

ALLINGTON & BOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Electorate of Allington & Boscombe Parish Council held at Boscombe Social Club on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors

Tim Price (Chairman), Rich Rolfe (Vice Chairman), Glynis Barnes, Camille Mourier, David Stanford.

In attendance: Rebecca Hathaway-White (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

Welcome and acceptance of apologies. Cllr Price welcomed residents to the meeting.

Approval of minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 22nd May 2025. The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Chairmans Report. Cllr Price thanked all those who have worked so hard on the Parish Council over the last year. Despite limited funds due to the financial situation the Parish Council was in when Councillors took over, the Parish Council has worked hard to make improvements within the Parish. All the noticeboards have now been replaced. The playpark bins are now being emptied on a regular basis and we have also put a new bin outside the playpark due to complaints about people putting dog waste in the playpark bin. A lot of time has been put into bringing the Cemetery documents up to date and giving it a good tidy up. The new hedge is starting to look healthier after replacing the plants we lost in the drought last year and there is a new cemetery gate. We have a noticeboard for the Cemetery that is waiting for installation. Hopefully we can continue working over the next year to keep making improvements within the Parish. We have kept the precept down trying to avoid an increase. Wiltshire Council are looking at withdrawing/reducing some of the services we currently have so unfortunately, we may not be able to avoid an increase in the precept in the future as the Parish Council becomes responsible for more services.

Forum – Questions to the meeting on matters relating to Allington & Boscombe Parish.

A resident raised the mention of a War Memorial as part of the Parish Plan Survey and asked where the drive has come from the create a War Memorial, Allington didn't lose anyone and Boscombe already has a plaque to commemorate them in the Church. Cllrs responded that it was raised by Parishioners as something they'd like explored and that the Parish Council will look into it but it would be dependent on being able to get funding etc.

A resident raised the street lights which are currently not working. The street lights have been reported to Wiltshire Council and we have been told they are on the jobs list although there is no date for repair yet. The resident also raised the fell trench on the main Tidworth Road. Wiltshire Council have responded that this does need repair but that it is discretionary so although on the list

is not high priority and there is no date yet for repair. Clerk to ask Cllr Rogers if he can try and encourage Wiltshire Council to repair sooner rather than later.

A resident asked for an update on the Village Hall. Cllr Price responded that we have asked the loss adjustors who are working on behalf of the insurance company to instruct their contractors, which they have done. This is due to both builders we got quotes from being either unwilling to do the work without replace the ceiling or unwilling to offer a guarantee on the work done if the ceiling was not replaced. We are currently waiting for dates that the work is likely to start.

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.allingtonboscombe-wilts.gov.uk or by contacting the Parish Clerk.