

**SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2026 AT 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr L Hungin (Chairman), Cllr J Holder, Cllr J Maddox, Cllr A Anderson, Cllr C Hughes, Cllr N Baddeley and Cllr T Brewis,

In attendance: County Cllr Carl Jackson, six residents and Mrs E Bates (Clerk).

I. OPEN SESSION: A resident came to ask if physical village History boards could be installed around the village which could possibly include information of the woodland, wildlife and Bodgers history. They felt that this would be a good resource for families and children and funding was offered. The suggestion will be considered. **(Action – All Councillors)** It was asked if there had been an update about tree removal at Owlsridge on Old Long Grove. The tree officers had been working on the Local Plan but the Planning Officer said that the matter is being investigated by Enforcement. County Cllr Carl Jackson stated that Bucks Highways hoped to catch up with pothole repairs in March and April as they had 23 teams working 24 hours a day on the issue with a further 6 crews working during the day. Bottom Lane had been resurfaced on the section towards Rawlings Lane. The draft Local Plan consultation has been published along with a map of proposed sites which are not confirmed. Cllr Jackson recommended responding to the consultation and to include comments on the red rejected sites. The matter will be discussed further. **(Action – All Councillors)**

II. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr H O’Flanagan and Cllr D Tryon.

Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes for the February meeting were approved by Cllr Brewis and Cllr Maddox. The minutes were duly signed as a correct record of the meeting.

Update on Actions from Previous Meeting:

STAKEHOLDER	ACTION	STATUS
All Councillors	It was agreed to carry out the recommended checks on the swings.	Kompan provided a quote for all of the swings in the playground. The quote will be discussed in detail.
Cllr Anderson	Following the maintenance of the CCTV at the Recreation Ground, the engineer stated that the current Network Video Recorder was no longer sufficient for the high definition camera and needed upgrading.	Matrix have been contacted to ask for more details for the specification of the recording device with possibly more than one hard disk.
Cllr O’Flanagan	Cllr Anderson could not find any barbed wire as reported on footpath 16 so the area will be inspected again.	The barbed wire is in situ and the matter will be discussed with the land agent.
Cllr Hungin	The owner of Little Ducklings, has been offered a 10-year renewal of the lease.	Blaser Mills have quoted £2,250 for the new lease which was unanimously approved.
Cllr Baddeley	A number of red LEDS on our Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign (MSID) sign are no longer lighting up.	The unit has been inspected by SERCO who have now ordered a new part to be replaced under warranty.

Matters arising from the previous meeting not listed on the Agenda: No items were raised.

III. MONTHLY RISK INSPECTIONS:

i. Health and Safety Issues identified and recommended actions: Cllr Baddeley completed the February inspection on 17th February 2026 and reported that there were no issues apart from one of the concrete fence posts in Green Meadow is delaminating so will be monitored as it will eventually need replacing. The March inspection will be carried out by Cllr Maddox. **(Action – Cllr**

Maddox) The Allotment Association has reported that one of the taps has a leaking seal. The issue is not major and the water is currently turned off. They are attempting to source a replacement, but the fitting is non-standard, which is causing a delay.

ii. **Maintenance issues identified and recommended actions:** No items were raised.

iii. **Other Health and Safety Issues (not covered above):** No items were raised.

IV. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr Hungin declared an interest in Jordans Taverners Cricket Club's return to the Recreation Ground.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A reply was received from Simon Fowler, Recreation Business Manager for Forestry England to the Parish Council's complaint about the Ringo Parking charges introduced in Hodgemoor Wood. He stated that "less than ten per cent of their funding comes directly from government. The remainder must be self-generated to support ongoing woodland management, visitor infrastructure and public access. Parking income is an important part of sustaining access, facilities and long-term resilience across the nation's forests. The introduction of parking charges at Hodgemoor reflects increasing operating and material costs and will support the continued safe operation and maintenance of the car park and wider visitor infrastructure." The parking situation will be monitored.

Bucks Council Devolved Services have offered a new agreement for 2026/27 and payment of £3929.51 which is a 4% increase. This offer was unanimously accepted. The agreement will be signed and returned. **(Action – Clerk)**

It was unanimously agreed to enter the Best Kept Village Competition. As a Cup winner in the 2025 competition Seer Green may only enter for the Tindall Cup. Seer Green may re-enter the main competition in 2027. The entry form and map will be prepared and returned. **(Action – Clerk)**

A land owner has said that a large tree had fallen from the recreation ground and damaged their fence. The tree was proving difficult to locate so the landowner will be contacted. **(Action – Cllr Hughes, Clerk)**

VI. **FINANCE:**

From 3rd February 2026 to 2nd March 2026:-

Payments amounting to:-

£4,399.66

Income received:-

£2,370.75

The closing bank balances on 28th February 2026 totalled:-

£113,879.52

The finance list was reviewed and unanimously approved.

Appointment of Internal Auditor:- :- It was agreed to appoint Mr Ernest Newhouse as the internal auditor for the Parish Council's 2025/2026 accounts. A formal letter of engagement will be sent to Mr Newhouse. **(Action – Clerk)**

VII. **PLANNING:** The new planning applications were reviewed. The Parish Council attended a planning surgery where concerns over the Perkin Elmer development were discussed. It was felt that the concerns were heard but no action has been taken. Paradigm were contacted about concerns with application PL/26/00712/FA, 22D Hearn's Meadow, but unfortunately they never responded. It was agreed to object to the application as it is felt that the extension is too big for the plot. The Parish Council agreed to note on the Planning Portal that we are neutral on the following applications:- PL/26/00494/FA - Ponds Conservatory, Rawlings Lane, PL/26/00367/TP - Bailey House, Bottom Lane. Further scrutiny of application PL/25/5902/FA - Woodside, 48 Orchard Road shows that the trees on the plans supporting the application are to be planted rather than existing so no correspondence was submitted and it was agreed to state that the Parish Council is neutral on this application. The Chairman attended the Planning Demystified training course.

VIII. **PRINCIPAL AGENDA ITEMS.**

i. **COMMUNITY FUND:** It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to invite and actively encourage local community groups to apply for small grants. The scheme will be advertised through the website and newsletter and a draft form will be circulated for each group to complete. **(Action – Cllr Holder)** In principal it was unanimously agreed that JAVs would be supported as a community group.

ii. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE:** A grass cutting schedule had been circulated and was approved. Amersham Town Council will be asked if they can comply with the dates requested. **(Action – Clerk)** There are three gate posts which have rotted and need replacing; one on the white gate on Chalfont Road, one on the white gate at the bottom of Bayne Hill and one on the allotment gates. The Bottom Lane gate will also be checked. Glasdon will be contacted to see if they supply a large

white composite post. **(Action – Cllr Hungin)** Gardeners will be informed of progress. **(Action - Clerk)** It was agreed to ask a local contractor to paint the main Green Meadow gates and the Pavilion Home and Away Team changing rooms. **(Action – Cllr Hungin)** Little Ducklings will be asked if acetate can be installed to stop the paintwork deteriorating. **(Action – Cllr Hungin)** The fence post at the rear of the Pavilion needs repairing. A contractor will be contacted. **(Action – Cllr Hungin)**

- iii. **PROPOSED NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR GREEN MEADOW:** Following the Youth Village Facilities Survey, it was agreed that a more challenging piece of play equipment should be installed for older children in Green Meadow. The rope-climbing net apparatus, (either a “Spacenet” or the smaller-footprint “Spirenet” from Kompan) emerged as the preferred option. Three companies responded to the request for proposal: Sovereign Play, Kompan and Wicksteed. Their detailed submissions were evaluated and it was agreed that it is important to view the proposed equipment in situ before making a final decision. The preferred company will therefore be asked to provide reference site locations where their installations can be inspected. **(Action – Cllr Maddox)** There is currently just over £11,000 in an earmarked reserve towards the project and further funding opportunities were discussed including crowdfunding, direct appeals to local companies and the Lottery. **(Action – Cllr Maddox, Cllr Holder)** As this structure is intended for older children, it is more challenging and could reach a height of up to 5 metres for which a full planning application will need to be submitted. This will be done once the preferred supplier and item of equipment have been agreed. **(Action – Cllr Maddox)** The project will be communicated through the next Newsletter.
- iv. **ORCHARD ROAD CHERRYWOOD CLOSE LAND:** Following a site inspection it was unanimously agreed not to proceed with the project.
- v. **NEWSLETTER:** A list of articles were agreed including a Chairman’s introduction, entry in the Bucks Best Kept Village competition, community grant scheme, Community Award, new play equipment for Green Meadow, annual tree work, Precept details, JAVs return to the Recreation Ground update, future meetings and surgeries and the Defibrillators. Authors will be agreed. **(Action – All Councillors)**

IX. UPDATES ON OTHER MATTERS (Reports by Exception)

- i. **JUBILEE HALL:** A meeting was held with the Technical Manager of Holder Fire Limited, (Allsaved Ltd) to review the Fire Risk Assessment. Reports of inspections and servicing that had been held in the building were provided so that the reports could be updated with the correct information. **Jubilee Hall Kitchen Update:-** It was agreed to start the preparation work for the project. The electricity cupboard door will be changed to allow new equipment to be fitted. **(Action – Cllr Holder)**
- ii. **PAVILION:** A meeting was held with the Technical Manager of Holder Fire Limited, (Allsaved Ltd) to review the Fire Risk Assessment. Reports of inspections and servicing that had been held in the building were provided so that the reports could be updated with the correct information. Little Ducklings had requested work for the Pavilion. The list will be prioritised with the nursery manager. **(Action – Cllr Hungin)**
- iii. **BIODIVERSITY:** The wildlife camera had recorded squirrel activity in the Owl Box in Green Wood. The hedge whips had arrived from the Woodland Trust. It had previously been agreed that a native hedge 7 metres wide and 4ft to 5ft tall needed to be planted in Green Meadow. A local garden centre will be asked if they could provide this service. **(Action – Cllr Holder, Cllr Hungin)** The new whips could then be planted between the large plants to make a denser hedge. The councillors will discuss the work further. **(Action – All Councillors)**
- iv. **PARISH COUNCIL PROPERTIES, OPEN SPACES AND SERVICES:** The Great British Spring Clean is running from 13-29 March. In anticipation of our entry in the Bucks Best Kept Village competition this will be advertised on Community Chat. **(Action – Cllr Hungin)** The benches need washing at the Recreation Ground. **(Action – Cllr Hughes)** It was requested that the streetlights are inspected by Councillors to determine if any upgrades are required before July. **(Action – All Councillors)**

X. INFORMATION ITEMS: No items were raised.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

NEXT MEETING – The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 7.30pm at Seer Green Baptist Church, Wood Pond Close, Seer Green, HP9 2XG.