



# Enborne Parish Council

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## MINUTES of the Meeting of Enborne Parish Council

8 July 2025

The Barn, St Michael and All Angels Church, Enborne, RG20 0HD

### Present:

Cllr. Giles Whitefield (Chair)

Cllr. Val Bolan

Cllr. Chris Garrett

Cllr. Sam Dibas

Parsh Clerk: Mrs Kim Lloyd

Public: 9

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Tompkins, and District Councillors, Tony Vickers, Dennis Bennyworth, Denise Gaines sent apologies.

### 2. Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items

No declarations of interests were raised.

### 3. Public Participation

There are concerns that Enborne is being targeted by travelling communities and frustration over unresponsive district councillors, with many feeling their interests are not being represented.

### 4. Co-option of new member

No applications received.

### 5. Planning Applications

5.1 Three new planning applications were considered.

- [25/01496/PACOU](#) | Wash Common Farm Enborne Street Newbury RG14 6RB

Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for the Change of use agricultural barn to the west of Wash Common Farmyard to form 4 new dwellinghouses.

**The Parish Council resolved to no comment.**

- [25/01216/FULMAJ](#) | Spicers Copse Hamstead Marshall Newbury

Adjacent Parish-Change of use of agricultural land to a dog walking facility.

**The Parish Council resolved to no comment.**

- [25/01444/FUL](#) **Land West of Pumping Station, Enborne Row, Wash Water, Newbury**  
Retrospective application seeking planning permission for the erection of alternative Dayroom for Pitch 2 (Alternative to that granted under 22/01899/FUL)  
A retrospective planning application has been submitted for the erection of an alternative day room. The parish council has received complaints via email regarding this development from residents. Planning enforcement was notified and subsequently visited the site, prompting the submission of this retrospective application. Cllr. Gaines reported to the enforcement team that the construction of a larger building than initially approved for a day room was underway at the location. The preferred course of action is to regularize the situation by requesting a retrospective planning application. Residents who have concerns are encouraged to submit their objections via email.  
The Parish Council object to this planning application and ask District Councillors to call-in the application to be considered by ward members at committee, rather than permitting it to proceed solely on the planning officer's recommendation.  
It has been noted that the structure measures approximately 15 meters by 13 meters and may function as a residential dwelling rather than a day room.  
Questions have arisen regarding whether the movement of landfill material has been certified as uncontaminated. Although an environmental survey was conducted, it was ultimately rejected. Substantial brick walls currently separate the two dwelling sites; clarification on these structures should be sought from the ward councillors.  
Parish Council resolved to draft a formal objection, supported by relevant evidence. It is assumed that planning enforcement would have documented the site with photographs during their visit. Please see the parish council objection comments submitted [here](#). Residents are also encouraged to write into WBC Planning using WBC website planning [portal](#).
- 5.2 To receive reports of recent planning decisions taken by WBC: For information only.
- **25/00925/PACOU** Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use of existing barn to the west of Wash Common farmyard to form a new dwellinghouse Wash Common Farm, Enborne Street, Newbury, RG14 6RB. **WBC determined Prior Approval is REQUIRED and GRANTED**
  - **25/01359/NONMAT** Mount Pleasant Farm, Enborne, Newbury, RG14 6RN. Non-Material amendment application to planning application 24/01999/FUL: The change of use of land to a gypsy and traveller caravan site. Amendment: delete reference to utility/dayroom in conditions 2 and 3. **WBC APPROVES the minor amendment.**
  - **25/00747/AGRIC** Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Erection of a new agricultural building Stag Hill Farm, Wheatlands Lane, Enborne, Newbury. **WBC hereby determines that prior approval is REQUIRED and GRANTED for the proposal.**

## 6. Minutes to approve

- 13 May 2025 – Full Council Meeting Minutes were resolved to approve.
- 2 June 2025 - Extraordinary Meeting Minutes were resolved to approve.

## 7. WBC Local Plan 2022-39, Policy RSA29

The [local plan was adopted](#) with RSA29 (formerly RSA25) on June 10, 2025.

## 8. Fundraising update towards challenging RSA29

Two events were held by the Enborne Parish Council, one at Craven Arms on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and the other at Hampstead Marshall Town Hall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. An additional event is scheduled for Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> July at the Craven Arms.

Social media outreach has included posts in the following groups:

- Newbury Happening Now (36,000 members)
- Hungerford Community Group (4,300 members)
- Wash Common and Falkland Community (3,600 members)
- Hampstead Marshall and Enborne Villages (673 members)
- Kintbury Village (4,500 members)
- West Berkshire Villagers (5,000 members)
- Newbury and Thatcham Ladies (5,000 members)

Fundraising progress is as follows to date.

- Online contributions: £4,300
- Direct donations: £27,900
- Pledged funds: £11,000

The overall fundraising target is between £50,000 and £80,000.

Enborne Parish Council **resolved to fund a further £14,238** taken from the following Reserves.

- **Traffic Calming (£5,000):** The Parish Council had no recent correspondence or concerns raised about speeding within the parish, this reserve was dissolved and reallocated to the RSA29 Legal Challenge fund.
- **NDP (£2,238):** The Neighbourhood Development Plan is currently not progressing, so this amount could be reallocated to the RSA29 Legal Challenge fund,
- **Washwater Footpaths (£5,000):** It was agreed to use the full amount from this reserve.
- **Legal and Planning (£2,000) balance left**

In order to have a legal challenge, there's a risk of losing and having to pay the opposition's costs. Insurance will cover those costs. If the challenge is raised by an individual, the insurance is cheaper, and they would only need to raise £50,000. If the challenge is lodged by Enborne Parish Council, then it costs £30,000 for that insurance, being £80k, the fundraising target. Ideally, the parish council would like an individual to front the fundraising, approved by the Enborne Parish Council, to save £30,000.

The first stage is a pre-action protocol letter to West Berkshire Council, challenging the local plan review. The letter was expected to be sent the evening of this meeting. They are expecting

a response within five days. The legal case will be filed after they receive the council's response, with a two-week deadline (18th).

A 'Save West of Newbury' flyer had been distributed and received by some members of the Parish Council. Other councillors were unaware of the flyer. The Parish Council has received an email objection to the flyer. It was noted that various flyers, including this one referencing EPC initiatives, are being circulated independently of the Parish Council.

**9. Planning Application:** [23/02596/FULMAJ](#) Longcopse Farm, Vanners Lane, Enborne  
Use of land for the siting of up to 24 travelling showpersons plots.

There are no updates available at this time regarding when this will be included on the agenda for a future Western Area Planning Committee Meeting.

**10. FINANCE**

- 11.1 The Payments since the last full council meeting were approved.
- 11.2 The Bank Reconciliation to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 was approved.
- 11.3 The Unity Trust Bank mandate to open a second account was approved and signed by Cllrs. Bolan and Garrett and the Clerk.  
(This new account will be initially used for RSA29 Legal Challenge fundraising deposits)

**11. [Ridgeway Council](#)**

WBC proposes creating two new unitary councils for Oxfordshire and West Berkshire to address the government's plan to eliminate two-tier council areas and enlarge smaller unitary councils. If anyone would like to find out more, please see the link above.

**12. Clerk correspondence, for informational purposes only**

Nothing further to report.

**14. Councillors Reports**

14.1 No further reports from Ward Members

14.2 Reports from Parish Councillors

- Cllr. Bolan attended the West Berkshire Town and Parish climate forum on June 25th. Information was given about a Green Exchange with money available for projects. From September, the Zoom link will be open to anyone who requests it. If you would like to find out more contact Cllr. Bolan or the Clerk.
- Cllr. Garrett reported that Appeal Ref: APP/W0340/W/25/3359765 Land off Andover Drove, Wash Water, Newbury RG20 0LZ Two houses proposed were rejected by West Berkshire. This appeal was rejected by the inspector

**15. Date of future Parish Council meetings (all at 7.30pm)**

Tuesday 9th **September** in Enborne Church Barn

Tuesday 18th **November** in Falklands Cricket Club

## Appendix 1

### Payments approved

Jun-25

Date	Payments to approve	Name of Payee	Amount
08.06.2025	Giles Whitefield Org.uk Account, 20367	Vision ICT	£ 10.00
18.06.2025	Salt Treatment 2024-2025, 62883	WBC	£ 959.47
	<b>Payments made since last meeting paid</b>		
12.06.2025	Payroll, May, 2407	SME Accounting Services	£ 12.00
12.06.2025	Clerk Salary, May	Kim Lloyd	
12.06.2025	Employee/er Income Tax/Ni Contribution	HMRC	£ 56.26
12.06.2025	Clerk Pension, May	Berkshire Pension	£ 214.65
30.05.2025	Annual Parish Insurance	Zurich	£ 300.00
04.06.2025	GDPR/Data Protection Act 2018 ICO Registration (annual sub)	ICO	£ 47.00
23.06.2025	Payroll, June 2422	SME Accounting Services	£ 12.00
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23.06.2025	Employee/er Income Tax/Ni Contribution, June	HMRC	£ 56.26
23.06.2025	Clerk Pension, June	Berkshire Pension	£ 214.65
	<b>Direct Debits /Standing Orders paid</b>		
31.05.2025	Bank Charge	UTB	£ 6.00
30.06.2025	Bank Charge	UTB	£ 6.00
31.05.2025	Newbury Storage lock up	Newbury Storage	£ 64.00
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<b>Receipts</b>			
Various	RSA29 Legal Challenge Fundraising Payments	Various	£ 11,000.00

to 30th June 2025

**Local Council Name: Enborne Parish Council**

Period ending **30 June 2025**

Prepared by: KL

**Balances per bank statements as at**

Unity Trust Bank Current Account	23,450.12	
Newbury Building Society Saving Account	59,357.81	
<b>Total bank &amp; cash balance</b>		<b>82,807.93</b>

LESS: outstanding cheques (current account) at

Payee	Chq No.	Amount	
			<b>82,807.93</b>

**Balance per Cash Books at**

	incl VAT	
Cash Book Unity Trust Bank Current Account		23,450.12
Newbury Building Society Saving Account		59,357.81
	<b>Balance inc</b>	<b>82,807.93</b>

Check 0.00

**RSA29 Legal Challenge to June 30 2025**

Total of Donations 11,000

£ 71,807.93 **True Balance**

RESERVES	Balance	Spent 25-26	Budget Set
Neighbourhood Development Plan	£ 2,238.35		£ 2,238.35
Bi-Election	£ 1,500.00		£ 1,500.00
Footpaths in Washwater	£ 5,000.00		£ 5,000.00
Traffic Calming	£ 5,000.00		£ 5,000.00
Solar Farm Investment	£ 53,000.00		£ 53,000.00
Planning Legal Representation	£ 2,000.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 5,000.00
CIL Fund	3,434.13		3,434.13
Total Allocated Reserves	72,172.48		75,172.48
Balance minus Reserves allocated	-£ 364.55		