

GREAT BEDWYN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 18th JULY 2025 5.30PM
IN GREAT BEDWYN VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sheerin, Cllr White (Council Chairman), Cllr D Cooper (Council Vice Chairman) Cllr Thompson.

01.Election of Chairman for the Committee for the current meeting.

Cllr Sheerin was proposed as Chairman for the current meeting. The proposal was seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.

The role of Committee Chairman will be voted on, at each meeting.

02.Welcome and public participation. No public

03. Apologies for absence and vote to approve them. None.

04.Declarations of interest. There were none.

05.Approval of 5th February 2025 minutes.

To remove the organising of a transport meeting as this is now the remit of the full council.

A proposal was made to approve the minutes from the 5th Feb meeting with the above amendment. The proposal was seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.

06. Action points from the last meeting:

Owner	Minute ref	Action
Clerk	May 9	Clerk to talk to Cllrs about the survey creation for lighting and pavements – could use free survey monkey facility. TO BE PUT ON HOLD UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE WCC SURVEY OF BROOK ST LIGHTS IS KNOWN.
Clerk	May 11	For next agenda – the arranging of a public forum to bring together all stakeholders with regards to transport issues in the parish. REMOVED – NOW WITH FULL COUNCIL
Clerk	Feb 7	Advise Tactical Facilities Management to cut hedge at Back Lane before bird nesting season in March. DONE

7. ROAD SAFETY. To discuss and vote on part funding the commercial jetting of the culvert between Brook St and the CRT siphon. There is £3000 in the current years flood prevention fund.

Cllrs reviewed new information including drone images of the culverts and an initial quote of £6000 for the commercial jetting. Given this ancient culvert is the last, unblocked channel that provides drainage of surface water from a large proportion of the village (Jockey Green, Brook Street, Village Hall and Cricket Club) into the CRT siphon, Cllrs agreed that it was therefore classed as infrastructure for the whole village and as such, a contribution to

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clearing it was a valid use of flood prevention funding. Clearing this channel should alleviate a long standing flooding issue for this part of the village.

Given the remaining maximum budget for flood prevention is £3000 for this year, Cllrs agreed to hold back £200 for other likely expenditure around winter flood preparedness and to make available 60% of the total cost of the culvert jetting up to a maximum of £2,800. There is some urgency to undertake the work as soon as possible before the culverts re-fill with water. Cllrs also noted that the resident whose land the culvert crosses has also committed funds to other significant remedial work and has agreed to provide the additional cost over and above the 60% (or £2800, whichever is the smaller) offered by the Safety Committee.

The Safety Committee highlighted that it may need to ask for a top-up to its funds from the main Council budget which would require a re-distribution of funds from elsewhere, noting that flood prevention has been one of the biggest issues facing the village in recent years.

Cllrs requested that the Clerk seeks to query with WCC where their responsibilities lie with respect to the PC in this area in order to understand whether a claim could be made to cover these funds.

A proposal was made to offer a contribution of £2800 or 60% of the total cost of the commercial jetting (whichever is the smaller). The proposal was seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.

08. Items for the next agenda.

Discuss feedback from ongoing actions

Review flood preparedness

The meeting was then closed.

Date of next meeting: To be confirmed.

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Clerk	July 7	Clerk to prioritise checking drains and gullies after rain on the list of handyman duties

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