



Enborne Parish Council

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MINUTES of the Meeting of Enborne Parish Council

18 November 2025

The Falklands Cricket Club, (Community Room) Enborne Street, RG14 6TW

Present:

Cllr. Giles Whitefield (Chair)
Cllr. Peter Tompkins (Vice Chair)
Cllr. Val Bolan
Cllr. Chris Garrett

District Councillor: Cllr. Tony Vickers

Parsh Clerk: Mrs Kim Lloyd

Public: 2

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from District Councillors Dennis Bennysworth and Denise Gains. Parish Councillor Sam Dibas was absent.

2. Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items

All members declared an interest in Item 6 (Budget setting/precept) as parish residents.

Cllr. Bolan declared an interest in Item 9.3 regarding the St Michael & All Angels Lychgate CIL contribution.

Cllr. Tompkins declared an interest in planning application 25/02162/HOUSE – 1 Wash Common Farm Cottages.

3. Public Participation

No items were raised.

4. Planning Applications

4.1 Applications for Consideration

• 25/02410/HOUSE – South View, Enborne Row, Wash Water, Newbury RG20 0LX

Two-storey side and rear extension with internal alterations.

Outcome: No objection. Proposed by Cllr. Garrett, seconded by Cllr. Bolan, all in favour. Cllr. Tompkins abstained.

- **25/02162/HOUSE – 1 Wash Common Farm Cottages, Enborne Street, Newbury RG14 6RB**
New vehicle access.
Outcome: No objection. Proposed by Cllr. Garrett, seconded by Cllr. Bolan, all in favour. Cllr. Tompkins abstained.

4.2 Planning Decisions (For Information Only)

- **25/01444/FUL – Land West of Pumping Station, Enborne Row, Wash Water, Newbury**
Retrospective application for an alternative Dayroom for Pitch 2 (alternative to 22/01899/FUL).
Decision: Refused by West Berkshire Council.
District Cllr. Tony Vickers reported that enforcement action should now follow to address the irregular development.
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5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2025 were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Bolan, seconded by Cllr. Whitefield, all in favour.

6. Budget 2026–2027 and Precept Request

The draft budget for 2026–2027 was presented, as shown in Appendix 1. Key points:

- RSA29 Challenge donations total £49,313, with £49,993 spent on legal advice to date. A further £9,000 in pledged legal fees remains outstanding.
- Actual expenditure against the 2025–2026 running budget is projected at £15,489.
- Projected year-end balance: £8,136 in the Unity Trust account.
- The Newbury Building Society account holds approximately £61,357 pending interest.
- A VAT refund of £10,608 is expected.
- Combined funds across both accounts total £80,101.
- Current reserves stand at £68,071; general reserves remain low. Auditors recommend retaining at least three months of precept as unallocated reserves.
- Proposed budget for 2026–2027: £16,381.
- Last year's precept: £15,993 (£41.83 per Band D household).

After discussion, Council agreed to request a **precept of £17,000** for 2026–2027. Based on the current year's tax base, this equates to **£44.46 per Band D household**, an annual increase of £2.63.

(Note: The updated tax base is normally received from WBC in late December.)

To satisfy audit requirements, the Earmarked Reserve for Legal Advice was reduced by **£4,095**, leaving **£10,143.35** in the Legal Advice EMR and increasing the general reserve accordingly.

The projected year-end bank balance is **£3,710**, following the transfer from the legal EMR. (See Appendix 2 for full accounts.)

Council also agreed to rename the **Solar Farm Reserve** to **Bequest**, reflecting the original source of the funds. No decision was made on fully allocating these funds to solar farm purposes at this stage.

	2025 Ear Marked Reserves	
Election		£ 1,500.00
Bequest		£ 53,000.00
Legal Fees		£ 10,143.35
CIL		£ 3,427.38
TOTAL		£ 68,070.73

The budget, precept request, and amendments to earmarked reserves were proposed by Cllr. Bolan and seconded by Cllr. Tompkins. Cllr. Garrett supported the proposal. Cllr. Whitefield objected to dissolving part of the legal fund and, following the Clerk's advice, suggested considering a higher precept of £21,000 for 2026–2027.

7. Parishioners' Survey

Report by Cllr. Whitefield:

36 responses have been received to date. Early findings indicate key concerns around road condition, infrastructure, and internet connectivity. A full report will be presented at the next meeting.

8. RSA29 Local Plan – Legal Challenge

No further updates were reported.

9. Finance

9.1 Payments

Payments made since the last Council meeting (Appendix 1) were approved. Proposed Cllr. Garrett seconded by Cllr. Whitefield and agreed by all.

9.2 Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation to 31 October 2025 was approved. Proposed by Cllr. Bolan, seconded by Cllr. Whitefield, all agreed.

9.3 CIL Fund

- **St Michael & All Angels Lychgate**

A structural engineer's report confirms the lychgate requires urgent repair. The Parish Council agreed to reserve CIL funds for this purpose, subject to WBC approval. An application for match funding will be submitted to Greenham Trust by the church warden.

10. Clerk's Correspondence

Nothing further to report.

11. Councillors' Reports

11.1 Reports from Ward Members

- The District Council has formally submitted its preferred option for the Ridgeway Council to Government.
- Communities are encouraged to apply for new 20mph zones.
- No further update regarding the static caravan in the layby on Enborne Road; Cllr. Vickers will follow up with Highways.
- No update on Paddock Cottage activities; Cllr. Vickers confirmed he is pressing for information.

11.2 Reports from Parish Councillors

No additional items were reported.

12. Date of Next Meeting, to be confirmed.

APPENDIX 1 – Payments since last meeting and Receipts

Amount	Payee	Invoice no	Date	VAT
£ 28,899.60	Irwin Mitchell	3854745	15.09.2025	£ 4,816.60
£ 2,340.00	Irwin Mitchell	5523257-1	08.10.2025	£ 390.00
£ 312.00	Kim Lloyd	2025	12.11.2025	£ -
£ 259.50	Vision ICT, Website	20962	01.10.2025	£ 43.25
£ 84.99	Kim Lloyd, 365 Subscription	6389410590450390000.00	22.09.2025	£ 14.16
	Kim Lloyd, October Salary	October	25.10.2025	£ -
£ 287.04	Berkshire Pension, October	October	25.10.2025	£ -
£ 136.73	HMRC for Payroll	October	25.10.2025	£ -
£ 12.00	SME Accounting, Payroll for October	2508	25.10.2025	£ 2.00
£ 30.00	Val Bolan for Poppy Wreath	Rememberance 2025	09.11.2025	£ -
£ 6.00	UTB Bank Charge	October	31.10.2025	£ -
£ 64.00	Newbury Self Storage	October	31.10.2025	£ 12.80
	Kim Lloyd, Salary	September	30.09.2025	
£ 214.65	Berkshire Pension	September	25.09.2025	
£ 56.26	HMRC for Payroll	September	22.10.2025	
£ 12.00	SME Accounting, Payroll	September	22.10.2025	£ 2.00
£ 64.00	Newbury Self Storage	September	29.09.2025	£ 12.80
£ 6.00	UTB Bank Charge	September	30.09.2025	
£ 71.95	AMAZON, Printer Ink	GB584AVXV1AEUI	19.10.2025	£ 11.99
Donations to pay				
£ 250.00	WBC Library	From Budget 2025-26		
£ 250.00	Washcommon Library	From Budget 2025-26		
£ 200.00	Citizens Advice Bureau	From Budget 2025-26		
£ 225.00	WB Food Bank	From Budget 2025-26		
£ 225.00	Fairclose Centre	From Budget 2025-26		
£ 1,150.00				
£ 750.00	Churchyard maintenance contribution			
£ 250.00	The Barn room hire for meetings			
INCOME				
£ 7,996.50	Precept 2nd payment	Precept	30.09.2025	
£ 6,718.37	RSA Donations,	Stripe Payment, Crowdfundin	17.09.2025	

Appendix 2

Budget planning for 2026-2027

Annual Budget Enborne Parish Council 2026-2027							
		Last Year		Current Year		PROPOSED	
						Next Year	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Projected Yrend	Budget	Comments
Income							
Precept		10000	10000	15933	15933		
CIL			3664.06				
NBS Interest					2300	2300	projected
VAT				1,387	10,483		24-25 yr & 01.04.25-31.10.25
RSA29 Donations					49,313		
Total		10,000	13,664	17,320	78,029	2,300	
Expenditure							
Salaries							
Payroll		120	120	120	120	120	
Clerk working from home expenses		312	312	312	312	312	
Cllr Expenses		0	0	0	0	0	
Postage, Stationery, 365, Virus		65	37	65	131	250	
Bank Charges		72	72	72	72	72	
Subscriptions and Training		500	371	300	221	300	
Insurance		650	620	650	300	350	
Hall Hire for meetings		250	250	250	250	250	
Website hosting		250	270	300	276	300	
Newbury Storage		850	585	610	614	650	2 payments carried over to thi
Audit		350	0	100	210	300	
GDPR		35	35	35	47	47	
Churchyard Maintenance		750	750	750	750	750	
Donations		1,150	1,150	1,150	1,180	1,180	30 poppy wreath
Salt Road Treatment		615	515	600	800	900	
Village Maintenance		0	0	0	0	0	
Legal Advic RSA29					40,993	0	
NDP					0	0	
Laptop					0	0	
Polly, Bee monitoring					0	0	
Total		15,894	15,757	15,993	56,482	16,381	
	Take away legal costs				40,993		
	Actual budget spent				15,489		
	Total difference of income and expenditure				21,548		
	Projected year end balance in UTB current				8,136		
	NBS year end				61,357	with interest	
	VAT Refund				10,608		
	Total funds in both accounts				80,101		
	Total Reserves				68,071		
	Projected year end with reserves spent				12,030		
	Legal donation balance taken away				8,320	49,313	donated
	In a minus balance end of year				3,710	40,993	spent already
						8,320	of donations available at 31.10.25