



AGENDA

24th July 2025

A Meeting of Blunham Parish Council will take place on Thursday 31/07/25 at 7pm at the Village Hall. All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend. Times are approximate and members of the public are welcome to attend. Clerk to the Council – Jo Graves, Tel: 07563 527415 clerk@blunham-pc.gov.uk

Jo Graves

Representatives from Bedford Internal Drainage Board and CBC to give an update on flooding issues, risk and potential alleviation in Blunham.

Developer to speak to Council about a proposed business development on the parish boundary north of the Flamingo site.

	Item	Requirement	Time
01:07/25	Apologies for Absence	To note apologies and grant dispensation to sign Acceptance of Office prior to next meeting.	7.15pm
02:07/25	Declarations of any new Pecuniary Interests	Any new Pecuniary Interests should be declared. They must then be added to the register within 28 days. Existing pecuniary interests already registered do not need to be declared. Members cannot take part in any discussions or vote on matters in which they have a pecuniary interest.	7.15pm
03:07/25	Minutes of previous meetings & review of matters arising from that meeting & previous agreed actions.	To confirm and adopt the Minutes of the meeting of Blunham Parish Council held on Thursday 29 th May 2025. Matters arising from the minutes (for information only)	7.20pm
04:07/25	Public Session	An opportunity for the public to ask the Council questions & make observations about agenda items. There is 15 mins set aside for this agenda item. All questions & comments should be directed to the Chairman. Members of the public are respectfully reminded that this is the only part of the meeting that they can participate in.	7.25pm
05:07/25	Unitary Councillors Report		7.40pm
06:07/25	Planning	Planning applications to be considered, plus any other planning matters that need Full Council consideration – no planning applications received. a) Planning Decisions CB/25/00971/LB – Listed Building: Remove concrete roughcast render and replace with lime render to the gable end wall. Repointing of chimney – 4 High Street, Blunham MK44 3NL – Listed Building Granted.	7.50pm
07:07/25	Highways	See information sheet. To receive Highways Committee report & any other Highways matters that need Full Council consideration.	7.55pm
08:07/25	Maintenance	See information sheet. To receive Maintenance Committee report & any maintenance matters that need Full Council consideration including a) To consider quotations for streetlighting electricity contract renewal. b) Update on Churchyard boundary wall repairs. c) To consider quotations for purchase of tables and chairs for the Village Hall using S106 funding.	8.00pm
09:07/25	Communications	See information sheet. To receive Communications Committee report & any other communications matters that need Full Council consideration.	8.10pm
10:07/25	Community Safety	See information sheet. To receive Community Safety Reps report & any other community safety matters that need Full Council consideration.	8.15pm
11:07/25	BSSC/Play Area Update	See information sheet. To receive BSSC/Play Area report and any matters that need Full Council consideration. a) To receive annual ROSPA inspection report and agree actions required. b) Play area project update.	8.20pm

12:07/25	Neighbourhood Plan	See information sheet. To receive report and any matters that require Full Council attention. a) Update regarding withdrawal of Locality Grants. b) To receive update on progress and to note minutes of recent Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings.	8.30pm
13:07/25	Reports from Representatives	See information sheet. • To receive any reports from Parish Councillors who represent the Parish Council on other committees. • To receive reports from Councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.	8.35pm
14:07/25	Finance Statement	See information sheet. a) To approve payments due & receive financial statement of accounts. b) To receive quarterly finance report.	8.40pm
15:07/25	Policy Document Approval	a) IT Policy. b) Risk Assessment. c) Internal Audit Terms of Reference. d) Review of Internal Audit.	8.45pm
16:07/25	Correspondence	See information sheet a) To note that Central Bedfordshire Council are commencing a Community Governance Review and to consider an initial response.	8.50pm
17:07/25	Exempt Business	To resolve to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of the business on the grounds that this business relates to: Agenda item 18:07/25 – the business relates to labour relations issues.	8.55pm
18:07/25	National Pay Award 2025/2026	a) Members to note agreement reached for an increase in salary scales as informed by NALC/BATPC – including back pay required as new pay rates payable from 1 st April 2025, to be paid with August salary.	8.55pm
19:07/25	Next Meeting Date	To agree next meeting date Thursday 25 th September 2025	9.00pm

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