

PARISH OF RADNAGE

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON Wednesday 21st January 2026 AT 7.30 PM AT RADNAGE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Chair, Cllr Darren Ungless, Cllr Keith Mathews, Cllr Sam Martin, Cllr Charmaine Gallagher, Cllr Robert Carrington and Clerk Ms Lisa Stibbs.
There were six members of the public present.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies from Cllr Hancock and Cty Councillor Adoh

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC SESSION (10 minutes total)

There was a brief discussion regarding the appalling state of the road at Mudds Bank turning and how dangerous the roads in the local area are. Any pot holes need to be reported on Fix My Street. A member of public also asked about a litter picking volunteer group. Cllr Hancock was not present at this meeting but Cllr Martin will approach the volunteer group about doing a community litter pick again.

MEETING REOPENED

2. To receive any disclosure of pecuniary interests by Members relating to items on the agenda.

None

3. Acceptance and signing of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th November 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2025 were approved as proposed by Cllr Ungless, seconded by Cllr Mathews, and agreed by all as a true and accurate record. The Chairman, Cllr Ungless, signed and dated the minutes.

4. St Marys Church and Parish Council Burial Ground

Revd Lance Sharpe spoke to the Parish Council regarding the differences between the Parish and Church Burial Grounds and requested that we update our processes and invoice the Funeral Directors and Memorials companies as The Parish Council. It has previously been invoiced by the Church and then refunded to the Parish Council.

Revd Lance has suggested an application form for burials and or monuments to be addressed to Radnage Parish Council and that the Church and The Parish Council have an updated memorandum between them. Revd Lance is happy to work with the Clerk to move this forward.

This was then proposed by Cllr Ungless, seconded by Cllr Mathews and agreed by all.

5. Project Updates:

Village Hall:

Dishwasher has now been repaired.

Large fridge in kitchen is blowing the trip and needs new parts at the cost of approximately £640. After discussion at the Budget meeting, it was agreed by all that it would be more economical in the long term to purchase a new fridge. This will be a smaller, single fridge which should be adequate for the needs of the village hall. If there comes a time when more fridge space is required, the Parish Council could purchase a second single fridge. The new fridge will not be purchased until we receive the Precept in April.

Cllrs Ungless and Hancock to look at the outside lighting, possibly solar lights by the inside gates. (carried forward to when the weather is better)

Clerk has purchased light bulbs for the main hall but needs someone to replace them. Cllr Ungless will try to source the bulbs for the small hall as they are different and we now have seven bulbs blown in there.

Carried forward: Working party to clear back the bushes in the car park area. Cllr Martin to try to organise some volunteers to help with this.

Playground, Play Area:

Cllr Ungless has now sourced a self-closing spring to attach to the new gates.

Recreation Ground

The new bins are now on the Recreation Ground and the play park and the old dog waste bins will be removed.

6. Planning

a) **To note planning decisions:**

None at the time of Agenda being published

b) **To consider planning/appeal applications**

- Case Ref: PL/25/5229/TP – St Marys Church, Church Lane – Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) Pollard along northern churchyard boundary back to original pollard points by about 10m and remove arisings to maintain the health of the trees and to ensure safety in the churchyard x 8 Lime
- Case Ref: PL/25/5077/FA – The Spinney, City Road – Proposed demolition of derelict structures and reinstatement of land. Erection of detached dwelling with associated landscaping.

- Case Ref: PL/25/5591/FA – Barnfield Farm, Sprigs Holly Lane – Construction of single storey side and rear extension.

c) **Awaiting decision:**

- Appeal Notification: W/23/00078/COU – The Crown, City Road – Appeal against alleged change of use of car park to car sales and permanent accommodation including new fencing, gates and hardstanding, and siting of a large prefabricated building. Pending Consideration
- Case Ref: 24/08125/FUL – The Crown, City Road – Application for: Erection of additional letting use building.
- Appeal Notification 23/06000/FUL – The Mash Inn, Horseshoe Road – An appeal against Refusal of permission has been received in respect of the above application, as detailed in the appellants grounds of appeal
- Reference: PL/25/3940/SA – Mulberry House, Horseshoe Rd – Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed erection of fence, hardstanding, new access and new access drive.

All of the above Planning Application(s) (section b) were considered and discussed by the Parish Council at this meeting. The comments from the Parish Council can be found on The Planning Portal <https://publicaccess.wycombe.gov.uk/>

d) Local Plan – Cllr Mathews has a Draft of a Local Plan but it will need other residents/volunteers to get involved. Bucks County Council are currently drafting their own Local Plan. It is hoped that by the end of 2026, Bucks County should have their Local Plan and so should Parish Councils. This will hopefully give some protection for Parishes in regards to where new housing will be built.

e) **Planning Control** – None

7. Buckinghamshire Council

Potholes were discussed and Cllr Carrington advised to continue to report on Fix My Street but also that repairs will not be made during bad weather. Council Tax increase has not been confirmed yet.

8. Finance

- To receive a report from the RFO.
The Clerk had circulated the latest budget summary and no questions arose from this. Acceptance of it was proposed by Cllr Ungless, seconded by Cllr Martin, and agreed by all. As at 31st December, the Business Account held a balance of £10,652.74 representing interest of £2.96 for the last month, and the Community Account a balance of £2021.37
- To review and confirm payments for December 2025 (Appendix 1).
The payments for December were approved as proposed by Cllr Ungless, seconded by Cllr Martin and agreed by all.
- To formally agree Precept 2026/27 after Budget Review Meeting held on 14th January 2026
The Clerk had circulated the Annual Action Plan and the report arising from the Annual Budget and Precept Working Group meeting held on January 14th to make preparations for deciding upon the Precept request for the financial year 2026-27. Councillors discussed and approved the annual budget and Precept for 2026/27 – Councillors present at the meeting were: Chairman Mr Darren Ungless, Mr Keith Mathews, Mr Sam Martin and Clerk Lisa Stibbs
Agreement to adopt this report was proposed by Cllr Mathews, seconded by Cllr Martin and agreed by all.

9. The Crown

Update The pub is now open. Villagers have been strongly supportive. The appeal is still pending.

10. The Mash Inn

Update There was nothing to report at this meeting other than the appeal is still pending.

11. Speeding/Road safety

School parking is still causing issues. Different options were discussed.

12. War Memorial

Clerk has forwarded the only quote to clean the War Memorial received from IMI to Cllr Martin in order to apply for funding from War Memorials Trust

13. Clerks Matters – including late received correspondence.

Salt Bins – We have had an enquiry regarding an empty salt bin. This can be reported on Fix My Street but, generally Bucks Council fill them up in the Autumn. Then only come out to refill in Winter (after inspection) if it is deemed urgent. There is information on Bucks CC website regarding the amount of salt to use and the Clerk will add posts on Facebook when we next have freezing weather.

Laurel Hedge on The Common – We have had a request to reduce in height as it is approaching telephone lines. Clerk to get a quote from Glynn

Off Lead Dogs on roads Clerk to put a regular notice in Contact Magazine reminding residents about the law that states all dogs must be on a lead on public highways.

14. Date of Next Meeting:

The next ordinary meeting of The Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 11th March TBC at 7.30pm (new time) at Radnage Village Hall

PUBLIC SESSION – (10 minutes in total) –

Nothing further was discussed

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20 hours

Signed

Chairman: *Darren Ungless*

Date: 18th March 2026

Meeting dates for 2026 (TBC)

Wednesday 11th March

Wednesday 13th May (AMPC) and Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 20th May AMP

Wednesday 15th July

Wednesday 9th September

Wednesday 11th November