



Minutes of the Meeting of Rooksdown Parish Council
Monday 23rd March 2026 at 7.30pm

RPC Councillors	Present	Apologies	Absent
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 Jay Ganesh (BDBC). The meeting was chaired by Cllr How and Tracy Hamer (Clerk) recorded the minutes.

89/26	<p>Apologies for absence Cllr Paul Mahoney and Cllr Abimbola Bisiriyu (RPC), Cllr Arun Mummalaneni (HCC), Cllr Simon Minas-Bound (BDBC), PC Adam Boxall.</p>
90/26	<p>Declarations of Interest Nil.</p>
91/26	<p>Approval of the Minutes The minutes of the following meeting were approved as an accurate record and signed by the presiding Chair.</p> <p><i>Full Council Monday 23rd February 2026 – Items 76/26 to 87/26</i> <i>Confidential Session Monday 23rd February 2026 – Items 88/26</i></p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr Mason and seconded by Cllr Anigbo</i></p>
92/26	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Play Enhancements</u> It was noted that an update had been received from BDBC regarding the proposed MUGA and table tennis tables. Precise costings could not be provided at this stage for commercial reasons; however, a summary of likely costs, based on previous projects, is expected to be shared the following week. It was further noted that confirmation is awaited as to whether planning permission will be required. Once this information is received, funding options can be explored.</p> <p><u>Path Access</u> It was resolved to approve a total spend of £15,000, to be funded from EMR 330, to cover the S106 shortfall and enable the path resurfacing to be carried out as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>Proposed by Cllr Mason and seconded by Cllr Anigbo</i></p>

	<p><u>Swings in the playpark</u></p> <p>It was noted that the swing bays, which previously included two junior flat seat swings and a shared nest swing, had been removed for safety reasons following repeated vandalism. The swings have reportedly been replaced approximately four times in recent years, significantly more frequently than in other play areas across the borough. Despite the installation of more robust chains in the most recent set, vandalism persisted, resulting in their removal once again. It was further noted that local insight into the cause of the repeated damage would be welcomed, particularly given that the vandalism appears to be specifically targeted at the swings rather than other equipment. It is suspected that the swing frame may be being used for an alternative purpose, such as a goal. The matter has also been referred to CSPOs for further investigation during patrols</p>
93/26	<p>Public Session – 15 minutes</p> <p>Nil.</p>
94/26	<p>To receive reports from:</p> <p><u>Chairman Rooksdown Parish Council</u> – Nil.</p> <p><u>County Councillor</u> – Nil.</p> <p><u>Borough Councillors</u> – Cllr Jay Ganesh reported that there is currently no update available regarding Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). It was noted that progress on the Local Plan may be delayed due to concerns about insufficient water infrastructure to support the required level of housing development. As a result, the Local Plan is now likely to proceed as an emerging plan.</p> <p>An allocation of £60 million has been identified for improvements to the leisure centre located on the former Aquadrome site. Cllr Mason raised concerns that a proposed private leisure facility adjacent to the site could impact the viability of the council’s development. In response, Cllr Ganesh clarified that Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) has a statutory duty to provide leisure facilities.</p> <p>It also noted that waste collection arrangements will change from weekly to fortnightly collections starting from October. Concern was noted amongst members that residents have not been made aware.</p> <p><u>Police/PCSO/CSPO</u> - Nil.</p> <p><u>Rooksdown Community Association</u> - Nil.</p> <p><u>Allotments</u> – Cllr Mason reported that they visited the allotments earlier in the day and identified four plots that are ready for reallocation - the Clerk to action. It was also noted that the Clerk will attend a site meeting with the Grounds Team on Thursday 2nd April to assess any works required at the allotments.</p> <p>Cllr. Lawrence noted his concern regarding hazardous parking at the junction of Divot Way and Park Prewett Road. Although this area is not adopted and no enforcement is currently in place, dangerous or obstructive parking should still be reported via 101 or directly to Report a parking contravention Transport and roads Hampshire County Council</p>
95/26	<p>Finance and governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bank Reconciliation Reports for February 2026 were noted as satisfactory and signed by Cllrs Anigbo and Lawrence - see Appendix 1. • To note any emergency spends authorised by the Clerk - Nil. • The Council resolved to approve the schedule of payments for March 2026 and noted - see appendix 2. <i>Proposed by Cllr Anigbo and seconded by Cllr Lawrence</i> • The Clerk confirmed that the end-of-year audit 2025/26 will take place on Tuesday 14th April. Members noted the Governance Statement Checklist in advance of reviewing the Annual Governance Statement as part of the 2025/26 AGAR.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The insurance renewal has been deferred as awaiting details from insurer.
96/26	Planning Nil.
97/26	Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Day – Cllr Anigbo to investigate dates. The next newsletter will be published inline with the date of the Action Day. Tombola at the Summer Fair - It was considered whether the Parish Council would support the provision of a tombola stall with prizes at the summer fair. Members agreed that the Parish Council is unable to support this request on this occasion The Annual Residents Meeting will take place prior to the May AGM, at 6.30pm on Thursday 21st May.
98/26	Consultations Nil.
99/26	CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS 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. <i>Proposed by Cllr Sajan and seconded by Cllr Lawrence.</i>
100/26	To discuss matters of a contractual nature.
101/26	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 21 st May 2026.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed.....
(Chair)

Date.....

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28/02/2026
for Cashbook 1 - Current Account**

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Unity T1	28/02/2026		3,804.19
			<u>3,804.19</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			3,804.19
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			3,804.19
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	3,804.19
		Difference is :-	0.00

Signatory 1:

NameSignedDate

Signatory 2:

NameSignedDate

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28/02/2026
for Cashbook 2 - Savings Account**

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Unity T2	28/02/2026		152,098.88
			<u>152,098.88</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			152,098.88
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			152,098.88
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	152,098.88
		Difference is :-	0.00

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