

ALLINGTON & BOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Allington & Boscombe Parish Council held at The Boscombe Sports and Social Club on Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors

Tim Price (Chairman), Richard Rolfe (Vice-Chairman), Glynis Barnes, Camille Mourier, Paul Rice, David Stanford.

In attendance: Rebecca Hathaway-White (Clerk), Cllr Rogers and five member of the public.

Public Participation

Cllr Rogers said that there has recently been a productive meeting with the Director of Highways on a number of traffic issues within the local area. There has been agreement to commission a study into the area (A338) particularly looking at the junction onto the A303. The Wiltshire Council plans to increase charges within car parks is currently out for consultation at the moment. There are changes to both LHFIG and the Area Board which are reducing from 4 meetings per year to 3. Feedback on the Local Housing Plan means that Wiltshire Council are having to rewrite it. The Parish Steward funding will come from Central Government in the future which will restrict what the Parish Steward can do. The PEAS scheme has been left in place for this year to as it was felt it could not be cut without proper warning.

Local residents came to complain about the noise coming from the social club due to bands practising. This has been on going for a while and they have raised it with all the appropriate organisations. A sound diary has been kept and has been sent off as instructed.

Meeting of the Council

25/180 Acceptance of apologies of absence. Resolved: None

25/181 Minutes. The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 17th March 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

25/182 Co-option. Resolved: Cllrs noted that the Council currently has 1 vacancy that it can co-opt to fill.

25/183 Dispensations and Declarations of Interest. Resolved: Cllr Stanford is a Village Hall Trustee, Cllrs Price and Mourier are on the Riverside Rise Residents Association.

25/184 Riverside Rise Management Fee. Resolved: Councillors resolved to pay the Riverside Rise management fee of £1339.68 from the 1st April 2026 – 31st March 2027 to Preim. To be reimbursed by the Village Hall Trustees as per the lease.

25/185 ICCM Subscription 2026/27. Resolved: Councillors resolved to pay the 2026/subscription to the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management which is £110.

25/186 Accounts for Payment LGA 1972 s150 (5)

Resolved: Councillors ratified the payments listed below, Cllr Price and Stanford checked and signed the invoices.

South West Landscapes (April)	£373.00
Boscombe District Social Club (Hall Hire April)	£25.00
Hurdcott Landscapes (Bin Emptying)	£7.80
Moore Secure (March)	£9.00
R Hathaway-White (March)	£392.50
HMRC (March)	£109.20
WALC Membership	£242.69
Glasdon (Playpark Bin)	£291.17
Market Town Memorials (Grave Marker)	£360.00
Whitehill Direct (Cemetery Noticeboard)	£771.17
Preim (Management Fee Riverside Rise)	£1339.68
Community First (Insurance)	£154.16
ICCM (Cemetery Management Course)	£120.00
R Hathaway-White (Clerks Expenses)	£234.85
R Hathaway-White (Reimbursement for Laptop)	£499.99
Moore Secure (September)	£9.00
Stonehenge Plumbing & Heating (Gas Safety Certificate)	£168.00

25/187 Approval and signing off of Parish Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2026

As previously circulated. The reported bank balances as at 31st March 2026 were :-

Treasurers Account	£1,358.83
Savings Account	<u>£15,524.44</u>
Total	£16,883.27

Resolved: The Clerk reminded Cllrs that £5000 of our balance sits in ear marked reserves for tree work. Cllrs resolved to approve the accounts. The Clerk and Chairman signed the bank reconciliation. The Clerk provided accounts which included a budget report. Cllr Barnes has checked the bank statements provided by the clerk and confirmed all payments are in order and signed the statements.

25/188 Consultations on planning applications. Council to discuss and make decision on responses: (Please note: in planning matters the Parish Council acts as consultee of the Principal Authority, the Principal Authority being the deciding body).

Planning Applications

None

25/189 Boscombe Social Club Noise Complaints. Resolved: Councillors resolved to write a formal letter to Boscombe Social Club making them aware that we have received complaints due to the noise of the bands practicing and asking them to that anyone using the social club is considerate towards their neighbours.

25/190 Village Hall Working Group Update. It was reported that on the 21st May the electricity meter will be switched by British Gas from a business meter to a residential meter.

25/191 Village Hall Insurance Claim. Resolved: Councillors discussed the two options and resolved to instruct the loss adjusters Sedgwick International to appoint a contractor to do the work due to the fact that one builder who quoted for the Parish Council was unhappy to offer any sort of guarantee on the work without replacing the ceiling, the second builder who quoted refused to quote unless it included replacing the ceiling.

25/192 Cemetery Fence. Resolved: Councillors resolved to get further quotes for the fencing, asking contractors to explore the cost of concrete posts over wooden ones and looking into some sort of post and rail fence to provide a safety barrier between the road and cemetery whilst the hedge grows.

25/193 SSEN Communities Fund. Resolved: Councillors resolved to apply for a SSEN grant through their communities' fund for resilience items. Clerk to research battery packs and sheds for storage.

25/194 Parish Plan. Resolved: Councillors discussed the current draft of the Parish Plan and will try and include the issues raised in the last plan and what has been achieved by the Parish Council since then. What further objectives there are based on the recent questionnaire and illustrate what is achievable and what is not. All Cllrs would also like to see some history of the village included as well.

25/195 Playpark Sign. Resolved: Clerk to obtain quotes for a playpark sign.

25/196 Updates and items outstanding from Previous Meetings.

- i) Parish Council Laptop – Arrived, clerk to set up.
- ii) Playpark Bin – Arrived and has been installed. Clerk to instruct Hurdcott to empty once a month to start with. Cllrs approved a maximum spend of £10 per empty.
- iii) Grave Marker – Cllrs all agreed on the proof, Clerk to instruct stone mason.
- iv) Parking outside Playpark – Clerk to get quotes for 'No Parking' signs. Explore the cost of getting a planter to discourage parking.

25/197 Standing Agenda Items

- i) **Parish Steward** – No update.
- ii) **LHFIG** – Cllr Price will attend the meeting in May.
- iii) **Flood Warden** – The Parish Council are still in need of a volunteer to take on the role of Flood Warden.

25/198 Partnership Meetings to Consider Attending.

- i) Southern Wiltshire Area Board – 4th June 2026
- ii) LHFIG – 5th May 2026
- iii) National Lottery Funding for Communities Webinar – 30th April 2026

25/199 Date of next meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Electorate will be held on the 19th May 2026, followed by the next Meeting of The Council at Boscombe Social Club.

Approved by the Council as a true record.

Signed..... Dated.....

The minutes of this meeting will be available to all members of the public from the village website www.allingtonandboscombewilts-pc.gov.uk or by contacting the Parish Clerk.