Streatley Parish Council
Minutes Of Meeting

Location: **Morrell Room, Streatley**
Date: **13th April 2026**
Start Time: **7.50pm**

Councillors Present: Mr C Smith (Chair), Mr A Lockwood, Mr J Spring,

In Attendance: Mrs A Crowson Parish Clerk, District Councillor Laura Coyle

Nr	Subject	Actionee
26/040	**Preliminaries**	
i.	**SPC pass condolences to the families of former Parish Clerks Ian King and Hazel Preston Barnes, both of whom served the Parish Council with due diligence during their period in office. Both sadly missed.**	
ii.	**Quorum:** 3 Councillors were present, forming a quorum to enable the meeting.	
iii.	**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.	
26/041	**Apologies for Absence**	
	Mr N Barnes, Mrs E Jhita, Mr M Davis, Mrs J Carrington	
26/042	**Open Forum**	
	No members of the public present	
26/043	**Minutes of Previous Meeting**	
	Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2026, having earlier been circulated, be agreed as the correct record and were signed by Councillor Smith.	
26/044	**Update on Matters from Previous Minutes**	
a.	**24/040 Enclosed play area** **a) Enclosed Play Area - Bark Topping** Infinity installation to date is partially complete. Expediting ongoing to achieve completion. **b) Basketball Court Surface - Repair** Pitch repair checked as complete and satisfactory. **c) MUGA Cleaning** - Thompson Garden services are meeting K.Morton 14/4/26 to agree water supply connection within the allotments to perform Court cleaning. SPC do not consider a water supply necessary for the rec grounds based on the frequency of anticipated use, but are appreciative of connection within the allotments when needed.	**MD** **Closed** **CS**

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	d) See-Saw – Spindle Bearing Repair Repair not able to be implemented. Options are: £5,000+ Full replacement £3,000 Accept Infinity quote for fitting new roster box design <£2,000 Purchase replacement roster box and pay local welder to fit +/- £500 Remove broken seesaw and dispose It was agreed to allocate £2,000 to fit a new roster box using the services of a local welder.	**CS**
	e) Broken fence posts 2Nr fenceposts between playpark gates in the Rec ground require replacing. Replacements are available. Councillors Smith and Lockwood to repair Saturday.	**CS/AL**
	11Nr further posts, adjacent the 'talking flowers' and the gate are also in need of replacing soon. Quote to be sought from Stephen Napper.	**Clerk**
	f) RoSPA Inspection Expedite date of the 2026 RoSPA Inspection of the Play equipment.	**Clerk**
b.	**24/054a 40mph Speed Limit on Streatley Hill**	
i.	The statutory public consultation on extending the speed limit is expected now in April 26. The proposal that will go out to consultation will be to beyond the Stitchen's Road turnoff and will include a new village gateway sign as drivers approach the new 40mph zone. The Public consultation is expected to last 3 weeks and thereafter implementation of the new limit will follow as soon as can be scheduled.	**AL/LC**
c.	**24/054b Weight Limit on Streatley Hill**	
i.	A proposed weight limit on Streatley Hill will be expedited with WBC as 18T+ trucks entering the village have no legal exit and no space to U-turn. Awaiting further movement from WBC.	**AL/LC/JC**
	West Berkshire Trading standards are working with SPC to pilot a Community Village HGV Watch scheme. 2Nr vehicle details noted from the pilot study have been sent to WBC trading standards. Awaiting feedback from WBC as to further action.	**LC**
	Councillor Carrington to organise group for weight limit watch group. Feasibility study to be performed in 2026-2027	**JC**
d.	**25/002 Parish Plan 2025-2026 Working Group update**	
i.	17-02-26: Parish Forum workshop convened - attended by over 30 members of various local community groups. March-26: Preliminary summary report written. April-26: Formulate list of questions for questionnaire to be issued for comments by end of May	**PPG**
e.	**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.	**Closed**

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	Councillor Smith in talks with SSE, with technical data from Enerveo, awaiting SSE to propose revised estimated power usage.	**CS**
f.	**Overflowing bins in Rec ground**	
i.	Tactical are delayed in the 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. Work is now planned within April 26.	**CS**
ii.	Tactical have started an increased frequency of bin emptying and SPC will review emptying frequency on an ongoing basis.	**Closed**
g.	**Streetlight Failures**	
i.	Wallingford Road P3: Temporary lamp in place. Pole replacement required. Reading Road P5: New lamp and pole installation authorised. Streatley Hill P3: (Elm Lodge bracket) replacement required, ornate lantern to be discussed High Street P2: Permission granted from Snowdrop Cottage owner to allow replacement work to be performed.	
ii	Expedite Enerveo for installation dates.	**CS**
h.	**Speed Indication Device (SID) signs Members Bid grants**	
i.	WBC have confirmed that a new SID to replace the VAS for Wallingford Road (Northbound) will be funded by Highways budget.	
ii.	WBC advise the intention is that there will be a pilot first with this new sign before others are progressed. LC trying to clarify exactly what the timescale and measure is for the pilot	**LC/AL**
iii.	The VAS to be put into storage.	
iv.	At the end of the test period: • The VAS will be reinstalled in original place. • WBC will install the Solar-powered SID in Wantage Rd (southbound). • SPC will purchase a powered SID and install on Wallingford Rd (southbound) • SPC will purchase a Solar powered SID and install in Reading Rd (northbound)	
v.	£4,393 grant from WBC is allocated with approximately £6400 contributed from SPC funding. Councillor Lockwood to represent calculations for 1 vs 2 SIDs	
i.	**Recreation Ground Cinder Track Upgrade**	
	Quotes, received from Butler and Proctor and WA Hine and Son., are in the region of £37-50k. for a tarmac surface and edgings. – Outside of SPC funding.	
	Mend the Gap advise that the project does not meet their criteria for funding.	**Closed**
	Clerk endeavouring to contact the members of the public who raised the proposal in the Oct 25 meeting to discuss and advise.	**Clerk**

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j.	**Litter Picking**	
i	Litter picking kits booked on 18th April '26.	**Clerk**
ii	Cllr Coyle to advertise within school PTA	**LC**
iii	Clerk to ask MD and EJ to fulfil the registration role on the day	**Clerk**
k.	**Parish Assembly**	
i.	Morrell Room booked for 4th June 6:00pm set up with doors open 6:30pm	
ii.	Invites produced to be sent, Clerk to send to previous recipients and new PPG contacts in April	**Clerk**
l.	**Village Design Statement** The need for updating the VDS will be decided after the Parish plan has been substantially completed.	**PPG**
m.	**Hedge trimming on Island of the bridge** The hedge, adjacent the footpath, on the island between bridges, has been trimmed by The Swan.	**Closed**
n.	**Assets of Community Value** The bull has been considered as an asset of community value, however, is registered as a hotel and therefore not eligible.	**Closed**
26/045	**Report of the West Berkshire District Councillor**	
	See Annex 1	
26/046	**Planning**	
a.	**Decisions made in between meetings (papers previously circulated)** None	
b.	**Applications for planning permission**	
i.	**26/00489/FUL** Kiddington House, Aldworth Road, Streatley, RG8 9RE. Partial resurfacing of an access track between the B4009 and Kiddington House. Received Mon 02 Mar 2026 Consultation Thu 23 Apr 2026 SPC did not object	
ii.	**26/00664/AGRIC** High Holies Woodland, Streatley, Reading. Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed New Forestry Building - Timber Frame Construction. Received Mon 22 Mar 2026 Consultation Tue 28 Apr 2026 If application is to be processed, generally no objection to be offered but will require details on location and access. Streatley Parish Council offers no objection but will highlight the archaeological status of Grims Ditch and the proximity of the selected site adjacent. SPC question whether access will affect the ditch?	CS
iii.	**26/00780/TPW** Streatley C.E. Voluntary controlled school, The Coombe, Streatley, Reading. Various tree works. Received Mon 13 April 2026 Consultation Thurs 4 June 2026	No Action

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c.	**Planning matters received since the agenda was circulated (papers circulated prior to the meeting)**	
	None	
d.	**Decisions by WBC**	
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 **Refused 16/3/2026**	**Closed**
ii.	**26/00133/COND** Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 'BNG' of approved 25/02071/FUL: Formation of a new access onto a classified road. Land at Golden Hill Reading Road Streatley Reading Received: Wed 21 Jan 2026 Consultation:17 February 2026 **Refused 16/3/2026** *For information only, no comment required*	**Closed**
iii.	**26/00200/NONMAT** Cleeve Court Cottage Streatley Reading RG8 9PR. Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 21/02291/HOUSE: Two storey side extension. Amendment: Construction of gable end to North Elevation rather than approved hip end. **Approved 16/3/2026**	**Closed**
iv.	**26/00636/NONMAT** Carramar, Wantage Road, Streatley, RG8 9LB. Alterations, front and side extensions to existing dwelling house. Amendment: Removal of proposed kitchen side extension on west elevation. **Approved 16/3/2026**	**Closed**
v.	**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 Tues 17 Feb 2026 SPC did not object but suggested a glare and noise study be conducted to ensure solar panel reflection and heat pump noise does not cause any issues. **Approved 7/4/2026**	**Closed**
e.	**Applications debated at previous meetings still pending WBC consideration**	
i.	**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 **Called in - Decision awaited** 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	

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	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.	
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: 28 January 2026 SPC did not object	
	26/00538/HOUSE Lardon Lodge, Wallingford Road, Streatley, Reading RG8 9JX. Single storey rear and front extension, single storey rear covered bbq area and store. Received Fri 06 Mar 2026 Consultation Thu 02 Apr 2026 SPC did not object	
f.	**Other planning (and licensing) matters**	
i.	None	
26/047	**Finance Matters**	
a.	**Payments made between meetings, ratified by the Council:**	
i.	£23.95 Lloyds bank charge (Includes cash paying in fees for Torchlight '25)	
ii.	£262.94 (£250.42 + VAT) SSE Energy supply Jan 2026	
iii.	£56.45 Karen Moreton Expenses Streatley Forum meeting 17th Feb 2026	
	£54.99 (£45.83 + VAT) Flowers for N Barnes bereavement	
b.	**Payment of Invoices received by Council.**	
i.	£293.99 (£244.99 + VAT) Enerveo Quarterly Maintenance 2026 Inv	
ii.	900061215	
iii.	£65.16 (£54.30 + VAT) Tactical Facilities ltd, Inv SI-5386, Bin emptying Feb.	
	£2296.32 (£1913.60 + VAT) Tactical Facilities ltd, Inv SI-5481,Supply and installation of triple waste bin. *Invoice received, to be paid in May after works completed*	
iv.	£263.30 (£250.76 + VAT) SSE Energy supply March 2026	**Clerk**
c.	**Councillor Expenses Reimbursement** None	
d.	**Receipts** None	
e.	**Other Finance Matters**	
i.	Councillors acknowledge the clerk's monthly salary payment for the next month will be transacted on 1st May 2026.	
ii	Submission is now to be made to reclaim VAT paid during 2025-26 Q4	Clerk
iii.	A donation, to be made at Ian Kings funeral, was approved	JS
iv.	Clear Council Insurance renewal to be sought	Clerk
v.	Council approved the following financial reports for the period to 31 March 2026:	

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	• The 31st March 2026 bank reconciliation statement (previously made available) • Actual Expected vs Budget Comparison • Reserves Summary • Payments over £500 • PWLB statement 2025-2026 • Receipts and payments • Excess of 5 payments per year	
vi.	All financial and other files are to be submitted to Internal Auditor Claire Lingard before 17 April 26.	Clerk
vii.	Confirmation of dates of the period for the exercise of public rights is agreed as 29/6/26-7/8/26 and notices will now be published	Clerk
viii.	All financial files are now to be placed on the SPC website	NB
ix.	The 2025-26 AGAR was approved by Council	
x.	All accounting statements were approved by Council as presented	
26/035	**Reports**	
a.	**Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust** Nothing to Report	
b.	**Website/IT**	
i.	Local Gov Practice Guide Assertion 10 - Digital and Data Compliance was reviewed during the meeting and the action list accepted for completion.	**Clerk/NB**
ii.	Install up to date anti virus on Clerks' laptop. Price to be agreed from web search.	**Clerk**
iii.	GDPR training certificates to be completed	**MD/EJ**
iv.	IT Policy was accepted by SPC since publication in February 2026	
c.	**Allotment Society** Nothing to Report	**EJ**
d.	**Recreation Ground**	
i.	See Annex 2 for latest report.	**EJ**
ii.	Quote for line of 7 fence posts on the road side of the fenced off area of the Rec	**Clerk**
e.	**Neighbourhood Action Group**	
i.	Next meeting 23/4/26	**JS**
f.	**St Mary's Church**	
i.	The Green Gym team have concluded their winter work in the churchyard.	**JS**
ii.	There is a temporary door to the tower whilst the original door is being repaired and renovated.	
g.	**Traffic and Highways** Nothing to Report	**AL**
26/036	**Correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere)**	

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a.	Streatley Recreation Ground Pavillion – A local Architect offered services to provide a design however, SPC consider there is insufficient interest for use of such a facility. The Architect will be thanked for the interest.	**Clerk**
b.	SPC will investigate an issue concerning cottage frontage re-arrangement potentially against planning permission in The Coombe.	**CS**
26/037	**Items Raised by Councillors**	
	No issues raised	
26/038	**Open Forum**	
	No members of the public present	
26/039	**Meetings**	
a.	The next meeting will take place on Monday 11th May 2026 in the Morrell Room at 7:50pm. Future meetings: 2nd Monday of each month except August when no meeting is convened. The meeting closed at 22:05hrs	

Annex 1
Report of the West Berkshire Councillor April 2026

Local News

Highways issues

Speed Indicator Devices/Members' bid
I had a meeting to discuss this with Colin and Adrian and it is being discussed elsewhere on the agenda!

Streatley Hill speed limit
I am chasing this up as I was told in March that the consultation would be out before the end of the month!

Streatley Hill Weight Limit
The feasibility study for this has been included in the 2026-27 Highways Network Management Programme

Trees issues

I flagged the intended felling of the oak in the carpark of the Swan with the trees officer at WBC an he inspected and has issued an interim TPO pending further consideration as to whether to make the Order final.

Council news

Members' bids

Members' Bids rounds are coming much earlier this year. The new criteria have been published today, and I will forward these to you all.

Key points:
- Spend of up to £4k
- For capital projects as before
- Match funding by PCs not essential but can be sort
- The overall cost of any particular project cannot be more than double £4k, plus any match funding.
- If match funding is sought, the level required will be as with previous bid rounds, so for Streatley a 40/60 split between the PC and WBC

The deadline for submissions is 25 May 2026.

Annex 2

Streatley Parish Council - 2026/27 Recreation Ground Checks (monthly and two-weekly/weekly)

Date of check:	12-Apr-26
Time of check:	09:40
Weather:	11 degrees Celsius, sunny and windy
Name/s:	Emma Jhita

1. Overall Site	✓ / o / x	**Comments**
1.1 - Is the site visually in good condition?	o	- Site is clean and tidy overall (minimal/no 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?	o	- New, 5-bar gate installed at vehicle access point - New gatepost installed for gate to children's fenced play area. - RHS fencing from carpark into Rec is degrading/posts rotting
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?	o	- Fence posts rotting - require replacement
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 - Jungle Climber, 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?	o	- Organic surface growth awaiting cleaning - NE corner of play surface repaired
8.4 - Signs and notices all present/legible?	✓	- No signage required

Two-weekly check - date: **26/04/2026**		
Two-weekly check - date: **10/05/2026**		