



AGENDA

23rd July 2026

A Meeting of Blunham Parish Council will take place on Thursday 30/07/26 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
01:07/26	Co-option	a) To consider co-option to fill a casual vacancy. b) Signing of declaration of office (dependent on outcome of 01:07/26 a)	7.00pm
02:07/26	Apologies for Absence	To note apologies.	7.05pm
03:07/26	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. Please note that following the election process new declaration of interest forms need to be submitted to CBC within 28 days.	7.05pm
04:07/26	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 28 th May 2026. Update on outstanding actions from the minutes (for information only)	7.10pm
05:07/26	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. To give members of the public the opportunity to speak about the CBC Local Plan Call For Sites – Blunham sites, extra time will be allocated to the Public Session at this meeting. Hopefully a representative from CPRE will also be joining the meeting.	7.15pm
06:07/26	Unitary Councillors Report		7.45pm
07:07/26	Planning	Planning applications to be considered, plus any other planning matters that need Full Council consideration a) CB/26/01579/FULL – Erection of detached dwelling. – Land South of 196 Grange Road Blunham Link to documents on CBC website: Link to CB/26/01579/FULL Planning Responses under Scheme of Delegation b) CB/TCA/26/00300 – Works to Trees within a Conservation Area: T1 Yew – Reduce the left of the Yew Tree (T1) by 0.5m. Prune overhand of Cherry and Prunus Group (G1) back to boundary – The Gables, 17 Park Lane, Blunham, MK44 3NJ Response: No Objection Planning Decisions c) CB/26/00986/FULL – Conversion of onion barn into a garage and habitable spaces including a loft conversion with enlargement of dormer to side elevation and insertion of one rooflight to each side elevation. – Wisteria House, 21 High Street, Blunham MK44 3NL – Granted d) CB/26/00759/FULL – Single storey rear/side extension – 29 Jubilee Close, Blunham, MK44 3LZ - Granted	7.50pm

		e) CB/25/01666/FULL – Installation of a heat pump and solar panels to the south elevation – 16 Walnut Close, Blunham, MK44 3NB – Granted f) CB/26/01543/FULL – Single storey front garage extension – 1 Park View, Blunham, MK44 3PB g) CBC Local Plan Call for Sites Consultation To consider sites identified on the map provided by CBC and agree feedback to the consultation.	
08:07/26	Highways	See information sheet. To receive Highways Committee report & any other Highways matters that need Full Council consideration.	8.00pm
09:07/26	Maintenance	See information sheet. To receive Maintenance Committee report & any maintenance matters that need Full Council consideration including a) Update on Churchyard boundary wall. b) Update on bus stop insurance claim. c) To consider grass cutting service level agreement from Central Bedfordshire Council. d) To consider quotation for tree work in the cemetery e) To consider tree work to two Magnolia trees in the Churchyard. f) Update on Flood work at the Pound.	8.05pm
10:07/26	Communications	See information sheet. To receive Communications Committee report & any other communications matters that need Full Council consideration.	8.10pm
11:07/26	Community Safety	See information sheet. To receive Community Safety Reps report & any other community safety matters that need Full Council consideration	8.15pm
12:07/26	BSSC/Play Area Update	See information sheet. To receive BSSC/Play Area report and any matters that need Full Council consideration. a) To receive annual ROSPA Playground inspection and consider quotations for recommended repairs. b) To confirm arrangements for Amplius Youth Events.	8.20pm
13:07/26	Neighbourhood Plan	See information sheet. To receive report and any matters that require Full Council attention. a) To receive update on progress and to note minutes of recent Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings.	8.30pm
14:07/26	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.	8.35pm
15:07/26	Finance Statement	See information sheet. a) To approve payments due & receive financial statement of accounts. b) To receive quarterly finance report.	8.40pm
16:07/26	Policy Document Approval	a) Risk Assessment b) Internal Audit Terms of Reference c) Review of Internal Audit d) IT Policy	8.45pm
17:07/26	Correspondence	See information sheet a) To consider a response to the request from Bedford Borough Council for support for their grant application for Barford Bridge.	8.50pm
18:07/26	Next Meeting Date	To agree next meeting date Thursday 24 th September 2026	8.55pm
19:07/26	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 20:07/26 – the business relates to labour relations issues.	
20:07/26	Clerk Pay Scale increase due to CiLCA qualification	a) Members to agree increase of one scale point due to completion of CiLCA qualification as per employment contract – backdated to 1st June 2026.	

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