

**Purley on Thames Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Allotments and Village Amenities Committee Meeting**  
**Held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

**In the Small Hall at The Barn, Goosecroft**

Commencing 6:00pm and concluding at 6:51pm

**Present:** Councillors M. Abrams (Committee Chairman), J Evans, and G. Rolfe.

**In attendance:** Sharon Way (Clerk)

**A&VA 25/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllr R. Wallace.

**A&VA 25/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None.

**A&VA 25/12 PUBLIC FORUM**  
No members of the public were in attendance.

**A&VA 25/13 MINUTES OF MEETING**  
Cllr Abrams invited comments on the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Following a proposal from Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Rolfe it was:

**RESOLVED: Approval and adoption of the minutes of the meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> March was AGREED.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March were duly signed by the Chairman.

**A&VA 25/14 PARISH OFFICE REPORT**  
The Clerk stated the following:

No allotment plots are currently vacant and two people are currently on the waiting list.

A recent inspection noted six plots that required remedial work and letters have been sent to the plot holders.

The path at the side of the allotment has been cleared. The top hedge cut will not be carried out until September.

To date there have not been any requests for erection of greenhouses.

A new 2m entrance gate is due to be installed in July. The access codes have been changed and plot holders have been reminded to keep the gate closed and locked.

Two allotment taps have been replaced.

One of the bus shelters has had minor graffiti; the condition of the bus shelters will be monitored.

The tree surgeon will complete a survey of Pikeshaw in the next few weeks. Some trees may need to be re-tagged. It is anticipated that further felling may be required due to ash dieback.

The Clerk stated that a speeding complaint had been received by the parish office. Members noted that it is important for members of the public to establish community support before WBC will take action.

Cllr Rolfe stated that WBC is carrying out a bus survey, and noted complaints by local residents regarding the routes of no. 43 and no. 16 buses. It was agreed that a link to the WBC survey would be added to the council's Facebook page. The Clerk agreed to check whether the WBC residents' newsletter is received by the parish office.

## **A&VA 25/15      MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTION**

### **A&VA 25/15-1      To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Committee**

Members agreed to defer the election of vice-chairman to the next meeting.

**A&VA 25/15-2**      Members discussed the installation of a new 4-bay litter and recycling unit on Mapledurham Drive, to replace the Suez bin. The Clerk confirmed that the owner of Mapledurham Drive has given permission for this bin to be installed, but the exact location is still to be determined. Cllr Evans questioned whether two bins were needed in close proximity, if the same type of bin will be installed inside Bucknell's Meadow. It was agreed that a bin was required for use by walkers along the Thames path. Members were concerned that the siting of the bin could obstruct traffic along Mapledurham Drive. Cllr Rolfe suggested a location within the fence line of Bucknell's Meadow on the left hand side near the new gate. Access for vehicles to empty the bin was also discussed. It was agreed that further investigation and a site meeting was required.

Cllr Rolfe suggested that in advance of a decision regarding siting of the bin, an increased budget could be agreed to cover the possible additional cost of modifying the fencing.

Following a proposal from Cllr Rolfe and seconded by Cllr Evans it was:

**RESOLVED: To change the wording of the motion to : *To set a budget of £2,000 for the installation of a 4-bay litter and recycling unit on Mapledurham Drive (outside Bucknell's Meadow), replacing the two existing Topsy bins, was AGREED.***

Following a proposal from Cllr Rolfe and seconded by Cllr Evans it was:

**RESOLVED: To set a budget of £2,000 for the installation of a 4-bay litter and recycling unit on Mapledurham Drive (outside Bucknell's Meadow), replacing the two existing Topsy bins, was AGREED.**

**A&VA 25/15-3**      Members discussed the dog waste bin at the Pangbourne Sewage Works, and the motion to replace this with a larger 66-litre bin in response to persistent overflow reports. The Clerk stated that no further complaints had been received following an increase in collections to two per week. It was agreed that no action would be taken at this time and that the Clerk would continue to monitor the situation.

### **A&VA 25/16      DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 6:00pm.

**A&VA 25/17**

**MEMBERS' ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

None. Cllr Abrams asked members to give the Clerk items for the meeting agenda 14 days before the next meeting.

**A&VA 25/18**

**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Following a proposal from Cllr Abrams and seconded by Cllr Evans it was:

**RESOLVED: To exclude the public and press, pursuant of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, section 1(2), in order for the council to discuss a confidential matter was AGREED.**

The meeting was then closed to the press and public.

**A&VA 25/19**

A confidential matter relating to parish land was discussed.

**The meeting was formally closed at 6:51 pm.**

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025