

LECKHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th January 2026 at 7.00pm
in Leckhampstead Village Hall

Councillors present:

Lesley Smith
Simon Krelle
Kevin Sims

In attendance:

Joanna Taylor (Parish Clerk)
Cllr Osibogun (part)
1 visitor

01/01. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Gurney and Cllr White.

02/01. Declarations of Interest relating to items on this agenda

No interests were declared.

03/01. Approval of Minutes of meetings held on 23rd September 2025 and 21st October 2025 and 12th November 2026.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2025 was proposed by Cllr Krelle and seconded by Cllr Sims. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2025 was proposed by Cllr Sims 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.

04/01. Action from Minutes of Annual meeting held on the 12th November 2025

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

The Clerk confirmed there had been no decision from Buckinghamshire Council on retrospective Summer House application (24/00072/APP) which was submitted 2 years ago.

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

Cllr Krelle noted Buckinghamshire Council (BC) Flood Management Team had agreed to issue the Section 19 report following the 2020 flooding but nothing had been received to date. He will chase again.

The Clerk provided details of the response received from the same Team to the Parish Council's river Leck survey document. BC may only send letters to adjacent landowners requesting clearance. BC will not undertake any clearance and will only consider enforcement action if there is "an indication of severe obstruction to meet the threshold of their Land Drainage Enforcement policy."

It was agreed the Clerk will send letters to all adjacent landowners of the Leck (downstream from the bridge) explaining the situation with BC, reminding them of their Riparian responsibilities and asking for support in keeping the river clear.

It was noted the recent rainfall had increased the flow and removed some of the vegetation. There was still some vegetation around the Church End bridge and a working party will be formed to try to clear this area later in the year.

08/09/18 Speedwatch

The Clerk explained the December session had to be cancelled. It was agreed the next session will take place on Friday 23rd January 2026 at 8am 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 to the Land Registry. She will monitor.

07/06/23 Village Paths

Cllr Smith noted Beth King was still working through the path surveys and several were still awaited. It was agreed the Clerk, Cllr Smith and Beth will meet again in February to review the issues found. They will report back at the next meeting.

13/10/23 Trees on Village Green

Cllr Smith thanked Cllr Sims for the works to the tree next to the White House. Quotes for works to the remaining trees around the village (excluding the one next to the White House) are required. The Clerk will ask Cllr White to obtain a quote from her tree surgeon.

Cllr Krelle noted the recent small tree which had fallen across the river onto the village green. As it fell from the opposite bank, it was the responsibility of the relevant landowner to remove, not the Parish Council or Buckinghamshire Council. He will discuss matters with the landowner.

07/01/24 Wicken Road Enforcement & Appeals

The Clerk confirmed no developments. She will chase Buckinghamshire Council's Enforcement Team for an update. It was noted some of the vehicles are being moved onto different plots.

09/05/25 Damage to verges

Cllr Smith confirmed her availability in February for a meeting with our Local Area Technician to discuss the issue. The Clerk will arrange a meeting.

06/06/25 Contribution towards Church grassing cutting

It was confirmed the Parish Council will meet the full costs of Church grass cutting going forward.

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

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

Public Forum on new items added to the agenda.

Laurie Spragg reminded all of the poor condition of Lillingstone Lovell road, with many areas collapsing. The Clerk agreed to review the road again and contact our Local Area Technician.

05/01. Financial Accounts & 2026/7 Precept

The Clerk confirmed the balances as at 06.01.26 were £3,496.07 (Community Account previously known as Treasurers Account) and £1,546.13 (Commercial Instant Access Account previously known as Business Account.) Total current cash in bank of £5,042.20.

The following payments had been made:

Local Plan Webinar	£ 30.00
Clerks Wages – Sept 2025	£357.00
Clerks Wages – Oct 2025	£267.75
Clerks Wages – Nov 2025	£191.25
Clerks Wages – Dec 2025	£127.50
Printer Ink	£ 57.88

One payment was still to be made of £116.64 for the Microsoft 365 annual renewal with Cloudy IT.

The Clerk provided an updated budget for the current period which is on target with accruals for future expenditure on IT services, notice board maintenance and potential Defibrillator testing/replacement parts. Cllr Smith confirmed the accruals should be transferred to the Commercial account at the end of the financial year.

The Clerk ran through her proposed budget for 2026/7 which included £2,000 for church grass cutting. Those present agreed the Parish Council's Precept request should remain unchanged at £8,000. The Clerk will complete the required request forms by the end of January deadline.

06/01. 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** – Cllr Smith confirmed her approval of the first drafts. The Clerk confirmed all Councillors had now given their

approval and she will create the final versions for adoption at the next meeting. She will also start work on the other required policies.

3. **MP Visit on 17th February 2026 at 7pm** – Those present considered items to be discussed at the forthcoming meeting. The following were suggested - flooding, solar farms, housing targets, rural isolation, BC's Local Plan for Beachampton and the Fire Authority Consultation. The Clerk agreed to send a note to all residents informing them of the meeting and asking for any questions to be sent to the Parish Council in advance.

07/01. AOB

1. Solar Farm, Thornton (Planning Application 25/02132/APP) - The Clerk confirmed further documents had been submitted by the applicant. Those present agreed the additional information did not change the Parish Council's response. The Clerk agreed to issue a further objection for approval and submission by the deadline of 16th January 2026.
2. On-Call Fire Service Consultation - Cllr Osibogun provided a summary of the consultation which proposes a reduction in the number of pumps in Buckingham potentially reducing local capacity and response times. Cllr Osibogun suggested the current 2 pumps should be retained to meet existing and future need. He urged all to review and make comments via the online consultation. The Clerk had put links to the consultation on the village website, but agreed to send a note to all residents, to create further awareness. The Clerk will also respond on behalf of the Parish Council by the deadline of 28th January 2026.
3. Cllr Osibogun provided brief details of BC's Lane Rental Scheme which should lead to more efficient working by utility companies when completing road works; BC's forthcoming budget discussions; BC's Tree Mission and the Local Plan Consultation. The Clerk noted the Parish Council's decision at the meeting on 21st October 2025 to defer commenting on the Local Plan until the next phase. Cllr Osibogun offered his continued support with any other issues as required.
4. Defective sign on the A422 – The Clerk confirmed further images of the sign which needs turning by 180 degrees were sent to Cllr Osibogun again on 3rd January 2026. Cllr Osibogun noted he was actively chasing for this to be resolved.

08/01. 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
05/09/25 Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting

09/01. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th February 2026 at 7pm. The Clerk will notify absent members.

The meeting ended at 8.05pm

Clerk to the Parish Council

9th January 2026