

Baldons Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 14th September 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Councillors Present	Cllr Dawn McGiveron (Chair DMcG), Cllr Andy Speight (AS), Cllr Adam White (AW), Cllr Sally-Anne Williams (SW), Cllr Anne Visintin (AV)
In attendance	Tom James (Locum Clerk), Cllr Robin Jones (RJ; OCC) and Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye (SC-R; SODC2 Members of the public)

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039/26	Apologies for absence	Cllr John Clark	
040/26	Declarations of Interests etc	None	
041/25	Minutes of the Previous Meetings	The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th May 2026 were approved and signed as an accurate record. Proposed: SW Seconded: AS	
042/26	Matters Arising	Councillors considered request, from the Baldons Parochial Church Council for financial help with the repair to the gates and noticeboard at St Lawrence Church. It was agreed to match fund up to £2,500 from CIL funds. Proposed: AW Seconded AV	
043/26	Open Forum	A request was made for a large dog waste bin along the southern track. The present bin quickly fills up and is often overflowing before the weekly collection.	TJ to collect quotes.
044/26	Report from OCC	The announcement of the pause in county reorganisation was welcomed by all councillors. The meeting was also informed that from the end of September traffic filters will be replacing the current congestion charges. A request was made for a full consultation of the villagers before any decision was made concerning the Berinsfield to Oxford cycleway.	
045/26	Report from SODC	Proposed changes to the planning system will result in more decisions being taken by planning officers, rather than going to committee. This should speed up the process. SC-R was informed that the planning alert facility was still not working. Planning ahead for next year, SODC is creating a 'Cool' map showing cool places for the public to access during a heatwave.	

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		The Council was reminded that grants are available from SODC for community projects. One idea is to install a generator at the Village Hall to provide a heated space with wi-fi during an extended power outage. Grants are also available for the Performing Arts. DMcG thanked SC-R for her support with the objection to the proposed solar farm in Nuneham Courtenay.	
046/26	Planning	No new applications received	
	9. Village Matters		
047/26	9.1 Speeding along the B4015	The Council has received a complaint from a Little Baldon resident concerning speeding motorbikes and cars along the B4015. The Council agreed to write, again, to the Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable. Speeding clearly threatens the lives of local residents, and the noise is a public nuisance.	TJ to write
048/26	9.2 Approach from Tilehurst CC	The Council has several concerns about the proposal from Tilehurst CC to use the cricket pitch on every Saturday and some Sundays during the cricket season. The arrangement would bring problems with car parking as well as causing considerable disruption on match days with the pitch being out of use for residents and visitors. It was decided to decline the request from Tilehurst.	TJ to write to Tilehurst CC
049/26	9.3 Grass cutting contract	The contract for cutting the grass on the Green is due to end in April 2027. Given the problems with the current contractor, it was decided to look for an alternative contractor.	AS to approach other companies
050/26	9.4 Clerk recruitment	Councillors have compiled a skill profile for their next Clerk and an advertisement will be posted soon.	
051/26	9.5 Policies	Councillors approved the following policies for 2026/27: • Code Conduct 26/27 • Complaints Procedure 26/27 • Councillor Responsibilities 26/27 • Data Breach 26/27 • Data Retention Policy 26/27 • Financial Regulations 26/27 • Fixed Asset Register 26/27 • Freedom Information 26/27 • IT Policy 26/27 • Privacy 26/27 • Risk Assessment Management (Financial HS) 26/27 • Safeguarding 26/27 • Sexual and General Harassment 26/27 • Standing Orders 26/27 • Statement of Internal Control 26/27 • Subject Access Request 26/27 • Vexatious Complaints 26/27	

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052/26	10. RFO report and payments	The Council accepted the RFO report and approved the payments from 11/5/26 to 7/9/26 Proposed: AS Seconded: SW	
053/26	11. Bank Reconciliation	The bank reconciliation for 1st April to 7 th September 2026 was checked and signed by DMcG and approved by the Council. Proposed AS Seconded SW	
054/26	12. Councillor reports	None	
055/26	Item for the next Agenda	Draft budget 27/28 Cowley Solar Farm update ANPR update Elections in May	
056/26	Future dates	9th November 2026 Annual Parish Meeting set for Thursday 20th May 2027.	
	Meeting Closed	Meeting closed at 9:00pm	

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