SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2026 AT 7.30pm

Present: Cllr L Hungin (Chairman), Cllr N Baddeley, Cllr J Holder, Cllr C Hughes, Cllr J Maddox, Cllr D Tryon, Cllr H O'Flanagan and Cllr T Brewis.

In attendance: Six residents County Cllr C Jackson and the Clerk Mrs E Bates.

I. **OPEN SESSION**: A local resident thanked the Parish Council for their support in mobilising the community to oppose the outline application to build 80 houses at the end of Highlands Road. The residents have commissioned professional technical reports on transport and drainage to fully understand the location constraints which will be made publicly available.

A resident updated the Council on the project to improve the section of footpath, on land owned by Jordans Village Limited (JVL), linking Jordans with Seer Green. Following donations from JVL, Jordans Environment Trust and Seer Green Gardeners, together with funds raised through a GoFundMe campaign, over £10,000 has now been raised towards the total project cost of £15,000. JVL has submitted a request for funding to Chalfont St Giles Parish Council, as Jordans lies within its parish boundary. Work is due to commence in November, beginning with the cutting back of the hedgerow to widen the footpath to 1.5 metres. Grateful thanks were expressed to everyone in Seer Green who has supported the project.

II. **CO OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR:** Amanda Brown's application was unanimously accepted and she was duly appointed and welcomed onto the council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and Bucks Council will be informed and sent the Register of Members interests. **(Action – Cllr Brown, Clerk)**

III. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** There were no apologies for absence.

Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 1st September and the Extraordinary Meeting were approved by Cllr Hughes and Cllr Tryon. The minutes were duly signed as correct records of the meetings.

Update on Actions from Previous Meeting:

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STAKEHOLDER	ACTION	STATUS
Cllr Hungin	The two changing rooms have been redecorated. Little Ducklings have been asked to install acetate where the coats are hung to ensure the wall does not get stained. Cllr Hungin will help them to organise the acetate to put on the walls and also the contractor to install it.	A contractor has been asked to quote for the installation of the acetate. The cost will be SGPC's responsibility
Cllr Hughes	It was noted that a section of birdsmouth fencing at the cemetery requires re-staining, the wooden bench on Orchard Road requires sanding and re-staining, and part of the bus shelter roof on Chalfont Road has become discoloured and requires repainting.	A local decorator has been asked to contact Cllr Hughes for a quotation for the work.
Cllr Holder	A new high-definition Ring camera will be installed.	Lox Security have ordered the camera and are waiting for it to be delivered.
Cllr Hungin	A resident came to discuss issues with a property being developed on Bottom Lane and the restrictions the contractors are	It was agreed to write to the planning department to discuss the methodology of the application

	causing for residents entering or leaving the village.	when it causes access issues for the village.
Cllr O'Flanagan	The fence on footpath 17 by Manor Farm was damaged and falling onto the footpath.	The landowners will be made aware.
Cllr Hungin, Cllr Baddeley, Cllr Tryon, Cllr Holder and Cllr Maddox	A Planning Sub Committee has been formed to develop the opposition document for the proposed Outline Application to develop 80 houses at the end of Highlands Road	An initial meeting has been held and an initial enquiry has been made as to whether the application requires an environmental impact assessment, and whether the ecological effects of the development can be assessed on what has been submitted.

Matters arising from the previous meeting not listed on the Agenda: There were no matters arising.

III. MONTHLY RISK INSPECTIONS:

i. **Health and Safety issues identified and recommended actions**: Cllr Tryon carried out the September inspection on 30th September 2026 and reported that there were no health and safety issues. The October inspection will be carried out by Cllr Baddeley. **(Action – Cllr Baddeley)** Cllr Maddox will carry out the November inspection and Cllr Hungin will carry out the December inspection. The Allotment Association reported that they had some new tenants. A new boot scraper is being installed. No issues except the entry into the Scouts field during the BeerFest and subsequent damage caused.

ii. **Maintenance issues identified and recommended actions**: Brambles on the north and west side of Green Meadow need to be cleared. A local contractor will be asked to do the work. **(Action Clerk)** The bottom gate by the school is slightly misaligned so doesn't lock easily. The issue will be inspected. **(Action – Cllr Brewis)** The crack in the Jubilee Walk path is getting worse so it was agreed to ask for advice from the company that installed the path. **(Action – Clerk)**

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

IV. DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.

V. CORRESPONDENCE: The organisers of the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village competition asked whether the Parish Council would like to purchase the metal sign they had installed on Chalfont Road for £300. As the Council has previously had a sign made, which is situated in the Holy Trinity Churchyard, it was agreed to decline the offer.

It was agreed that Little Ducklings Forest School could have small fires at the Recreation Ground in a raised fire basket as the organiser has carried out a professional risk assessment and got adequate insurance. All debris will be removed so that there is no trace of the fire. **(Action - Clerk)**

The new owners of the Old Vicarage on Old Long Grove have offered to meet with the Parish Council to allay any lingering fears about the future of the property. Their kind offer will be accepted and a meeting arranged. **(Action - Clerk)**

Seer Green United had asked for a Community Grant to hire a skip for the earth from their new shed base and to clear the discarded items from the rear of the Pavilion. As the club had kindly offered to do the clearance work themselves the Parish Council agreed that they would pay for the skip rather than issuing a community grant. It was agreed that their new larger shed could be installed in the same position as the existing plastic shed as the access had been improved following the removal of the dead elder tree. **(Action - Clerk)**

VI. FINANCE:

From 1st September 2026 to 30th September 2026:-

Payments amounting to:-	£5,845.88
Income received:-	£39,755.94
The closing bank balances on 30th September 2026 totalled:-	£174,917.83

The finance lists for September were reviewed and unanimously approved.

i. **Clerk Salary** – A closed minute was recorded for the Clerk's uplifted salary.

VII. **PLANNING**: The new planning applications were reviewed. The Parish Council agreed to note on the Planning Portal that we are neutral on the following 3 applications:- PL/26/06644/TP - Ponds Barn, 9 Princess Grove, Seer Green, HP9 2GN, PL/26/06753/FA - 1 Manor Farm Way, Seer Green, HP9 2YD, PL/26/06635/FA - 13 Wood Pond Close, Seer Green, HP9 2XG. It was agreed to raise concerns about application PL/26/07405/FA - Waylands Equestrian Centre, Rawlings Lane for the proposed "Retention of 4 storage containers ancillary to the equestrian use of the site" as the application has a number of inaccuracies which need to be corrected before it can be considered. **(Action – Cllr Hungin)** Complaints have been received from residents about the construction traffic for a property on Long Bottom Lane that is fully blocking the pavement. The matter will be photographed and brought to the attention of the Police. **(Action – Clerk)**

VIII. PRINCIPAL AGENDA ITEMS.

i. **NEWSLETTER**: Articles had been prepared for the Best Kept Village Competition and the Spire Net. Articles will be written for the Community Award, our Local Plan submission, cricket, football, speeding, the new bench on Stable Lane and the bike jumps in Hodgemoor Wood. **(Action – Cllr Hungin, Cllr Holder, Cllr Baddeley, Clerk)**

ii. **ANNUAL ARBORICULTURE INSPECTION**: An arboriculturist from The Whole Tree Company has completed the annual inspection of trees on Parish Council land. No high-risk concerns were identified. Appointments have been made with South Bucks Tree Surgeons on 13th October and Fineland Forestry on 22nd October to obtain quotations for the works identified as medium and low risk items. **(Action – Cllr Hughes)** The arboriculturist identified fly tipping in Green Wood. The property identified has been sent a letter and is dealing with the issue.

iii. **FOOTBALL**: Both Seer Green United and the adult football teams have had their rates agreed and have now resumed playing at the Recreation Ground. Both will continue to negotiate with their leagues to try and avoid matchday clashes on Sundays. Cllr Maddox was thanked for repairing the Goal post bases.

IX. UPDATES ON OTHER MATTERS (Reports by Exception)

i. **JUBILEE HALL:** The roof has recently been repaired, and the hedge has been cut. The outstanding snagging work on the school kitchen project which affects the Jubilee Hall has been scheduled for the October half term. **(Action - Clerk)**

ii. **PAVILION:** The shower heads were reported as clean and ready for use. Blaser Mills have been provided with all the information they require to prepare the new lease for Little Ducklings which will be backdated to June 2026.

iii. **BIODIVERSITY**: A mental health charity helping people improve their wellbeing through nature and gardening is fundraising by growing and supply a variety of native wildflowers. It will be investigated whether these would be suitable for the wildflower beds in the village. **(Action Cllr Baddeley)**

iv. **PARISH COUNCIL PROPERTIES, OPEN SPACES AND SERVICES:** It was asked whether the Bus Stop could be marked at the top of Stable Lane as the school parking restricts the Bus from stopping. County Cllr Jackson said he would investigate the matter. The Spire Net has been successfully installed and inspected, and we are just waiting for the removal of the Heras fencing to complete the project. It was asked when Bucks Highways were planning to return to resurface the centre of the village now that Cadent have finished their work. County Cllr Jackson offered to find out.

X. **INFORMATION ITEMS:** A new defibrillator has been installed in a blue cabinet outside Holy Trinity opposite the Jolly Cricketers which has been installed in memory of a village resident. The Sword of Excellence will be looked after by the Chairman and the Tindall Cup will be placed in the cabinet in Jubilee Hall. **(Action – Cllr Holder)**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

NEXT MEETING – The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 7.30pm at Seer Green Baptist Church, Wood Pond Close, Seer Green, HP9 2XG.