

**Purley on Thames Parish Council
Minutes of the Barn and Burial Ground Committee Meeting
Held on Monday 10th March 2025**

In the Large Hall at the Barn, Goosecroft

Commencing 6:00pm and concluding at 6:22pm

Present: Councillors J Langford (Committee Chairman), P Beddoes, M Bishop, A Grindley and G Rolfe

In attendance: Sharon Way (Clerk), Colin Moses (Amenities Officer)

B&B 25/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

B&B 25/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

B&B 25/03 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were in attendance.

B&B 25/04 MINUTES OF MEETING

Cllr Langford invited comments on the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2024. No comments were raised.

Following a proposal from Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Grindley it was:

RESOLVED: Approval and adoption of the minutes of the meeting, 5th November was AGREED.

The minutes of the meeting, 5th November were duly signed by the Chairman.

B&B 25/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 5th NOVEMBER

None.

B&B 25/06 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Langford referred members to the report previously circulated and asked members if they had any questions. No questions were raised.

B&B 25/07 PARISH OFFICE REPORT

Cllr Langford referred members to the report previously circulated.

The Amenities Officer stated that a pest controller had visited site following sighting of mouse droppings. Following discussion it was agreed that the problem was likely to be exacerbated by food being left in the kitchen by clubs using the facilities. It was agreed that the Amenities Officer will write to the clubs to request that food is not left in the kitchen.

The Amenities Officer stated that the disabled toilet refurbishment was nearing completion and was expected to be reopened by the end of the week. The rubbish in this area would also be removed by the end of the week.

Members noted that the poor condition of the PSSC bins would also encourage vermin. The Amenities Officer stated that PSSC had been asked to consider screening these bins.

The Amenities Officer discussed the shed/compound, noting that a budget had been agreed by council. Since this agreement, the works had been better defined to include the provision of a base, ramp, shed and lighting, and clearance of the scrub area. The Amenities Officer stated that the agreed budget may not be sufficient, and a resolution for an increased budget will be brought to the next full council meeting.

B&B 25/08 FUTURE PROJECTS

Cllr Rolfe stated that projects requiring budget allocation from reserves should be brought to the Chairmen's Working Group Meeting.

Cllr Bishop raise the matter of non-consecrated land, created for members of the community of other faiths. Since it was possible that the burial ground could expand into this area, the matter needed to be investigated further.

Members discussed the curtains and chairs. A possible project to replace the curtains and chairs was suggested.

Cllr Langford requested that members submit project ideas to the Clerk, for discussion and prioritisation at the next meeting.

B&B 25/09 MEMBERS' ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None.

B&B 25/10 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Currently scheduled for 7th July at 6pm, subject to change.

The meeting was then closed to the press and public and there being no confidential business the meeting was formally closed at 6:22 pm.

Signed:

Date: 7th July 2025