

**Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>  
February 2026**

Councillors Present: Cllrs Alexander, Wuczke & Mel Richards

Clerk: C Underhay

**118: To receive apologies for absence:**

Cllr Mike Richards apologised for his absence.

**119: Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Wuczke & Alexander declared an interest as they are current Trustees of the Village Hall Charity.

**120: Councillor Application:**

The Clerk advised that he has received an application from a resident to become a Co-opted Councillor – however, the person concerned was not present at the meeting – so the application could not go forward.

**121: CBC Cllr Mark Versallion Report:**

Cllr Versallion reported as follows:

CBC Draft Budget has now been approved. There are significant cuts meaning some difficult decisions will be delayed. The Central Government Grant to CBC has also been cut.

Milton Keynes Council have produced a planning document, and this proposes 3500 houses south of Kelly's Kitchen/Hunter's Farm Shop. This inevitably will increase traffic on the A5. Cllr Versallion will make representation through CBC with fellow Councillors in an attempt to persuade Milton Keynes Council to reject the proposal.

Speeding traffic outside the school - Several residents had come to the Meeting to discuss this (parents of children at the school). They had completed a petition amongst concerned parents and others to see if "something" could be done. Cllr Versallion noted that CBC Director of Highways had agreed to 20mph advisory signs could be installed – he

had chased several times for this to now happen – but, as yet, it hasn't. There was a lengthy discussion at this point. Actions to take forward:

- Every incident, must be reported to police (via 111)
- Consider lollipop lady – Cllr Versallion noted these are privately funded (through a charity)
- Agenda item at every Parish Council Meeting moving forward
- The Chair asked for Councillors to come to the next meeting with ideas of how the Parish Council can help (various suggestions were discussed – all of which need funding, which is something we could consider)

Cllr Versallion suggested the petition was sent to both him and Gary Powell (Head of Highways at CBC) – he gave both email addresses.

## **122: Public Forum:**

A resident asked if a police presence could come to the meeting. The Chair asked the Clerk for our contact so he could write and ask. A resident noted about graffiti under the bridge (Woburn Road) – this has now been cleared. There are also cannisters left in the same area (hence the reason for some sort of police presence).

## **123: Approval of Minutes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025:**

Cllr Wuczke proposed that the minutes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were approved, this was seconded by the Cllr Mel Richards and resolved by all Councillors present.

## **124: Matters arising from the Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda:**

No matters were discussed.

## **125: Parish Clerk position:**

The Chair noted that the tenure of the present Clerk may come to an end at some point – and that also, the probability that Parish Council may become a Trustee of the Village Hall Charity, the work required will increase (beyond the time that the present Clerk can give). The Chair

proposed that an advert is placed for a part time Assistant Clerk, reporting to the present Clerk, primarily to take the additional work for the Village Hall – but also to learn all the other responsibilities of being Clerk. This was seconded by Cllr Mel Richard and then resolved by all Councillors present.

## 126: Village Hall:

The Treasurer advised the Accounts still have to be submitted to the Charity Commission. Once received, the Clerk will prepare a Resolution for the Council to consider (re: becoming a Trustee).

## 127: Finance:

The Chair asked the Clerk to speak.

### 1. To authorise accounts for payment:

It was resolved that the following amounts could be paid:

Cheque	Amount (£)	To	For
2238	13.00	R Wuczke	Santa Gift
2240	322.15	C Underhay	Salary (Dec)
2241	214.40	HMRC	Tax
2242	252.00	Mazars	External Audit
2243	238.00	BATPC	Affiliation Fees
2244	322.15	C Underhay	Salary (Jan)
2245	214.40	HMRC	Tax
2246	1330.00	Lee Harris	Maintenance (Dec & Jan)
2247	169.20	C Underhay	Dog toilet bags

Payment of the above was proposed by Cllr Wuczke, seconded by the Chair, and resolved by all Councillors present.

A standing order for £26 was paid to C Underhay on 1<sup>st</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January for working at home allowance. A direct debit for £47 was paid to ICO on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Credit interest of £24.74 was paid to us on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, and £22.04 on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

## **2. Account Balances & Budget. To review summary of spend against budget:**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026, current account balance £2876.15, and savings accounts balance £28244.58. 84% of the budget has been spent with 85% of the year gone.

## **128: Planning – Applications received:**

The Chair advised of two applications:

CB/25/03421 – Redwings Lodge – addition of 53 bedrooms. It was proposed by the Chair we reject as follows – the entrance to the car park is not big enough – we are concerned about the characteristics of residents – the hotel would be too large for Hockliffe.

CB/25/03818 – Kateshill Barn – extension. It was proposed by the Chair that we have no objection.

Both proposals were seconded by Cllr Mel Richards and resolved by all Councillors present.

## **129: Review of Policies:**

The following policies were reviewed by Councillors:

Village Green Infringement Policy

Communication Policy

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Mel Richards, and then resolved by all Councillors present that these policies are renewed for 12 months.

## **130: Cemetery Matters:**

The current Cemetery fees were reviewed. It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Mel Richards, and then resolved by all Councillors present that the current fee structure is unaltered for the forthcoming 12 months. No other matters.

**131: Summer Event:**

No report

**132: Dates of Meetings 2026/27:**

The schedule was presented by the Chair – seconded by Cllr Mel Richards and resolved by all Councillors present.

**133: A5:**

No report. The Chair asked for this to be removed as a standing item.

**134: The Park:**

No report.

**135: Correspondence Received (for information only):**

None

**136: Items for inclusion in the next agenda:**

None

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Colin Underhay, Clerk – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Signed as a true copy..... (Chair) 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026