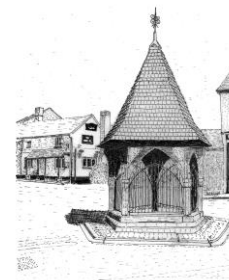


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Meeting of the Outdoors Committee
held in The Memorial Hall, High Street, Bovingdon
on Monday 22nd September 2025 starting at 19.00.

Present:

Councillor Caroline Barnett
Councillor Graham Barrett (Chairman)
Councillor Karen Bregazzi-Jones
Councillor Nic Leon
Councillor Hugh Schneiders –

Also present:

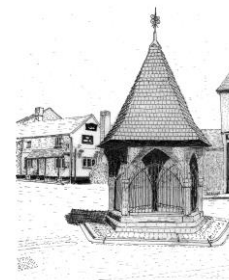
Councillor Phillip Walker
Gary Callum

1.	Apologies for absence	
	There were apologies for absence received from Councillor Pauline Wright (Chairman) and Parish Clerk	
2.	Declaration of Interests linked to any of the items	
	There were no Declarations of Interest.	
3.	Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2025	
	It was agreed by those present, that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 th January 2025 were a true representation of the meeting and were signed by Councillor Graham Barrett.	
4.	Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2024 not on the agenda	
	There were no matters arising.	
5	Parish Budget for Outdoors	
	Cllr Barrett circulated a spread sheet to all members detailing the current spend under each budget heading together with a projected over or underspend for the current financial year. Members discussed each item and concluded that the following amounts should be proposed for the 2026/2027 budget. Warden £25,000, Litter Picking £7,000, Hanging Baskets £3,000, Docks £2,000, Pond £3,000, Other £3,000 total £36,000.	
6	The Docks	

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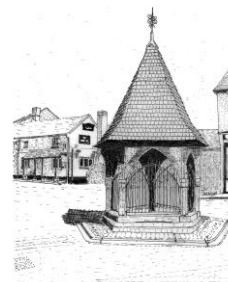


	It was noted that the last full Council had agreed to proceed with the improvement works to the Docks which would be funded by the Cala Homes donation and CIL funds. It was felt no that no other maintenance works were required at this time.	
7	Grass Create Old Dean/ Bovingdon Green	
	It was noted that estimates had been received and a contractor chosen, however Cllr Steer was to seek further confirmation from the DBC parks and open spaces officer that he had objections before works could proceed.	
8	The Pond on Bovingdon Green/Grant	
	It was noted that Cllr Schneiders had agreed to contact the chosen contractor to progress the previously agreed dredging works. Cllr Barnett volunteered to contact Taylor Wimpy to see if they would be prepared to fund further works to the Pond.	
9	Hanging Baskets, Window flowers/ Bovingdon Gardner's	
	It was agreed by all that the hanging baskets were a great success and that we should continue with these in 2026/2027 however noting that HCC had placed some restrictions on the number of lamp posts that can accommodate the baskets. It was also agreed to continue to support the Horticultural society with their hanging baskets and it was suggested that the price could be increased to £10.	
10	Wildflower Areas	
	It was noted that Cllr Wright is in discussions with DBC about further areas of wildflower and bulb planting.	
11	Community Events	
	Members were advised that the 2025 car show was a great success and that next year's car show would be on 5 th July 2026. Cllr Leon advised that he would be organising a Scarecrow Festival in 2026. It was suggested that the best dressed Christmas Window competition could be expanded to cover the whole village. There was also a discussion that Bovingdon could be entered into a national Village in Bloom competition for 2026.	
12	Warden Duties	
	It was agreed that all work instructions to the Warden should come through the Parish Clerk, with Councillors advising the Clerk of any works they consider need actioning in and around the village. It was agreed that the Clerk is best placed to monitor the efficiency and performance of the Warden	
13	Litter Pick (Street Champions)	
	Cllr Barnett advised that she wanted to organise a volunteer litter picking group supported by the DBC Street Champions initiative. However, to support the group, it was felt that some refreshments, tea, coffee cake etc should be	

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	provided to the group after any sessions. All members were encouraging of this initiative and agreed refreshments should be provided by the PC. It was agreed to bring this to the next Full Council meeting for ratification.	
14	Any other urgent business	
	There was no other business and the meeting closed at 7.00pm	
15	Date of next meeting – TBA	

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