

GREAT BOWDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Community Pavilion on March 11th 2026 @ 19.30

Present:

Bob Hooper (Chairman), Paul Claxton (Vice Chairman), Richard Emery, John Wilson, David Hayes, Jon Almond

In Attendance

4 members of the public

		Action
03/26/23	<u>Welcome and to receive apologies for Absence</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. No apologies were received.	
03/26/24	<u>Public questions and comments on items on the agenda</u> Carolyn Ford commented on item 7b as follows: Camera 230m from legal limit but 13% of cars are still speeding i.e.in 40-45 mph bracket. A new battery at a cost of £110 purchased from Westcotec making the sign brighter and more responsive. When speed limit is changed to 20mph sign will need a service and recalibration, at a cost of approx. £140. Item 16; If funding approved CF will act as go between re the parish council and LCC Public Rights of Way Officer John Gray and keep the clerk/council informed of progress. She asked if it might be possible to fund the work from reserves and then make a grant application for one of the community enhancement grants offered by HDC. If the project goes ahead she will write a report for the parish newsletter. She will also ask John Gray if it's possible to move the gate round to point NE thus avoiding users being snared on the adjacent bramble hedge.	
03/26/25	<u>Declarations of interest both pecuniary and personal on items on the Agenda</u> Cllr Claxton declared that he is Vice president of Bowden Cricket Club Cllr Hooper declared that his employer uses a different section of Fisher German for their business. Cllr Hayes declared that he is vice president of the business management committee for the all party parliamentary group on governance.	
03/26/26	<u>To Approve and Sign minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2026</u> The minutes were approved and signed.	

03/26/27	<u>To Receive a report from PCSO Laura Bolton</u> This report was presented and can be read in full on the Police reports section of the GBPC website.	
03/26/28	<u>District and County councillor reports</u> None Received. Cllr Wilson stated that GBPC need full clarity from District Cllr Knowles on the decision process for approving the planning application: 25/00608/FUL Erection of 10 dwellings, including 2 affordable bungalows Land North off Dingley Rd Gt Bowden.	
03/26/29	<u>To receive updates on previous meeting agenda items</u> a) Bowden Cricket Club Lease. Cllr Hooper reported that a response was received the previous day from Fisher German. Cllrs to study the documents ready for a vote at a proposed extraordinary meeting. b) Speed camera brackets and safety checks. Cllr Emery reported that LCC will write to the clerk re an administrative matter regarding the existing 30mph signs. The speed camera on Leicester Lane is functional. A new battery was purchased by a resident who has been compensated for this. LCC will contact Cllrs Emery and Claxton later in March re designs for the new signs. A question was asked whether the PC would share three with the village. Cllr Emery agreed. c) Employment of a responsible financial officer. One candidate has applied for the position and an interview will be held (TBA)	BH RE DH
03/26/30	<u>To receive the Financial Report from January to March 2026</u> The report was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. It can be viewed in full on the financial report page of the GBPC website. Additional items for approval were : Clerk's Salary; replacement of defibrillator pads (4) as both machines had been used recently, cost £293.95; new battery for Westcotec Speed camera £109.80. All Items approved.	PC
03/26/31	<u>To receive a report from the planning committee</u> This was circulated prior to the meeting and can be read in full on the Planning page of GBPC website. It was agreed to object to the planning application on Welham Lane on the basis that it conflicts with the Neighbourhood Plan.	BH
03/26/32	<u>To Receive a report from the neighbourhood plan monitoring and review committee</u> Peter Mitchell had circulated the report prior to the meeting and it can be read in full on the Neighbourhood Plan page of the GBPC website. During questions afterwards he explained that with the HDC local plan now being out of date (less than a 5 year supply of housing) the village is vulnerable to development applications on unsuitable sites. Additionally having a development site in our reviewed NP could help protect the village from unwanted development, even if HDC's local plan is out of date.	PM

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03/26/40	<u>To Receive Chairman's announcements</u> Cllr Hooper has received a quote for office 365 and gov.uk email address. This is £1160.60. The quote has not yet been accepted as further quotes are being sought.	
03/26/41	<u>Correspondence for discussion</u> There has been a request to place a memorial bench in the village, preferably in The Green area. It was decided to offer them the empty base on Nether Green as the previous bench owners have shown no interest in this.	
03/26/42	<u>Items for next meeting</u> To be sent to the clerk by Friday 1 st May	
03/26/43	<u>Date Of Next Meeting</u> 13 th May. Annual Parish Council Meeting, followed by Parish Council Meeting	

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