

LECKHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th February 2026 at 7.30pm
in Leckhampstead Village Hall

Councillors present:

Lesley Smith (Chair)

Simon Krelle

Kevin Sims

Tessa White

In attendance:

Joanna Taylor (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Osibogun (part)

2 visitors

01/02. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Gurney and Cllr Schaeffer.

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

No interests were declared.

03/02. Approval of Minutes of meetings held on 12th November 2025, 6th January 2026 and 4th February 2026

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2026 was proposed by Cllr Krelle and seconded by Cllr Sims. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2026 was proposed by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Krelle. Cllr Smith signed both sets of minutes. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2025 will take place at the next meeting.

04/02. Action from Minutes of Annual meeting held on the 6th January 2026

09/02/21 Long Row Paddock – Summer House planning application

The Clerk confirmed there had been no further developments on the retrospective Summer House application (24/00072/APP.)

10/02/21 Flooding (including Section 19 Report)

Cllr Krelle explained he was chasing Buckinghamshire Council (BC) Flood Management Team again as he had still not received a copy of the Section 19 report following the 2020 flooding.

The Clerk confirmed draft Leck clearance request letters had been approved and would be sent to all adjacent landowners in the village shortly.

08/09/18 Speedwatch

The Clerk confirmed only one speeding vehicle (37mph) had been recorded at the last session on 23rd January 2026. It was agreed the next session will take place on Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 8am with the Clerk, Cllr Krelle and Cllr Sims present.

10/09/20 Village Green

No developments from the Land Registry yet. The Clerk will monitor.

07/06/23 Village Paths

Cllr Smith noted the planned meeting between herself, the Clerk and Beth King had not yet taken place. The Clerk will arrange a meeting in April 2026.

13/10/23 Trees on Village Green

Discussions took place regarding works to the remain trees around the village. As the works were mainly cosmetic, rather than structural, Cllr White suggested her husband, Anthony White, may be able to deal with them. She will discuss the matter with him.

07/01/24 Wicken Road Enforcement & Appeals

The Clerk explained further photos of the continuing breach had been sent to Buckinghamshire Council's Enforcement Team but no update had been provided.

09/05/25 Damage to verges

The Clerk noted the meeting with our Local Area Technician had not yet taken place, but it was hoped a date could be arranged in late March or early April 2026.

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

Cllr Krelle agreed to contact the Village Hall Trust to discuss promotion of the venue on social media.

Public Forum on new items added to the agenda.

1. Thanks were given by a resident to those who had arranged for the trees to be cleared around Limes End Bridge.
2. Concern was expressed by a resident regarding the additional documentation provided by the applicant in relation to application 25/00626/APP at Weatherhead Farm. Many inaccuracies were noted, particularly around the dimensions of the passing bays, the under reporting of current vehicle movements and the significant overall impact on Barrett's End and nearby residents. Cllr Smith confirmed a separate meeting would be arranged to discuss the application.

05/02. Financial Accounts

The Clerk confirmed the balances as at 24.02.26 were £3,370.93 (Community Account previously known as Treasurers Account) and £1,547.62 (Commercial Instant Access Account previously known as Business Account.) Total current cash in bank of £4,918.55.

Only one payment of £116.64 had been made for the Microsoft Office renewal. Before the financial year end, payments will be made for the Clerks Wages (for January, February and March); printer ink of £92.37 and village hall rental. This would leave an approximate total cash balance of £3,700 to take into next year.

The Clerk provided an updated budget for the current period. The Clerks wages will be higher than budgeted due to her increased workload. Accruals for future IT services (£1,100), noticeboard maintenance (£100) and Defibrillator testing/replacement parts (£50) have been made.

06/02. Memorial Bench for Mr & Mrs Cash

Those present supported the request to install a memorial bench on the verge outside Cottage Farm in Church End. Laurie Spragg mentioned his previous discussions with the family which suggested the bench will be standard size, sited to face the village green and contain a plaque.

The Clerk provided details of her communications with Buckinghamshire Council (BC) as the land (verge) actually belongs to them. After some initial concerns, utility searches have confirmed no services run near the proposed area and BC have now confirmed they are happy for the bench to be installed provide the family managed the works and there is no disruption to the Highway. BC will also not accept any liability for the bench or it's ongoing maintenance.

Discussions took place regarding the need for a concrete base, to keep the bench bolted down, and it's positioning. The family will need to check any relevant legislation.

07/02. Buckinghamshire Council's Local Plan

The Clerk confirmed details of the latest consultation had been added to the village website and the matter had been raised at the MP's meeting last week. Cllr Osibogun reminded all the plan sets out how Buckinghamshire Council will deliver the 95,000 new homes target set by central government. The plan is to keep as much development as possible within towns with more infrastructure. The sites being considered have been published – only two sites were in our Parish and both have been rejected. Cllr Osibogun further confirmed if a site has been rejected, there is no option to request a re-consideration. Comments can be made on the consultation until 16th March 2026.

08/02. Clerk's Business

1. **Data protection, IT and other policies to be approved/drafted** – The Clerk confirmed final versions of the Data Protection, Information Technology and Email, Information and ICO Publications policies had been approved and she will put copies on the website. Further policies for Document Retention, Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity and other required matters are being drafted. The Clerk will share these with Councillors shortly.

2. **Village verge clean up** - The Clerk confirmed a letter of thanks had been sent to the family who completed the recent clean up. She also expressed thanks to all residents who go out of their way to make a difference to the village.
3. **Update following MP visit** – The Clerk confirmed a brief report following the meeting had been sent to all Councillors providing a summary of the main topics discussed. She had also requested support from Callum Anderson regarding the defective A422 sign and Full Fibre broadband.

09/02. AOB

1. Cllr Osibogun noted the BC's new Transportation Strategy Consultation; BC's commitment to getting residents to increase their recycling rates and BC's appeal for more foster carers. He also confirmed the Buckingham Household Recycling Centre should re-open in the first week of April 2026. He offered his continued support with any other issues as required.

10/02. Items for inclusion at next meeting

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

11/02. Date of next meeting

An Extraordinary planning meeting to discuss Weatherhead Farm application 25/00626/APP will take place on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7pm. The next Full meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 7pm. The Clerk will notify absent members.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

Clerk to the Parish Council

27th February 2026