



DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish held at the Memorial Hall on 5th February 2026 at 6.30pm

Present:

Councillors: Martin Pacetti, Ben Harris,, Peter Woodliffe-Thomas, Nick Butler, Helen Hudson-Butler (Clerk),

023.26 Apologies for Absence

Sue Weldon - family bereavement
Cllr Gomm

024.26 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Butler declared an interest in the Winwood Trust as he is a trustee.
Cllr Woodliffe-Thomas declared an interest in the Monday Club as he is a trustee

025.26 Public Participation

Members of the public – 0

026.26 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2025 had been circulated prior to the meeting, were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

027.26 Chair's Report & Announcements

Brown tourist signs for the pub/cafe - no money available from the community board. QPC will look for grants to fund the cost.

The church is working with probation service and are looking for opportunities for unpaid work in the village - a number of options are available and the Council are happy to support. **Resolved by Council**

The Church has raised to Council about the responsibility of the maintenance of the Nature Area **Discussed by Council**

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Clerks Report & Public Correspondence

028.26 Outstanding Actions from Previous Meetings (reference no. from Action Log)

The document had previously been shared and updated by the Council. Actions arising:

ITEM NO	ACTION	STATUS	WHO
13	The Quainton Village shop continues to struggle although the increase in activity for the Post Office has secured this. This seems to be despite many ideas and suggestions being put forward. A follow up meeting is needed with the shop owners. Arrange meeting	Ongoing	Sue
70	Formation of an HT Committee	Ongoing	Martin, Sue & Peter
71	Speedwatch - dummy run needed	Ongoing	Nick, Peter, Sue
72	Speedwatch - rest of council to be trained	Not started	Nick, Peter, Sue

029.26 Finance & Budget

Bank Reconciliation: Completed for 31st January 2026

Current Account £ 9,644.21

Reserve Account £34,844.45

Forecast Budget - 5,742.56 Deficit Due to Upper Street playground refurbishment

Having been circulated, the monthly financial statement and income/expenditure report was accepted and payments approved.

030.26 Projects & Maintenance

- Website refresh has commenced - ETD 31st March
- Additional cost of £240 for additional pages **Resolved by Council**

031.26 Community Engagement, Website & Social Media

Summary of all activities discussed by the Clerk.

Clerk to visit 41 North End Road and take a photo (and what/three/words location) water issue.

Clerk to track Facebook activity for followers and hits

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032.26 Planning & Development

Planning Applications Received:

Date	Respond By	Reference	Address	Status	Council Outcome
02/01/2026	23/01/2026	PL/25/5257/FA	Land Between 12 Seechfield and 96	No objections	
14/01/2026	NA	25/00071/NONDET	Littleton Manor Farm	Objections submitted	Working with Waddesdon
27/01/2024	14/02/2025	PL/25/6372/FA -	3 Winwood Drive		

Planning breach on The Stables, Church St reported 6/1 as yet no updates

Lee Road was also raised with BCC Highways due to failure of previous development to fulfill commitments

Discussed the potential impact of a 500-house development at Littleton Farm on local infrastructure and that the Planning Committee are working with Waddesdon & Westcott on joint approach

Cllr Butler to put together a planning SOP for the team

033.26 Governance & Compliance

Sexual Harassment Policy circulated and **Resolved by Council**

034.26 Items for Council Decision

All documents had been shared prior to the meeting giving Councillors the opportunity to review and discuss

1. Electricity Supply 2026 **Resolved by Council to move to Valda Energy**
2. Allotment Water Supply 2026 **Resolved by Council to move to Everflow**
3. Additional £240 & VAT for additional pages on website **Resolved by Council**
4. Move £750 in traffic calming reserves to current cost centre **Resolved by Council**
5. Saye & Sele 25 year lease cost of legal work (claim back from S106) **Resolved by Council**
6. Sexual Harassment Policy **Resolved by Council**
7. Precept explanation for Quainton News **Resolved by Council**
8. Fire & Rescue Consultation Response **Resolved by Council**
9. Blackgrove Road Cross Roads **Council need to collect and log data**
10. Clerk's Probation **Resolved by Council whilst the Clerk & Cllr Butler was absent from the room**
11. Clerks Holiday Cover **Resolved by Council**

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035.26 Buckinghamshire Unitary Council Update

Cllr Gomm sent his apologies and stated that we could share his update to Cllr Butler from 15th Jan 2026, this has been summarised:

Roads & Salt Bins

- Cllr Gomm supports renewing and refilling salt bins this year.
- Looking at costs, colours, sponsorship options, and bulk-buy discounts.
- Bucks Council only delivers salt once a year.
- Planning permission does not appear to be required for new bins.

Network Rail & Rail Issues

- Station Road Bridge: Construction due to finish in February, but reopening may not be immediate.
- Winslow Station: Line and station not ready due to staffing and operational issues; electrification date unknown.
- Passenger trains from Quainton: No funding expected; would require village consultation on transport, parking, and local impact.
- Waste train: A double rail link to the Edgecote waste site is expected soon.
- BRC impact: Network Rail requires an additional bridge arch; the crossing will close in April. This may block access to half of the BRC/farm/Winwood site unless a temporary track or the Hammerhead (due August) is completed. HS2 involved.

Footpaths & Bridleways

- Bucks Council is upgrading some inter-village bridleways (e.g., Swans Way), he will work with Cllr Pacetti and HS2 in February on bridleway improvements.
- Cllr Gomm wants a full survey of all footpaths and a prioritised improvement plan.
- If issues are escalated via the footpath website, Cllr Gomm would like to be copied in and will try to secure government funding.

Call for Sites

- Bucks Council will write to landowners in February to confirm interest or withdrawal.
- Many sites have already been rejected due to location or infrastructure constraints.
- Numbers are below target.

Planning Enforcement

- Cllr Gomm suggests QPC forms a small working group (him + two councillors) to address ongoing planning issues and create an action plan.

Traffic Calming & Highways

Station Road

- Working with the design team on traffic calming from HS2 bridge to Scraggs End.
- Consultation ongoing with BRC and Vascenda.
- Lorry traffic through the village may increase in future.
- Possible measures: 30mph limit from HS2 bridge, Speed pillows/bumps, Parking bays or chicanes

Blackgrove Road Crossroads

- Resurfacing will follow the reopening of Station Road.
- Junction redesign planned, possibly staggered, based on similar safety issues elsewhere. Design expected to start in ~6 months.

Lower Street & Strand/New Street

- Speed bumps not recommended.
- Suggestion: move 30mph signs further out (to Rec Ground and church turning) to improve compliance and allow enforcement.

North End Road Junction

- Still pushing the original developer to complete S106 obligations.

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Travellers

- Increasing trend of travellers buying land and developing it legally.
- Bucks Council must provide sufficient pitches; if not, applications are likely to be approved.
- One potential site identified near the HS2 compound in Waddesdon ward (approx. 20 vans).

Waddesdon – 500 Homes (Littleton Green)

- Developer appealing due to non-determination by Bucks Council.
- Concern that the Planning Inspectorate may approve due to housing shortages.
- QPC asked to support Waddesdon's objection, focusing on: Health, Education & Traffic

Action - Clerk to request details from Cllr Gomm of the Station Road traffic calming project for visibility

Action - Clerk to request location of other staggered junction so PC can review

Action - Cllr Pacetti to follow up on Bridleway improvements

Action - Cllr Butler to form working party for Planning issues

Action - Clerk to send all footpath issues raised on FMS to Cllr Gomm

Portfolio Reports

036.26 Finance, - Cllr Woodliffe-Thomas

Article written for QN describing the precept increase

Precept has been submitted by the Clerk

Finance Report from Scribe has been checked and verified

Action Cllr Woodliffe to submit precept increase to Quainton News

037.26 Public Services & Facilities, HS2 & Allotments - Cllr M Pacetti

HS2 have raised concerns about communications & asked the QPC post the Friday updates on Social Media

Allotment invoices to be sent for 1 Oct 2025 - 31 March 2026 and then will move to run with the financial year. Additional quote obtained for water. Need to stagger the water charges increases 3 on the waiting list, 3 empty plots (need work to clear, could use probation service workers) 2 missing owners.

038.26 Planning & Development - Cllr Nick Butler

Housing Needs Survey results due 31/01/2026 but Ashleigh has left, chasing replacement for updates

Awaiting Call for Sites and date for Bucks Local Plan from Cllr Gomm

Recreation ground - list of items to be cleared before BKV

Clerk to contact Jason Barfoot for quote to cut down trees

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039.26 Vice Chair, Transport, Highways & Primary School Relations - Cllr S Weldon

Ongoing communications with the shop

040.26 Chair, Recreation, Community Health & Wellbeing - Cllr B Harris

Look for grants to help with pavilion repair

Met with company about Green Council - we will not be moving ahead with this

Cllr Pacetti to check football grants

041.26 Thames Valley Police & Highways Matters

No updates

042.26 To Receive Reports from Outside Bodies

No updates

043.26 To Consider Members Motions

No motions

044.26 To Record Items of Business for the Next Council Meeting

None requested

Next Council meeting 6.30pm Thursday 12th March 2026

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