

Preston Bissett Parish Council

Parish Councillors attended the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2025 at The Old School, Preston Bissett. The meeting commenced at 8:00pm.

In attendance: Graham Ellis (Chair), Matt Killick, Jean Turner, Darren Parker, David Seddon-Taylor

Clerk: Camilla Durnin

Minutes

May 0825/1 Nomination and seconding of Chair and Vice Chair.

Graham Ellis nominated as Chair of the Parish council. No nominations received for Vice Chair. Council acknowledged the resignation of Nic Wheble (RFO) and thanked him for all his support and commitment to the village and council.

GE proposed MK to take up the position of RFO -seconded by DST - approved.

Council has 2 vacancies following the recent election and proposed Darren Parker be coopted to the Council - Approved

Clerk to action amendments required to banking systems.

May 0825/2 Apologies

G Gulliver

May 0825/3 Declaration of Interests

None noted

May 0825/4 Approval of Minutes from 6th March 2025 Meeting

The minutes were unanimously **agreed** as accurate and signed by GE who chaired the last meeting

May 0825/5 Payments and Finances for Approval by the Parish Council

May 0825/5.1 Bank Balances were noted:

Treasurers account £182.01 (As of 02.05.2025)

Business Account £9636.14 (As of 02.05.2025)

May 0825/5.2 Income and Expenditure were noted and approved:

Expenditure:		
14.02.2025	Clerks Salary (K. Proffitt)	£226.42
14.02.2025	HMRC	£32.60
14.02.2025	Starboard Systems (Scribe)	£207.36
19.02.2025	N Power	£67.71
19.03.2025	N Power	£58.13
17.04.2025	BMKALC Subs 2025-26	£54.56
17.04.2025	Clerks Salary (C. Durnin)	£188.00
17.04.2025	HMRC	£47.00

Income:		
11.02.2025	HMRC	£44.81
11.04.2025	Precept	£3420.00
10.02.2025	Interest on Acc ***258	£6.14
10.03.2025	Interest on Acc ***258	£5.08
09.04.2025	Interest on Acc ***258	£5.45

May 0825/5.3 Bank Transfers were noted:

10.02.2025	£400	From Business to Treasurers Account
14.04.2025	£3000	From Treasurers to Business Account

May 0825/5.4 Approval of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024-2025.
AGAR approved and signed by GE as Chair and MK as RFO.

May 0825/5.5

Insurance Renewal Approved. The premium due is £435.41 (including IPT and commission). The policy is underwritten by Ansvar Insurance and will commence on 01.06.2025. The premium for 2024-2025 was £386.00. Action taken to review market in 2026.

May 0825/6 Planning Applications received prior to the meeting – council noted:-

May 0825/6.1

25/00678/ATC Silver Birch Tree.

Tree is significantly leaning and a hazard, as well as reaching over next doors garden (Bonnet Cottage)

We would like to dismantle and remove the tree with a tree surgeon that we have already consulted.

Status: Approved.

Parish council to **noted** the following planning updates:

May 0825/6.2

Change of use of land to use as residential caravan site for 4 traveller families, each with 2 caravans, together with laying of hardstanding, erection of 4 No. amenity building and construction of new access. Land South Of Preston Road, Tingewick, Buckinghamshire.

Application Ref: 23/02597/APP Appeal Ref: 23/00107/REF

Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/J0405/W/23/3334857. **Appeal Dismissed Status: New Application Ref 24/03139/APP– Awaiting Decision**

May 0825/6.3 Licencing Application: Premises licence at Preston Bissett Village Hall (The Old School), PR202406-350252. The Parish Council submitted a comment via email, they had no objections and were in support of the application. Confirmation of receipt was received from the Commercial Licencing Team. **Status: License Granted**

May 0825/6.4

Planning Enforcement: Alleged creation of access and erection of gates in excess of 1m. Sycamore Farm, Preston Road, Tingewick, Buckinghamshire. Ref: NC/24/00346/OPDEV. Councillors to **note** that the report has been logged and will be investigated by an officer.
Status: No Update

May 0825/6.5

Change of use of land from agricultural to Sui Generis use (wedding / events venue). Erection of TIPI structure. Creation of hardstanding pathways (Retrospective). Preston Bissett Nurseries, Bushey Lane Farm, Bushey Lane, Preston Bissett, Buckinghamshire, MK18 4ND. Ref. No: 24/02266/APP.
Status: Awaiting Decision

May 0825/6.6

Licencing Application: Premises Licence, Preston Bissett Nurseries, Bushey Lane Farm, Bushey Lane, Preston Bissett, MK18 4ND.
Ref: PR202408-352976.
Status: License Granted

May 0825/6.7

Erection of 2 dwellings (retrospective) The Piggery, The Common, Preston Bissett, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire, MK18 4NA.
Ref 24/03695/APP.
Status: Awaiting Decision

May 0825/6.8

G1 3 Ash stems forming one large crown. Fell - signs of ash dieback and signs of recent limb failure, close to adjacent property and concerns about future limb failures. The Old School, Main Street, Preston Bissett, Buckinghamshire, MK18 4LS. Ref: 25/00390/ATC.
Status – Application withdrawn

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications:

May 0825/6.9

Land Adjacent To (East) Thorpes Farmhouse The Square Preston Bissett Buckinghamshire MK18 4LP. Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 4 (SUDS) and 8 (slab levels) relating to permission reference: 23/01713/APP (Demolition of stables and erection of one dwelling, renovate barn to garaging and extend south boundary into cricket field). Ref 24/03504/VRC.
Status – Awaiting Decision
JT removed herself from commenting on account of the property location to proximity to her own property. Council had no objections

May 0825/7 Yearly Planner Actions for May and c/f prior meetings

May 0825/7.1 Register of Interest to be completed by all councillors

Forms completed by all councillors in attendance. GG to complete at June Meeting

May 0825/7.2 Declarations of Acceptance to Office from all councillors.

Declarations signed by all those in attendance. GG to be given to Clerk in June's meeting.

May 0825/8 Correspondence or previously circulated items, noted:-

May 0825/8.1

It was agreed the council would review Finances Half Yearly, next Financial update due in September 2025.

May 0825/8.2

Funding options will be explored by DST and GE to support the ongoing safety improvements of village playground. Council agreed to cover the maintenance costs of £3091.10 – Quotation provided by 'Playdale Playgrounds'. The council will continue to manage any risks identified in the annual playground inspection accordingly. The remaining maintenance work will be carried out when funding is available.

May 0825/9 Meetings and Training

May 0825/10 Action List - Completed/Closed since last meeting

- Open and to be updated
- DTS is creating a grass cutting rota for those areas that cannot be reached with a tractor. Thanks given to those volunteering.
- DTS also agreed to purchasing a new goal net of behalf of the council – to be reimbursed once purchased.

May 0825/11 Items for the next Agenda

May 0825/12 Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th June 2025

Close of Meeting

Open Forum

Meeting end

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Minutes created and signed by the Parish Clerk: C. Durnin

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