



AGENDA

20th November 2025

A Meeting of Blunham Parish Council will take place on Thursday 27/11/25 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

Optimis Consulting have requested to attend to present their proposal for the development of the land between The Hill and the Drift.

	Item	Requirement	Time
01:11/25	Apologies for Absence	To note apologies.	7.00pm
02:11/25	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.	7.00pm
03:11/25	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 25 th September 2025. Matters arising from the minutes (for information only)	7.05pm
04:11/25	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.	7.10pm
05:11/25	Unitary Councillors Report		7.25pm
06:11/25	Planning	Planning applications to be considered, plus any other planning matters that need Full Council consideration: no applications received. a) Planning Decisions CB/25/02798/FULL – First floor rear extension, associated alterations to existing elevations and removal of existing conservatory and external staircase – Brackenbury, 29 High Street, Blunham MK44 3NL – Granted.	7.30pm
07:11/25	Highways	See information sheet. To receive Highways Committee report & any other Highways matters that need Full Council consideration.	7.35pm
08:11/25	Maintenance	See information sheet. To receive Maintenance Committee report & any maintenance matters that need Full Council consideration including a) Update on Churchyard boundary wall repairs. b) To consider archaeological services quotation relating to digging the foundations during the rebuilding of the wall, as requested by the Diocese	7.40pm
09:11/25	Communications	See information sheet. To receive Communications Committee report & any other communications matters that need Full Council consideration.	7.50pm
10:11/25	Community Safety	See information sheet. To receive Community Safety Reps report & any other community safety matters that need Full Council consideration. a) To discuss email received from a resident regarding motorbikes using the Sandy-Bedford cycle path.	7.55pm
11:11/25	BSSC/Play Area Update	See information sheet. To receive BSSC/Play Area report and any matters that need Full Council consideration. a) To receive quarterly playground inspection report and quotation for small repairs and checks as recommended in the ROSPA report. b) To consider quotations for maintenance work on the zipwire. c) To consider quotations for playground equipment replacement project	8.00pm

		(subject to successful grant applications). d) To consider where to apply for playground equipment replacement project grants. e) To approve the Clerk and Cllr Endacott are attending Routine Play Inspection training via BATPC on 9th December at a cost of £420.	
12:11/25	Neighbourhood Plan	See information sheet. To receive report and any matters that require Full Council attention. a) To receive Minutes of recent Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting. b) To consider cost of Neighbourhood Plan consultant costs.	8.15pm
13:11/25	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.	8.20pm
14:11/25	Finance Statement	See information sheet. a) To approve payments due & receive financial statement of accounts. b) Internal auditor for y/e 31/03/2026. c) Review of Cemetery fees and regulations. d) To note that Cllr Thacker completed a bank reconciliation check on 25th September 2025. e) To note the revised pension contributions valuation from Bedford LGPS, effective from April 2026.	8.20pm
15:11/25	Budget and Precept 2026/2027	a) To receive and agree the draft budget for 2026/2027. b) To agree the Blunham Parish Council precept request for 2026/2027.	8.25pm
16:11/25	Correspondence	See information sheet a) To consider a response to the CBC Community Governance Consultation which is recommending a reduction in the number of Parish Councillors from 10 to 7.	8.40pm
17:11/25	Next Meeting Date	To agree next meeting date Thursday 29 th January 2026.	8.50pm

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