Streatley Parish Council
Minutes Of Meeting

Location: **Morrell Room, Streatley**
Date: **12th January 2026**
Start Time: **7.50pm**

Councillors Present: Mr C Smith, Mr A Lockwood, Mr N Barnes, Mr M Davis, Mrs E Jhita, Mrs J Carrington

In Attendance: Mrs A Crowson Parish Clerk

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26/001	**Preliminaries**	
i.	**Quorum:** 6 Councillors were present, forming a quorum to enable the meeting.	
ii.	**Declarations of Interest** All attending Councillors declared that they held no Personal, Disclosable, Pecuniary or other interests regarding items on the agenda, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.	
26/002	**Apologies for Absence**	
	Mr J Spring, District Councillor Laura Coyle	
26/003	**Open Forum**	
	No members of the public were present	
26/004	**Minutes of Previous Meeting**	
	Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2025, having earlier been circulated, be agreed as the correct record and were signed by Councillor Smith.	
26/005	**Update on Matters from Previous Minutes**	
a.	**24/040 e Enclosed play area**	
	a. Play Equipment Upgrade	
	i. Order placed with Infinity as agreed at last meeting, works scheduled to start Wednesday 21st January 2026. Councillors Walk through on Saturday 17th January at 12pm.	**MD**
	ii. Ideas proposed for the allocation of £2000 of CIL funding, received five years ago, include installation of a new footpath, a storage container and replacement rubbish bins. Selection is now required.	**ALL**
	iii. Update on repairs to the broken see-saw spindle in the rec. ground. Councillors Smith and Lockwood to take apart to investigate inner workings. Joint investigation on 17th January.	**CS/AL**
	b. Bark Topping Infinity installing from 21st of January.	**EJ/MD**
	c. Basketball Court Surface	**EJ**

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	i. Councillor Jhita is corresponding with Slatter reference repairs and surface cleaning, Slatter coming to look and quote.	
b.	**24/054 Weight & Speed limit on Streatley Hill**	
i.	Weight Limit on B4009; Cllr Coyle has raised this with the lead member for Highways as agreed, with view to getting it in the budget for next year, and continues chasing for an update. As agreed, we will also discuss this at our meeting with highways officers on 23 Jan.	**LC CS/AL**
ii.	40 mph speed limit, Streatley Hill; Cllr Coyle also advised that she is continuing to chase up with officers when the formal consultation on this will commence.	**LC/AL**
iii.	A site meeting with a WB Highways officer has been arranged for 23rd January '26 in Reading Road to discuss issues around speeding traffic, potential calming measures including the location of a SID forming part of the Members Bid grant.	**AL/CS/LC**
c.	**25/002 Parish Plan 2025-2026 Working Group update**	
i.	The working group is expanding, with local volunteers including a previous member of the council who worked on the previous Parish plan content and drafting. The working group is currently meeting fortnightly.	
ii.	Plan formulation schedule is as follows: Feb '26: Parish Forum – Launch event Feb '26: (Late) Draft Survey Questions following launch event Mar 26': Implement Survey, Collect and collate results April 26: 1st draft Parish Plan refresh issue for comment May '26: Final draft issued to WBC for approval. May '26 Declaration of completion and presentation at the Parish Assembly	**PPG** **PPG**
d.	**25/006 SSE Monthly Estimated Supply Amount**	
i.	Recent invoices provided to Councillor Davis to facilitate discussions with SSE to commence to try and determine a more accurate tariff estimate.	**MD**
ii	Access is to be sought for the SPC streetlight SSE online account such that usage may be tracked more accurately.	**Clerk**
e.	**Overflowing bins in Rec ground** *(actions carried forward from Dec Meeting)* Following review of bin options between meetings, it was resolved to now request Tactical to quote for installation of triple bins (rubbish, recycling and dog waste) in place of the double bins, currently at the Rec. car park. The existing double bins are to be re-sited at the SE corner of the rec ground, in a location where accessible for emptying. Tactical are to be asked to specify a most appropriate triple bin model. Clerk to ask Tactical on if frequency needs to be increased.	**Clerk**
f.	**Streetlight Failures** Wantage Rd P2: Now confirmed as working. Possible intermittent problem? Wallingford Road P3: Temporary lamp in place. Expedite, with Enerveo, dates for full pole replacement.	

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	Reading Road : New P5 lamp and pole installation to be expedited. Clerk to chase Enerveo for install starting dates.	**Clerk**
g.	**Speed Indication Device (SID) signs Members Bid grants** Requested forms have been completed and submitted to WBC Highways. Awaiting their response	**LC/AL**
i.	**Recreation ground footpath** *(actions carried forward from Dec Meeting)* SPC agreed to obtain estimates for upgrade of the gravel path around the Recreation Ground, as suggested by parishioners at the October meeting. Councillor Spring contacting Butler and Proctor.	**JS**
26/006	**Report of the West Berkshire District Councillor**	
	See Annex 1	
26/007	**Planning:**	
a.	**Decisions made in between meetings (papers previously circulated)** None	
b.	**Applications for planning permission**	
i.	**25/02707/AGRIC** High Holies Woodland, Streatley, Reading, Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed Forestry Building - Timber Frame Construction. Dimensions: length 16m, height to eaves 2.6m, breadth 5.4m, height to ridge 1.8m. Received Mon 24 Nov 2025 Consultation Mon 19 Jan 2026 Council to review post meeting	
ii.	**25/02830/HOUSE** High View, Wantage Road, Streatley, Reading RG8 9LD. Demolition of existing rear extensions, replacement with a new single storey extension and adjacent car port with solar panels. Works to rear garden including gate entrance and pergola. Received Mon 08 Dec 2025 Consultation Fri 09 Jan 2026 Council to review post meeting	
iii.	**25/02918/HOUSE** New Dawn, The Coombe, Streatley, Reading RG8 9QL. Proposed single storey front and side extensions, other minor alterations, photovoltaic panels and air source heat pump to single family dwelling house. Received Thu 18 Dec 2025 Consultation Mon 02 Feb 2026 Council to review post meeting	
c.	**Planning matters received since the agenda was circulated (papers circulated prior to the meeting)**	
	None	
d.	**Decisions by WBC**	
i.	**25/01857/COND** West Streatley House, High Street, Streatley, Reading, RG8 9HY. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Materials/Statement/Schedule) of approved 25/01112/LBC. Received Thu 14 Aug 2025 Consultation Wed 10 Sep 2025 Council do not object	**Closed**

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	Withdrawn 10/12/25	
ii.	**25/02349/CERTP** Rugby, The Coombe, Streatley, RG8 9QT. Enlargement of existing rear bedroom window, using matching white PVC double-glazed materials. Received Mon 13 Oct 2025 Consultation Tue 18 Nov 2025 Council do not object Approved 19/12/25	**Closed**
e.	**Applications debated at previous meetings still pending WBC consideration**	
i.	**25/01452/HOUSE** Townsend Farm Bungalow, Wallingford Road, Streatley, Reading, RG8 9JX. Alterations and extensions. Received Thu 25 June 2025 Consultation Wed 10 Sept 2025 Council raised an objection due to the proposed dwelling location within the Conservation Area and SPC considers that its design is not in keeping with the character of the local area.	
ii.	**25/02375/FUL** Churn Lodge, Wantage Road, Streatley, RG8 9LA. Proposed new dwelling including new landscaping and parking. Received Tue 14 Oct 2025 Consultation Wed 12 Nov 2025 Streatley Parish Council offer a conditional 'no objection' based on consideration of the following: 1. Existing vegetation masks the views of the proposed dwelling from the Wantage Road. Such vegetation must be maintained to retain this situation as part of the consideration. In addition the view of the new building from the Wantage Road across the driveway must be masked with new planting. 2. The addition of the new property will intensify the density of buildings along Wantage Road, converting the country village ambiance to one of a suburban nature which is against the Parish Plan 3. Materials of construction conflict with the Parish Plan orientation towards maintaining the historic nature of the village From neighbours, some existing trees are reported to have not been shown on the block plans for removal and some trees had been removed before submission of the application. This requires confirmation as part of the WBC assessment.	
iii.	**25/02582/HOUSE** Carramar, Wantage Road, Streatley, Reading RG8 9LB Alterations, front and side extensions to existing dwelling house Received Mon 10 Nov 2025 Consultation Mon 15 Dec 2025 Streatley Parish Council offers no objection to proposal 25/02582/HOUSE but highlights the concern raised in the 'Representation Objection' document described as "Details Supplied" regarding the Eastern extension.	
f.	**Other planning (and licensing) matters**	
i.	Councillor Coyle has connected Councillor Carrington and Mrs Janet Tappin (Chilterns AONB) to look into grant for signage at the Bull Inn for footpath previously installed and possible project for accessible path in rec ground.	
26/008	**Finance Matters**	
a.	**Payments made between meetings.**	
i.	£4.25 Lloyds monthly service charge.	

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ii. iii. iv. v.	£224.55 (213.86 + VAT) SSE supply Invoice IV03879859 £244.15 (232.52 + VAT) SSE supply Invoice IV03884399 £281.45 (£268.05 + VAT) SSE supply Invoice IV03892097 £296.77 (282.64 + VAT) SSE supply Invoice IV03894815 (Invoices IV03879859 and IV03884399 taken out as one DD) All payments made are approved	
b.	**Payment of Invoices received by Council.**	
i. ii. iii. iv. v. vi.	£65.16 (£54.30 + VAT) Tactical Facilities Management Ltd, Bin emptying for August 2025 Invoice SI-4905. £784.21 (£653.51 + VAT) Enerveo, street lighting maintenance Oct-Dec 2025 Inv 900058783 £3294.00 (£2745.00 + VAT) Star Fireworks, Wax procession torches Inv 5719 £774.00 (£645.00 + VAT) Arrow fencing Inv 12/25/STR £291.84 (£243.20 + VAT) St Johns Ambulance Torchlight procession Inv SP25008936 £548.00 Stephen Napper Turf removal and relaying Torchlight procession Inv 301225 All payments are now to be prepared for payment	**Clerk**
c.	**Councillor Expenses Reimbursement**	
i.	£38.95 (32.46 + VAT) No horse riding signs, The Safety Sheep Store, Mrs Crowson	
d.	**Receipts** £6244.30 Torchlight Donations	
e.	**Other Finance Matters**	
i.	Following review Council approved the following documents; • Bank reconciliation 31st December 2025 • Bank statements 31st December 2025 • Payments in excess of £500 per year • Payments over £500 • The subscriptions for 26/27 • CIL account for 25-26 • 2025-2026 Actual vs Budget • 2025-2026 Reserves • Risk register • Asset register (previously made available and as presented in this meeting)	**Clerk**
ii.	Councillors acknowledged the clerk's monthly salary payment for the next month will be transacted on 1st February 2026.	
iii.	VAT Q3 reclaim £325.41, Clerk to complete application	**Clerk**
iv.	HMRC fines all successfully appealed, Clerk to look into interest previously paid.	**Clerk**
26/009	**Reports**	
a.	**Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust**	
i. ii.	Sewage blockage currently being cleared by Thames Water. Wooden gate padlock ceased.	**NB**

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b. i.	**Website/IT** Council approved StreatleyBerks.gov domain	**NB**
c. i.	**Allotment Society** Caravan still in situ. Complaint received from local resident. Cllrs to investigate on site Saturday 17th Jan	**EJ**
d. i.	**Recreation Ground** See Annex 2 for latest report.	**EJ**
e. i.	**Neighbourhood Action Group** Next meeting on 21st January.	**JS**
f. i.	**St Mary's Church** Routine maintenance is being carried out on the Tower roof to prevent water ingress and one of the floodlights has been replaced.	**JS**
g. i.	**Traffic and Highways** Rectory Road entrance will be closed for a short while on the 20th Jan for telegraph pole work	**AL**
26/010	**Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere)**	
	Consultation for Admissions Arrangements for The Downs School	
26/011	**Items Raised by Councillors**	
i.	Garden waste not collected as rescheduled	
26/012	**Open Forum**	
	No members of the public were present.	
26/013	**Meetings**	
	The next meetings will take place on Monday 9th February 2026 & Monday 9th March in the Morrell Room at 7:50pm. Future meetings: 2nd Monday of each month except August when there is no meeting. The meeting closed at 21:52hrs	

Annex 1
Report of the West Berkshire Councillor January 2026

Highways issues

Speed Indicator Devices/Members' bidawqqa
Adrian and Rob Walker (from the Speed Awareness Group) have kindly helped with completion of the request forms for these

Reading Road issues
Footway - This has been reported to the relevant department and has been partly addressed but the part in the 50mph zone is outstanding and will be done soon.

Speeding issues - As previously reported, I have set up a meeting with Gareth Downing, a senior Highways engineer, myself, Adrian and Colin on 23 Jan 2026 to discuss the following:

- Possible speed
- The location of a SID

Streatley Hill speed limit
I am continuing to chase up with officers when the formal consultation on this will commence.

Streatley Hill Weight Limit
I have raised this with the lead member for Highways as agreed, with view to getting it in the budget for next year. I am chasing for an update. As agreed, we will also discuss this at our meeting with highways officers on 23 Jan 2026.

Countryside/footpath issues

Bull footpath signage
I have very belatedly put Jane in touch with Janet at the Chilterns AONB (so sorry for the delay Jane!) and am waiting for a response from Janet, I am hoping we can all meet soon to progress.

Lardon Chase signage
I am continuing to try and improve signage to Lardon Chase and help prevent walkers ending up walking up Streatley Hill. I am chasing the NT for a response on this.

Utilities

Virgin Fibre Cabinets
I am continuing to chase for these to be wrapped in green now that they have been moved, as promised.

Schools issues

Streatley Primary have raised with me (and the PC) concerns regarding proposed changes to the admissions policy for the Downs now it has become an academy. I am considering how to assist in raising these concerns in the most impactful way. *The deadline is 26 January 2026 so I will report about this by email before the next PC meeting*

Annex 2
Recreation Ground Status Report\AA

1. Overall Site	✓ / o / x	Comments
1.1 - Is the site visually in good condition?	o	- Site is clean and tidy overall (minimal litter)
1.2 - Signs and notices all present/legible?	✓	- Signage, where used, is present and legible
1.3 - Access surfaces in good condition?	✓	- Paths are tidy, level and accessible
1.4 - Fencing and gates secure?	✓	- New, 5-bar gate installed at vehicle access point - New gatepost installed for gate to children's fenced play area.
1.5 - Seating in good condition?	✓	- Benches in good condition (four made-good with replacement timber). Loose plank repaired.
1.6 - Bins in good condition and tidy?	✓	- Repairs made to waste bins (wood cladding replaced)
2. Equipment - cabin storage / general(?)	✓	- Cabin safely removed
3. Area - Carpark		
3.1 - Are the entrance barriers safe and secure?	✓	- In good condition and clearly visible
3.2 - Is entry/exit visually clear and safe?	✓	- Visibility improved due to summer plant growth dying back.
3.3 - Is bin area clear of rubbish?	✓	- Area clear and tidy
3.4 - Is surface free of weeds and safe?	✓	- Minimal weeds and plant growth
3.5 - Is wooden fencing sturdy and safe?	✓	- All existing fencing is stable and secure
4. Area - Children's Play Area		
4.1 - Is fencing sturdy and safe?	✓	- Repairs recently undertaken
4.2 - Is gated access safe and secure?	✓	- Gates are safe - open and close effectively
4.3 - Is play equipment in good order?	o	- Wooden areas of slide structure degrading - Rope swing requires cleaning
4.4 - Is the surface tidy and weed-free?	o	- Woodchip requires top-up - Weed growth needs re-addressing
4.5 - Signs and notices all present/legible?	✓	- Legible and in good condition
5. Area - Outdoor Gym		
5.1 - Is gym equipment in good order?	x	- Gym seesaw requires repair - hazard taped off.
5.2 - Are weed barriers/surfacing tidy?	✓	- Surfacing is tidy and in good repair
5.3 - Are instructions clear and legible?	✓	- Clear and legible on all equipment

6. Area - Children's Log & Rope Course		
6.1 - Is play equipment in good order?	✓	- In good, solid order
6.2 - Are weed barriers/surfacing tidy?	o	- Damage from strimming to be monitored
7. Area - Swings		
7.1 - Seats in good repair	✓	- In good condition - no cracks or degradation
7.2 - Shackles and chains in good repair	✓	- In good condition
7.3 - Main frame secure	o	- Secure with no visible defects, however, rubber matting is starting to degrade. To be monitored.
8. Area - basketball court		
8.1 - Is structure and fencing sturdy and safe?	✓	- Loose panel at back of court secured
8.2 - Is basketball equipment in good order?	✓	- Backboard cleaned, new net
8.3 - Is the surface tidy and weed-free?	x	- Weed growth and grass encroaching on edges - Damage to NE corner of play surface
8.4 - Signs and notices all present/legible?	✓	- No signage required

Two-weekly check - date: **24/01/2026**		
Two-weekly check - date: **07/02/2026**		