



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Bradenham Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7:00pm at the Cricket Pavilion, Bradenham.**

Present: Cllr Jones – In the Chair

Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council

Cllrs Honeyben, Hutton, Oborn, Wooster.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Langridge & Stubbings.

**2. Declaration of Interests by Members**

No declarations were made.

**3. Minutes**

No amendments were made.

**Resolved:**

- That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2026 be signed and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**4. Matters Arising**

*Item 11– Bradenham Defibrillator*

The Clerk provided an update and confirmed that the Rural Community Defibrillator Group (RCDG) had been informed of the Council's decision to take on ownership of the Bradenham defibrillator. The RCDG is currently working with Hughenden Parish Council on a transfer of ownership and will provide guidance to Bradenham Parish Council once that process has been completed.

**5. Representations from the Public**

No representations were made.

**6. Reports**

**Buckinghamshire County Council - Cllr Shade Adoh:**

Cllr Shade Adoh provided an update to members. She reported that Buckinghamshire Council has confirmed an increase in council tax as part of its latest budget setting process. The increase is intended to support investment in local services, including improvements and upgrades to schools and road infrastructure across the county. She also noted that there are currently no plans to progress proposals relating to a potential

merger with Oxfordshire County Council or the introduction of a mayoral authority.

An apology was received from Cllr Robert Carrington.

**Royal Air Force - Sqn Ldr Cameron Vear:**

The Council noted a written update from Sqn Ldr Cameron Vear, who had submitted apologies for absence. Members were informed that infrastructure works on the site are currently winding down as the financial year draws to a close. The asbestos removal works on Building 1 have now been completed and an application for demolition has been submitted. The intention is for the building to be demolished after April 2026, with no current plans for a replacement.

Members also noted that the RAF had considered whether firefighting assets could assist with the pond restoration project. However, this will not be possible as fire management services on the site are now provided through an external contractor, who has advised that they are unable to support such work.

Sqn Ldr Vear indicated that he would be happy to respond to any further questions arising from the meeting ahead of the next Council meeting.

**Chairman of the Council:**

The Chairman informed members that the Council's mobile phone had now been passed to the Clerk. Members were also advised that a power line had been installed across New Road into property at The Hedgerow, which had raised concerns that power may be being taken from the area.

**Clerk to the Council:**

The Clerk advised that there were no updates to report that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**7. Not Bourne Yesterday – Request for Council Support**

Members considered a request for support for the Not Bourne Yesterday programme, led by Chilterns National Landscape and funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Members felt that the programme represented a worthwhile initiative supporting local heritage, landscape conservation, and community engagement within the Chilterns.

**Resolved:** That Bradenham Parish Council provide a letter of support for the programme and contribute £50 towards the initiative.

**8. Adoption of Bradenham Parish Council Emblem**

Members considered the proposed emblem for Bradenham Parish Council, as circulated.

Members agreed that the design was appropriate and would provide the Council with a clear visual identity for use on official documents, correspondence, and the Council's website.

**Resolved:** That the proposed emblem be formally adopted as the official emblem of Bradenham Parish Council.



## **9. New Parish Council Website**

The Clerk provided a verbal update on progress towards the new Parish Council website. Members were informed that the Council has confirmed Parish Online as the provider of the new website and that the domain bradenham-pc.gov.uk has been successfully secured.

Members were asked to consider the colour scheme for the website. It was agreed that the website should adopt the same green colour used in the newly adopted Parish Council emblem, to provide a consistent visual identity.

## **10. Highways & Road Surfacing**

Members considered highways matters and road surfacing issues within the parish. Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the road surface and potholes on Rectory Lane and Beech Park. Members discussed the ongoing deterioration of these areas and the impact on road users.

Members were encouraged to continue reporting potholes and other highways issues through the FixMyStreet reporting system to ensure that Buckinghamshire Council is made aware of the issues and can arrange appropriate repairs.

## **11. Meeting with National Trust**

Members considered inviting a representative from the National Trust to attend a future meeting of the Council.

Members agreed that the meeting should provide an opportunity for a constructive discussion on matters of mutual interest. Suggested topics for discussion include Bradenham Manor, the village pond, road surfacing matters, and providing an update following the appointment of the new Clerk and recent changes in Council membership. Members noted that there had been limited contact between the Council and the National Trust over the past year and welcomed the opportunity to re-establish regular dialogue.

**Resolved:** That a representative of the National Trust be invited to attend the July meeting of Bradenham Parish Council.

## **12. Litter Picking**

Members considered arrangements for the next community litter pick.

**Resolved:** That the next community litter pick be held on Saturday 11 April, between 10:00am and 12:00 noon.

### **13. Planning Applications**

Members noted the following previously considered planning applications:

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Details of Application</b>	<b>BPC Decision</b>	<b>BC Decision</b>
PL/25/4361/FA	The Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walter's Ash, HP15 4XQ.	Full application for use of land as private gypsy and traveller caravan site for 2 pitches, including 2 utility buildings and parking. Retention of hardstanding and existing caravan (part retrospective)	Objection	Outstanding
PL/25/3789/HB	Bradenham Manor Bradenham Wood Lane HP14 4HF	Listed building consent for repairs to external joinery and dormers, repair to ceiling following water damage, strip out of modern commercial toilets and wall/ceiling linings and reinstatement of traditional finishes, removal of modern fire doors and openings in the canteen area, reinstatement or removed screen within entrance lobby.	No objection	Consent Approved

### **14. Financial Matters**

#### **a. Accounts**

Members reviewed the accounts year to date as of 2 March 2026, including expenditure and income against the approved budget.

**Resolved:** That the accounts to 2 March 2026 be approved.

#### **b. Payments**

Members considered the following payments:

- Bibby Financial Services Ltd (for Tactical Facilities Management) – Dog bin emptying – £83.77
- R. Bennett – Clerk's Duties (March & April 2026) – £850.20

**Resolved:** That the above payments totalling £933.97 be approved for payment.

### **15. Member's Questions**

No questions were raised by members.

## **16. Next Meeting Date**

Members noted that the Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM), and the next Ordinary Meeting of Bradenham Parish Council will be held on Monday 11 May 2026.

## **17. Closure**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.23pm.

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