

Purley on Thames Parish Council
Minutes of the Allotments and Village Amenities Committee Meeting
Held on Thursday 13th November 2025

In the Small Hall at The Barn, Goosecroft

Commencing 6:00pm and concluding at 6:38pm

Present: Councillors M. Abrams (Committee Chairman), P. Beddoes, J Evans, G. Rolfe

In attendance: Sharon Way (Clerk), Colin Moses (Amenities Officer), Graham Chapman (Honorary Allotment Manager)

A&VA 25/20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
13:09 Cllr R. Wallace.

A&VA 25/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr Rolfe declared an interest in the allotments.

A&VA 25/22 **PUBLIC FORUM**
None.

A&VA 25/23 **MINUTES OF MEETING**
Cllr Abrams invited comments on the minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2025.

Following a proposal from Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Rolfe it was:
RESOLVED: Approval and adoption of the minutes of the meeting, 1st July was AGREED.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st July were duly signed by the Chairman.

A&VA 25/24 **PARISH OFFICE REPORT**
The Amenities Officer discussed developments following circulation of the report to members.

The Amenities Officer stated that only two members had not yet paid their rental for the year commencing 1st October 2025.

With respect to the bins, the Clerk stated that, following the increase to bi-weekly collections, there had been no further issues with overflowing waste bins. The Clerk stated that the bin at Clarendon Rise had been relocated and no further complaints had been received.

With respect to noticeboards, the Amenities Officer stated that they were currently in a good condition, with no graffiti. The Amenities Officer noted that there had been a further incidence of graffiti to the bus shelter, but this was not offensive, and no remedial action was planned at this point. The Clerk confirmed that the bus shelters were parish council assets.

The Amenities Officer confirmed that the tree work at Pikeslaw had been completed. Further work may be required in the current financial year, depending on the severity of winter storms.

The Amenities Officer stated that the plan to re-site the Suez bin on Mapledurham Drive would be postponed until 2026.

With respect to speeding, the Amenities Officer stated that no action was currently planned and that the regular police presence in problem locations appeared to be acting as a deterrent.

The Clerk stated that a fault with the church clock was currently preventing it from chiming. The clock specialist will visit the site on 22 November; repair of the fault may result in an additional charge.

A&VA 25/25 MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTION

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

Following a proposal from Cllr Rolfe and seconded by Cllr Abrams it was:
RESOLVED: The election of Cllr Beddoes as Vice-Chairman of the committee was AGREED.

A&VA 25/26 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Following a proposal from Cllr Rolfe 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 25/27 DISCUSSION ON BUDGET PLANNING

The Committee considered budget planning for 2026/27.

A&VA 25/28 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 3rd March 2026.

The meeting was formally closed at 6:38 pm.

Signed:

Date: 24th March 2026