

**Meeting of the Bovingdon Parish Council
held in The Memorial Hall, High Street, Bovingdon
2nd March 2026 starting at 7.00 p.m.**

	<p>Present: Councillor Caroline Barnett Councillor Graham Barrett (Chairman) Councillor Bregazzi -Jones Councillor Ian Field Councillor Nic Leon Councillor Hugh Schneiders Councillor Julie Steer Councillor Philip Walker Councillor Pauline Wright</p> <p>Also present: Parish Clerk, Borough Councillor Stewart Riddick, Borough Councillor Gbola Adeleke and Herts County Councillor Richard Roberts.</p> <p>Press: 1</p> <p>Representatives from the Village: 5 residents</p> <p>Although Chairman Barrett was present, due to a recent accident he was unable to chair the meeting. Vice-Chairman Councillor Walker presided over the meeting in his place.</p>	
1.	<p>To Receive Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike Foulds</p>	
2.	<p>Co-Option of a Councillor Ian Field to the outdoors committee Proposed Councillor Schneiders seconded Councillor Barnett</p>	
3.	<p>Specific Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4.	<p>Public Question Time (4.1) A resident enquired whether the council was aware of any report being commissioned to measure all the roadside kerbs in the village, having observed a person undertaking such measurements over the past couple of weeks. The resident also asked about the purpose of the report, if it existed. Councillor Walker responded that the council is not aware of any such report. He suggested that the activity could be related to a potential planning application and confirmed that the council would provide an update if any further information becomes available. Councillor Richard Roberts clarified that the activity is not connected to Hertfordshire Highways.</p> <p>(4.2) A resident asked whether Bovingdon had reached its quota for new houses. Councillors Barrett and Walker explained that there is no such quota. They noted that, while there are no further large developments for Bovingdon in Dacorum’s draft Local Plan, the Plan has not yet been finalised, so there is no guarantee that Bovingdon will not see additional development.</p>	

5.	<p>Signing of Minutes: Bovingdon Parish Council Meeting, 12th January 2026 Those Councillors present agreed the minutes of the meeting of Bovingdon Parish Council Meeting held on 12th January 2026 were a true representation of the meeting and the minutes were signed by Councillor Walker.</p>	
6.	<p>Action List update – See additional papers</p> <p>Matters Arising from Minutes: Bovingdon Parish Council Meeting, 12th January 2026 A resident raised concerns about cars mounting the pavement on the High Street near the doctors’ surgery leading to Tesco. Councillor Roberts explained that he has met with a highways specialist to discuss the top of the High Street, where a new crossing is proposed. He noted that this is an ongoing project and confirmed that the council will be kept updated on progress. Councillor Roberts also explained that the highways budget is currently stretched; however, he noted that the government is investing £8 billion into roads, and he is hopeful that some roads in the county will benefit from this funding. He added that the top of the High Street will be revisited as part of future improvements. Councillor Steer commented that the recent pothole repair outside Tesco had been poorly executed and asked Councillor Roberts to investigate whether this was a temporary repair and if it will be redone.</p> <p>Lamppost survey Councillors Walker and Field have completed their walk of the village to compile a list of suitable lampposts. Councillor Walker has provided their findings to the Parish Clerk, who will now arrange for a survey of the selected lampposts.</p>	
7.	<p>County Councillor update Councillor Roberts reported that all Year 6 children at Bovingdon School had been offered their first-choice school. He also provided an update on the Chesham Road crossing, which had been discussed previously. It had been hoped that Hertfordshire Highways would provide match funding to Bovingdon Parish Council; however, this is no longer possible due to insufficient funds in the locality budget to cover the 50% contribution. Councillor Walker will liaise with Ringway to obtain costings for the work so that a decision can be made on whether the project can be funded from Bovingdon Parish Council’s CIL money.</p>	Councillor Walker
8.	<p>Borough Councillor update Councillor Riddick discussed the ongoing challenges in dealing with planning de uphold planning arguments. He also highlighted the continuing issue of flooding Lane and confirmed that it remains a priority for him to ensure that Taylor Win the necessary actions to resolve the problem.</p> <p>To receive and adopt the following Committee minutes: (9.1) Planning Committee Meetings (i) 12th January 2026 (ii) 26 January 2026 (iii) 16th February 2026 (9.2) Outdoors Committee (i) 22nd September 2025 It was resolved that the minutes of these meetings, as circulated, be received and adopted.</p>	

<p>10</p>	<p>Feedback from Chairman of Committees:</p> <p>Finance & General Purposes Committee</p> <p>10.1.1 Resolutions to be considered from the Finance & General Purposes Committee:</p> <p>(a) It was proposed by Councillor Steer and seconded by Councillor Walker and resolved that the Council approved the statutory receipts and payments report up to the 31st January 2026 for the Parish as set out in the attached papers.</p> <p>(b) It was proposed by Councillor Steer and seconded by Councillor Breggazi Jones and resolved that the Council approves the bank reconciliation as set out in the attached papers.</p> <p>(c) To note that there needs to be two separate councillors to sign off the invoices and payments.</p> <p>(d) To note that the precept demand for 2026/2027 has been submitted to Dacorum Borough council.</p> <p>(e) To note that all payments and purchases must be made through the office or through Councillor Steer and Councillor Barrett if a debit card is required.</p> <p>(f) Councillor Steer will be arranging a CIL meeting</p> <p>10.2 Memorial Hall Management Committee</p> <p>Councillor Steer will be arranging a Memorial Hall Management meeting over the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>10.3 Outdoors Committee</p> <p>(10.3.1) It was resolved that the council agrees to pay up to £500 from the outdoors budget for new anti-litter signs. It was agreed that the wording for these signs will be agreed at a later date.</p> <p>(10.3.2) It was resolved that £200 was to allocated from the £10,000 wild flower budget for new wild flower areas in the village.</p> <p>(10.3.3) It was resolved that the council would pay Dacorum the monies already allocated for the grasscrete on Bovingdon green and Old Dean if required</p> <p>(10.3.4) Replacement tree on Bovingdon Green – Agreed to add to next agenda</p> <p>(10.3.5) Clearing the brambles on Bovingdon Green - It was resolved that a quote should be obtained and permission from Dacorum to cut the over grown brambles on Bovingdon Green, Councillor Schneiders & Councillor Wright will get quotes</p> <p>(10.3.6) It was proposed that a joint litter-picking session involving the Village Warden and councillors be arranged to address areas not normally covered, including inner hedgerows and drainage ditches. Councillors Walker, Field, Begazzi-Jones, and Leon all volunteered to assist. The Parish Clerk will coordinate with the Village Warden to arrange a suitable date for the activity.</p> <p>Personnel Committee</p> <p>Councillor Foulds was not in attendance at the meeting and therefore no update was provided.</p> <p>Planning Committee</p> <p>Councillor Barrett confirmed that the Planning Committee has met three times. He reported that the Committee has objected to the planning application for the land behind Duckhill Farm.</p> <p>Councillor Steer enquired whether there were any further updates on Greymantle or the Bobsleigh. Councillor Barrett confirmed that there were no further updates at this time.</p>	
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15.	<p>Councillor Updated/ Agenda items for next meeting items raised are for discussion only, no resolutions can be made on items that did not form part of the agenda but new matters can by arrangement of the council be added to the agenda of the next Parish meeting</p> <p>10.3.4 – To be agreed when all costs are known.</p>	
16.	<p>To note the date of the next Bovingdon Parish Council meeting: Monday, 11th May 2026 at 7.30 p.m. to be held in the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.34pm</p>	

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