

**Minutes of the Meeting of Rooksdown Parish Council**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at 7.30pm**

| RPC Councillors           | Present | Apologies | Absent |
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| Cllr Paul Mahoney - Chair | ✓       |           |        |
| Cllr Scott Mason          | ✓       |           |        |
| Cllr Doug How             | ✓       |           |        |
| Cllr Abimbola Bisiriyu    |         | ✓         |        |
| Cllr Mike Anigbo          | ✓       |           |        |
| Cllr Kiran Sajan          | ✓       |           |        |
| Cllr Andrew Lawrence      | ✓       |           |        |

**Also present**

Cllr Arun Mummalaneni (HCC), Cllr Jay Ganesh (BDBC) and Catherine Daly (BDBC). The meeting was chaired by Cllr Mahoney and Tracy Hamer (Clerk) recorded the minutes.

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| <b>76/26</b> | <b>Apologies for absence</b><br>Cllr Abimbola Bisiriyu (RPC) and Cllr Simon Minas-Bound (BDBC).  |
| <b>77/26</b> | <b>Declarations of Interest</b><br>Nil.  |
| <b>78/26</b> | <b>Approval of the Minutes</b><br>The minutes of the following meeting were <b>approved</b> as an accurate record and signed by the presiding Chair.<br><br><i>Full Council Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Items 61/26 to 75/26</i><br><i>Confidential Session Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Items 74/26</i><br><br><i>Proposed by Cllr How and seconded by Cllr Anigbo</i>   |
| <b>79/26</b> | <b>Matters Arising</b><br>Nil.   |
| <b>80/26</b> | <b>Public Session – 15 minutes</b><br><br><u>Play Enhancements</u> - Catherine Daly (CD), Principal Landscape Architect at BDBC, attended the meeting to discuss options for allocating developer contributions earmarked for play provision in Rooksdown. Three options were considered in detail: an extension to the existing play area, provision of a MUGA, and outdoor fitness equipment. Members expressed the view that a MUGA and table tennis tables would be well received, as this would enhance provision for older children within the parish, noting that younger children are already well catered for. CD will liaise with the Clerk to explore the preferred options and confirm the associated financial implications. CD will also arrange a consultation with residents on the proposed option. |

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|              | <p><u>Path Access</u> – Members noted that there is currently a financial shortfall in the available S106 funding to deliver the proposed built-up path on land near Parklands Hospital. A usable footway is urgently required to ensure pedestrian access remains safe and accessible for all. The Parish Council expressed its willingness to fund the shortfall from earmarked reserves to progress the project at the earliest opportunity. The Clerk will also explore potential grant funding options. The matter will be brought back to the next meeting to confirm costs and agree next steps.</p> <p>Cllr Mason noted the removal of the swings in the park near the community centre. CD agreed to investigate options for their replacement.</p> <p>Members thanked Catherine Daly for attending the meeting.</p>   |
| <b>81/26</b> | <p><b>To receive reports from:</b></p> <p><u>Chairman Rooksdown Parish Council</u> – Appendix 1.<br/> <u>County Councillor</u> – Appendix 2.<br/> <u>Borough Councillors</u> – Appendix 3.<br/> <u>Police/PCSO/CSPO</u> - Nil.<br/> <u>Rooksdown Community Association</u> - Nil.</p> <p><u>Allotments</u> – The Clerk reported that three outstanding payments from tenants are currently being actively pursued. Cllr Mason is due to meet with a prospective new tenant in the coming days, and two further individuals on the waiting list have been contacted in anticipation of two additional plots becoming vacant.</p>   |
| <b>82/26</b> | <p><b>Finance and governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bank Reconciliation Reports for February 2026 were noted as satisfactory and signed by Cllrs How and Anigbo - see Appendix 5.</li> <li>• To note any emergency spends authorised by the Clerk - Nil.</li> <li>• The Council <b>resolved</b> to approve the schedule of payments for February 2026 and noted 1 payment made and authorised via email between meetings - see appendix 6.<br/> <i>Proposed by Cllr How and seconded by Cllr Anigbo</i></li> <li>• Council <b>resolved</b> to accept the Asset Register dated February 2026 as an accurate record.<br/> <i>Proposed by Cllr Mahoney and seconded by Cllr How</i></li> <li>• Council <b>resolved</b> to adopt the policy Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.<br/> <i>Proposed by Cllr Mahoney and seconded by Cllr Mason</i></li> </ul> |
| <b>83/26</b> | <p><b>Planning</b><br/> Nil.</p>  |
| <b>84/26</b> | <p><b>CPD</b></p> <p>Members were provided with information regarding Continued Professional Development (CPD). Councillors were reminded of the importance of undertaking appropriate training to support them in carrying out their roles effectively and confidently. This applies to both newly elected or co-opted members, who may benefit from induction training, and existing Councillors wishing to refresh or update their knowledge on specific topics, such as planning. Members noted that provision for training is included within the Council’s annual budget, and that approved courses are funded accordingly to support ongoing development and ensure the Council operates in line with current legislation, guidance, and best practice.</p>  |

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|              | <p>Members resolved to support <b>Cllr Mahoney</b> in undertaking the FILCA qualification provided by the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) at a cost of £140 (ex VAT).<br/> <i>Proposed by Cllr How and seconded by Cllr Anigbo</i></p>  |
| <b>85/26</b> | <p><b>Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action Day – Deferred until May 2026</li> <li>• Newsletter – The content will be updated once the details in Item 80/26 have been confirmed.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>86/26</b> | <p><b>Traffic Calming Update</b></p> <p><u>Traffic survey</u> – The results have been shared with all interested parties. Cllr Mummalaneni (HCC) has also shared the survey and results with Hampshire County Council and requested further input regarding potential mitigation measures, such as the installation of a pedestrian crossing and mobile speed cameras at targeted times.</p> <p><u>Speed Indicator Devices</u> - Cllr Mahoney confirmed the required licences have been granted and both cameras are now deployed.</p> |
| <b>87/26</b> | <p><b>Consultations</b><br/> Nil.</p>  |
| <b>88/26</b> | <p><b>CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS</b></p> <p>Admission to meeting to pass a resolution in accordance with the public bodies (Admission to meetings) act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the remainder of this meeting as publicity will be prejudicial to the confidential nature of the business.<br/> <i>Proposed by Cllr Mahoney and seconded by Cllr Doug.</i></p> <p>To discuss matters of a commercial nature.</p>  |
| <b>89/26</b> | <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b><br/> The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.</p>  |

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.

Signed.....  
(Chair)

Date.....23.7.2026

