but no timescales were provided.

10/02/21 Flooding (Section 19 Report)

Cllr Krelle confirmed having chased again regarding the final Section 19 report (from 2020) but had heard nothing further. Cllr Stuchbury & Cllr Schaefer offered to look into this matter further. Cllr Krelle agreed to send them details.

No update was available on potential discussions with the "Flood Action 4 Buckingham" group.

The Clerk reminded all of the draft document prepared following the short survey of the Leck by the Parish Council in September. It was agreed the Clerk will submit this document to Buckinghamshire Council's (BC) Flood Management team for comment.

Cllr Stuchbury & Cllr Schaefer confirmed BC will not carry out any river clearance works. They may send out letters to landowners reminding them of their Riparian responsibilities but that is all.

Cllr Krelle suggested a working party could be formed to help clear sections of the river in the new year once the weather improves. It was noted the recent increased rainfall had started to clear some sections but the debris was possibly just being moved downstream.

08/09/18 Speedwatch

The Clerk confirmed the session on 2nd October resulted in 1 vehicle being reported at 37mph. The next session will take place on Thursday 11th December at 3pm with the Clerk, Cllr Krelle and Cllr Sims present.

10/09/20 Village Green

The Clerk confirmed no developments following submission of the proposed restriction wording. Cllr Gurney mentioned significant delays with the Land Registry.

07/06/23 Village Paths

The Clerk confirmed correspondence with Cllr Osibogun had resulted in part of footpath 2 being added to the grass cutting schedule which should help to keep the section clear in future. She had given details of all Rights of Way reports raised this year to Cllr Osibogun but most have been closed with no action. Further reports may need to be raised next year once the surveys have been completed and more information on the issues is available.

Beth King confirmed 7 volunteers are still to complete their surveys. Of those returned there are many broken stiles and other problems that will need to be addressed. Laurie Spragg is compiling a spreadsheet of all issues to assist.

Beth King mentioned speaking to the owner of footpath 4 regarding his request to move a section. The Clerk explained Cllr White had been dealing with this matter but in her absence, agreed to send details of Buckinghamshire Council's formal request procedure and Rights of Way contact to Beth King to pass the details onto the landowner for action.

13/10/23 Trees on Village Green

The Clerk mentioned Cllr Sims offer to have part of the tree next to the White House trimmed. The works were agreed by those present and will take place next week.

Quotes for works to the remaining trees (excluding the one next to the White House) will still be needed. The Clerk will ask Cllr White to obtain a quote from her tree surgeon.

07/01/24 Wicken Road Enforcement & Appeals

The Clerk confirmed Buckinghamshire Council's enforcement team will be visiting the site shortly as the deadline for compliance has just expired. The enforcement requires all structures, storage and vehicles to be removed.

09/05/25 Damage to verges

The Clerk explained no action had been taken yet due to holidays. She will arrange a meeting between Cllr Smith and our Local Area Technician shortly.

06/06/25 Contribution towards Church grassing cutting

Discussions took place regarding the increased costs for 2025 and the schedule of works which is set by the church. The Clerk agreed to include an amount of £2,000 in the 2026/7 budget to cover the ongoing cost in full.

06/07/25 Solar Farm, Thornton – Planning Application 25/02132/APP

The Clerk noted 50 objections had been received and a call-in request had been made by Cllr Chilver and Cllr Cornell, the ward Councillors for Thornton. This will allow the application to be considered by a planning committee rather than an individual planning officer.

05/09/25 Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting

Discussions took place regarding financial assistance towards the Parish path clearance initiative as no funding appears to be available from other sources. It was agreed any requests would be considered by the Parish Council on a case by case basis once the outcome of the path surveys was known.

Further discussions took place on possible assistance with promoting the village hall and the potential use of local social media sites such as Buckingham Recommends. Cllr Gurney noted businesses can only post adverts on specific days and agreed to check the rules. Cllr Krelle agreed to take photos of the hall and create a promotion type post to assist. He will liaise further with the Village Hall Trust and Mary Aran.

Public Forum on new items added to the agenda.

No comments were made.

05/11. Financial Accounts

The Clerk confirmed the balances as at 12.11.25 - £4,535.95 (Community Account previously known as Treasurers Account) and £1,545.39 (Commercial Instant Access Account previously known as Business Account.) Total current cash in bank of £6,081.34.

The following payments had been made:

EMW Law – Land registry work	£309.00
Church Grass Cutting – 2 nd payment	£500.00

Payments still to be made were £30 for Local Plan Webinar, Clerks wages for September & October and printer ink reimbursement – approximately £700 in total.

The Clerk provided an updated budget which is currently as per the forecast with accruals in place for future anticipated expenses.

06/11. Clerk's Business

1. **Signing of adopted Standing Orders & Financial Regulations** – Cllr White still to sign.
2. **Data protection, IT and other policies to be approved** – The Clerk explained approval of the first drafts was awaited from Cllr Smith & Cllr Gurney. The policies need to be in place by June 2026 at the latest. Cllr Gurney will check her emails and review. The Clerk will chase Cllr Smith.
3. **MP Visit** - The date confirmed is 17th February 2026 at 7pm in the village hall. Cllr Stuchbury recommended a list of issues and discussion points be prepared in advance. The Parish Council will action at the next meeting.

07/11. AOB

1. Cllr Stuchbury noted Buckinghamshire Council's (BC) new consultation on the on-call fire service which may lead to improved services and equipment in our area. He mentioned the recent Buckingham Fayre and Fireworks which were well attended. Preparations are now underway for Buckingham Christmas Parade and another small traders market to support buy local initiatives.
2. Cllr Osibogun confirmed work to re-position the incorrect sign on the A422 should be completed within 28 days. He mentioned extra local SEND provision, BC's Local Nature Recovery Strategy and BC's mission to plant 500,000 trees on any suitable land in public ownership. He confirmed the Buckingham re-cycling centre will be closed from 1st December 2025. Residents will be permitted to dispose of 1 additional bag of rubbish per week, provided it is placed in an approved bag. There will be increased monitoring of local fly tipping and BC's usual paid for large item disposal service will continue to operate. BC's garden waste will be suspended as usual during December/January period. He offered his continued support with any other issues as required.

08/11. Items for inclusion at next meeting

- 09/02/21 Long Row Paddock – Summer House Planning Application
- 10/02/21 Flooding (Section 19 Report)
- 08/09/18 Speedwatch
- 10/09/20 Village Green
- 07/06/23 Village Paths
- 13/10/23 Trees on Village Green – quotes for other works
- 07/01/24 Wicken Road Enforcements
- 09/05/25 Damage to verges

09/11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th January 2025 at 7pm. The Clerk will notify absent members.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

Clerk to the Parish Council

13th November 2025