

ALLINGTON & BOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Allington & Boscombe Parish Council held at The Boscombe Sports and Social Club on Tuesday 17th March at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors

Tim Price (Chairman), Richard Rolfe (Vice-Chairman), Glynis Barnes, Camille Mourier, Paul Rice, David Stanford.

In attendance: Rebecca Hathaway-White (Clerk) and one member of the public.

Public Participation

None

Meeting of the Council

25/150 Acceptance of apologies of absence. Resolved: None

25/151 Minutes. The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 17th February 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

25/152 Co-option. Resolved: Cllrs noted that the Council currently has 1 vacancy that it can co-opt to fill.

25/153 Dispensations and Declarations of Interest. Resolved: Cllr Stanford is a Village Hall Trustee, Cllrs Price and Mourier are on the Riverside Rise Residents Association.

25/154 Accounts for Payment LGA 1972 s150 (5)

Resolved: Councillors ratified the payments listed below, Cllr Price and Stanford checked and signed the invoices.

South West Landscapes (March)	£373.00
Boscombe District Social Club (Hall Hire)	£25.00
Hurdcott Landscapes (Bin Emptying)	£7.80
Moore Secure (Feb)	£9.00
R Hathaway-White (Feb)	£392.30
HMRC (Feb)	£98.20
DTS Fencing and Landscape (Cemetery Gate)	£1826.40
Brunton Memorial Hall (Hall Hire Dec)	£25.00
Brunton Memorial Hall (Hall Hire Nov)	£25.00

25/155 Approval and signing off of Parish Accounts for the month ending 28th February 2026

As previously circulated. The reported bank balances as at 28th February 2026 were :-

Treasurers Account	£210.16
Savings Account	<u>£20,919.46</u>
Total	£21,129.62

Resolved: The Clerk reminded Cllrs that £5000 of our balance sits in ear marked reserves for tree work. Cllrs resolved to approve the accounts. The Clerk and Chairman signed the bank reconciliation. The Clerk provided accounts which included a budget report. Cllr Barnes has checked the bank statements provided by the clerk and confirmed all payments are in order and signed the statements.

25/156 Consultations on planning applications. Council to discuss and make decision on responses: (Please note: in planning matters the Parish Council acts as consultee of the Principal Authority, the Principal Authority being the deciding body).

Planning Applications

Reference:	PL/2026/00598 - Householder planning permission
Site Location:	The Cherries, Wyndham Lane, Allington, Salisbury, SP4 0BY
Proposal:	Erection of a two-storey rear extension with addition of one roof light
Applicant Name:	Thomas Franks
Officer Name:	Daniel Jacobs
Respond By:	16 March 2026

Resolved: Cllrs resolved to respond 'No Objection'

25/157 Insurance. Resolved: Cllrs resolved to increase the rebuild cost of the Village Hall on the insurance policy from £525,000 to £600,000 as recommended by the loss adjustor. The insurance premium will increase by £154.16 until renewal.

25/158 DJD Property Maintenance. Resolved: Cllrs resolved to accept the quote by DJD Property Services for £912, previously circulated. This includes installing the new noticeboard, installing the solar panel on the SID, refurbishing the bench in the cemetery, removing waste from the cemetery and removing the concrete bench.

25/159 Parish Council Website. Resolved: Cllrs resolved to produce a newsletter once a month which will be added onto the website, as well circulated on social media and the noticeboards.

25/160 Annual Parish Meeting of the Electorate. Resolved: Cllrs resolved to hold the APM ahead of the meeting on the 19th May 2026.

25/161 Meeting dates for municipal year 2026/2027. Resolved: Cllrs resolved the following meeting dates for 2026/27 21st April, 19th May 2026, 16th June 2026, 21st July 2026, 15th September 2026, 20th October 2026, 17th November 2026, 15th December 2026, 16th February 2027 and 16th March 2027

25/162 Village Hall Working Group Update. The working group consists of five members, Helen Price, Janet Stanford, Amelia Williams, Tim Price and Glynis Barnes. They have held a first meeting.

We are currently going through the insurance process with the village hall. They have instructed a drying company which has removed all the units etc from inside the kitchen so they can treat the mould and ensure that everything has been properly dried. They have left dehumidifiers inside the hall and will come back in 7 days to check damp levels. Once completely dry they will issue a certificate to the insurance company so that repair work can begin. We have not yet seen the quote from the builders the insurance company instructed. The builders we have had a quote from have reiterated once again that they feel the ceiling and plaster board in the kitchen needs replacing and if not given the go ahead to do that by the insurance company they will not guarantee any repair work done.

25/163 Village Hall Expenses. Resolved: Cllrs resolved to invoice the village hall for the following expenses as per the lease.

Parry & Cullen (Electrical Inspection)	£388.80
Stonehenge Plumbing and Heating (Gas Inspection)	£168.00
Fire Alarm Consultancy (Annual Service)	£288.00
Wessex Fire and Security (Annual Service)	£72.50
Moore Secure (Annual Security Alarm Service)	£166.80

25/164 GOV.UK.Notify. Resolved: Cllrs resolved not to use this service.

25/165 Bins. Resolved: Cllrs resolved to purchase the Topsy Royale Litter Bin from Glasdon UK for £283.03 including VAT, plus internal base weight at £15.60 (including VAT).

25/166 Boscombe Cemetery. The Clerk and Cllr Barnes recently met at the Cemetery to agree on the cemetery plan. The Clerk will work through all the burials and plots which have happened without being properly recorded so they can be agreed and added to the burial register as per legislation. The new cemetery gates have been installed and look fantastic. The company who installed them have offered to quote for a new fence which the clerk has accepted.

25/167 Burial Markers. Resolved: There are currently 19 unmarked graves within the cemetery, Cllrs discussed the different options for marking these and decided to defer.

25/168 Cemetery Improvements. Resolved: Cllrs resolved to look at involving residents to try and improve the cemetery through planting. Cllr Price will explore grants available that we might be able to benefit from and Cllr Barnes will speak to members of the community to get them involved.

25/169 Application form for the Right of Exclusive Burial Boscombe Cemetery. Resolved: Cllrs resolved to approve and adopt the Application form for the Right of Exclusive Burial Boscombe Cemetery, previously circulated.

25/170 Cemetery Plan. Resolved: Cllrs resolved to approve and adopt the new cemetery plan, previously circulated.

25/171 Internment Notice. Resolved: Cllrs resolved to approve and adopt the application form for the Internment Notice, previously circulated.

25/172 Application for Memorials. Resolved: Cllrs resolved to approve and adopt the Application for Memorials, previously circulated.

25/173 Cemetery Noticeboard. Resolved: Cllrs resolved to purchase the 'Post Mounted External Noticeboard 6 x A4 Including Header in black from Whitehill Direct for £642.64 excluding VAT.

25/174 Parish Plan Questionnaire. Resolved: Cllrs will meet to discuss the responses before considering how these are translated into the Parish Plan and the statistical analysis of the results.

25/175 The Old Inn. Cllrs noted that residents have concerns regarding the sate of the Old Inn and the Parish Council will keep the matter under review.

25/176 Updates and items outstanding from Previous Meetings.

- i) Parish Council Laptop – Sold for £385.58. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk can spend a maximum of £500 on a new laptop, Cllr Mourier and Cllr Price will explore options that fit the clerks requirements.
- ii) Grave Marker – Cllr are going ahead with the grave marker from Market Town Memorials for £300 excluding VAT. Cllr Price has done some research to try and confirm the babies name and although the burial register states Geraldine, both the birth and death certificate seem to say Geraldind. Cllr Price will do some further digging to try and confirm.

25/177 Standing Agenda Items

- i) **Parish Steward** – Cllr Price has written a letter to complain about the lack of communication from Wiltshire Council regarding the reallocation of the Parish Steward. No response yet.
- ii) **LHFIG** – Cllr Price will attend the meeting in May.
- iii) **Flood Warden** – The Parish Council are still in need of a volunteer to take on the role of Flood Warden. Cllr Price has spoken to the farmer who is storing all the signs, sand bags etc and is happy for the Parish Council to continue storing them there.

25/178 Partnership Meetings to Consider Attending.

Southern Wiltshire Area Board – 4th June 2026

LHFIG – 5th May 2026

25/179 Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of The Council will be Tuesday 21st April 2026, 7.30pm venue to be confirmed.

Approved by the Council as a true record.

Signed.....

Dated.....

The minutes of this meeting will be available to all members of the public from the village website www.allingtonandboscombewilts-pc.gov.uk or by contacting the Parish Clerk.