



AGENDA

22nd January 2026

A Meeting of Blunham Parish Council will take place on Thursday 29/01/26 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

	Item	Requirement	Time
01:01/26	Apologies for Absence	To note apologies.	7.00pm
02:01/26	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
03:01/26	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 27 th November 2025. Matters arising from the minutes (for information only)	7.05pm
04:01/26	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
05:01/26	Unitary Councillors Report		7.25pm
06:01/26	Planning	Planning applications to be considered, plus any other planning matters that need Full Council consideration: a) CB/TCA/26/00002 – Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Prune from front of property and balance by reducing where necessary 20% and crown reduce 20% to Robinia (T1). Crown reduce 30% to Alder (T2) and Plum (T6). Thin 20% to Plum (T3). Crown reduce 20% to Plum (T4) and Silver Birch (T5) – 21 Park Lane, Blunham MK44 3NH b) CB/25/03730/FULL – Erection of one detached self-build dwelling with rooflights following the demolition of the garage and creation of a new crossover – 26 Station Road, Blunham MK44 3NZ Link to Station Road application c) CB/TCA/26/00016 - Works to trees within a conservation area: Coast Redwood tree on boundary between Old Rectory and Rectory. Root pruning, in accordance with sound arboricultural practice, at ca 11m from the tree, incidental to urgent foul drainage repair works that require an open excavation at this approximate distance from the tree – The Old Rectory, Park Lane, Blunham MK44 3NJ d) Planning Response (under scheme of delegation) CB/TCA/25/00579 – Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Lift southerly crown by 2m and reduce extent of southerly crown by up to 3m to Yew Tree (Yew 1). Reduce radial crown spread by 2/2.5m and very light tip reduction to Yew Tree (Yew 2) - The Old Rectory, Park Lane, Blunham, MK44 3NJ – No Objection	7.30pm
07:01/26	Highways	See information sheet. To receive Highways Committee report & any other Highways matters that need Full Council consideration.	7.35pm
08:01/26	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 confirm agreement to planning permission pre-commencement condition and consider the impact on the archaeology costs.	7.40pm

		c) To receive tree survey report and consider recommendations. d) To consider quotations for work recommended in the tree survey. e) To consider quotations for replacement windows and doors for the Village Hall to be covered by S106 funding.	
09:01/26	Communications	See information sheet. To receive Communications Committee report & any other communications matters that need Full Council consideration.	7.50pm
10:01/26	Community Safety	See information sheet. To receive Community Safety Reps report & any other community safety matters that need Full Council consideration.	7.55pm
11:01/26	BSSC/Play Area Update	See information sheet. To receive BSSC/Play Area report and any matters that need Full Council consideration. a) To receive update on A428 grant application for playground project.	8.00pm
12:01/26	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 and agree the aspirations from the Green Infrastructure Plan. c) To consider quotation for mapping services for the Neighbourhood Plan.	8.15pm
13:01/26	Policy Documents	a) To review and approve the Document Retention Policy.	
14:01/26	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
15:01/26	Finance Statement	See information sheet. a) To approve payments due & receive financial statement of accounts. b) To receive quarterly finance update. c) To note that the interest rate on the Barclays account is reducing from 1.1% to 1.05% from 24 th March 2026. d) To note increase in appropriate sum to £11.60 per elector for the year 2026/2027, increasing from £11.10 in 2025/2026 for Parish Council purposes of section 137(4)(a) Local Government Act 1972.	8.20pm
16:01/26	Correspondence	See information sheet a) To consider a request from a resident regarding a wedding at the Cemetery Chapel.	8.40pm
17:01/26	Next Meeting Date	To agree next meeting date Thursday 26 th March 2026, after the Annual Parish Meeting.	8.50pm

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