

# BODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2025

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**Present:** Cllr. D. Lang (Chairman), Cllrs J. Metcalfe, A Walters, L Davenport

**Present:** Michelle Hinde (Clerk/RFO)

## MINUTES

**1. Chairman's Welcome**

Cllr Lang welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2. Apologies**

**Cllr Jackson sent her apologies**

**3. Chairman's report**

The Chairmans report was received as per **APPENDIX 1**

**4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**COUNCIL APPROVED** minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**5. Questions from Parishioners and Visitors**

None

**Meeting Close 19:01**

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### APPENDIX 1

#### **Boddington Parish Council – Chairman’s Report May 2025**

This month marks the second anniversary of my tenure as Chairman of Boddington Parish Council. The parish has been fortunate to have stability with regard to councillors representing their interests, with no changes to councillors through the year. A broad skill set is brought from the councillors; Myself after a long military career have spent 10 years as a project and programme manager within the financial services industry. The Vice Chairman, Councillor Metcalfe, is the manager of a motorcycle dealership, Councillor Jackson, recently retired, but has been a GP in the area for many years, Councillor Walters is the Estate Manager at Boddington’s Estate and is highly respected in the local farming community, while Councillor Davenport is a teacher. Shelley Hinde is our Clerk and keeps our administration on the straight and narrow and provides us with guidance on protocols. In summary, I believe it is fair to say that between us we bring a breadth of experience and diversity to the table.

**80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day:** On the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, Boddington and Staverton Parish Councils joined forces and held a commemorative service in the grounds of St Mary Magdalene Church on Boddington Lane. A short reading of Operation Overlord and the impact was held, followed at 2100 with the lighting of a Beacon of Hope, in unison with beacons being lit across the UK, on the beaches in France and the Channel Islands. This was very well attended by approximately 50 people.

**CPR Training:** The matter of installing defibrillator(s) within the Parish, have been discussed at length. Due to rural nature of the Parish and thereby the proximity to any potential ‘patient’, the need for power supply, regular servicing and other considerations, it is not currently considered viable. However, Councillor Jackson proposed and organised CPR training, which was conducted in July. Despite the relatively small uptake, the session was welcomed and appreciated by those that did attend.

**Roads:** Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) have invested £500,000 on equipment to improve surfaces this year, which is welcome news. There have been complaints about the road surfaces within the Parish, which Councillor Metcalfe has been the focal point for. He has engaged with Highways and GCC where possible. Parishioners have been advised to report potholes on the GCC website.

**M5 J10:** As has been previously reported, a decision has been made to make M5 J10 a 4 way junction. The council invited the J10 team to present at the November meeting and received an update on this in November from ‘Chris’. In summary 2023 comprised of a lot of surveys and examination of the site with the Planning Inspectorate concluded in December 2024. The final decision will be reached on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025. If the plans are approved, the build will start in the latter half of 2025 with the aim to complete Spring 2028 and the J10 slip road will be closed for the entire 2 year period. A dual carriageway will run from the new junction to Kingsditch at a reduced 40mph speed limit. There will be no change West towards Coombe Hill and no signals put in around The Gloucester Old Spot or Boddington Lane junctions. 70% of the project will be funded by Homes England.

**ICO:** The Council approved payment to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO), which is responsible for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. As a parish council, the law says that if we are processing personal data then we must pay a data protection fee to the ICO.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** The Neighbourhood Watch group continues and is considered helpful in alerting parishioners of suspect behaviour by unknown people and suspicious behaviour has been challenged as a result.

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**Development:** It is intended to build approximately 1300 houses at Hayden. There has been little progress in the proposition that the council has been made aware of, but we continue to monitor. There are plans to increase development in the neighbouring Stoke Orchard parish with a build of up to 25,000 new homes. Boddington Parish Council objected to the development.

**Precept:** After much discussion it was voted by a majority to increase the by 7%. The council's reserves are lower than twice the precept, which is therefore below the recommended level. This would have led to an average increase of £1.30 a year. However, due to an administrative error, Tewkesbury Borough Council recorded and promulgated a decrease of 24.3%, which means an average reduction of £19, per household. This cannot be corrected in year so the council may well have to dig into our reserves this financial year and recover it with a substantial increase in 2026.

### **Environmental Crime:**

**Fly Tipping:** The practice of fly tipping within the parish, has remained low in comparison to previous years fortunately. Where fly tipping is experienced, it is quickly reported. [Fly Tipping](#)

**Litter:** Litter being dropped by car in the verges continues to be a nuisance. Adhoc voluntary litter picking groups take place, with volunteers entirely from Barrow. Timings are limited as we need dry weather, short hedges and verges.

**Dog Waste:** The provision of the dog waste bin in Barrow has proved successful to an extent, however, has not completely eliminated the laziness and irresponsibility of some dog-owners, who continue to leave their dog waste. With the rural nature of the parish and footpaths going through fields with livestock, there is a significant risk of herds contracting Neospora, which causes abortions, still births, brain disease and premature death. This subject has provoked much conversation and engagement within the parish community. To mitigate this issue, a second bin has been provided this year and positioned in the layby outside St Mary Magdalene Church on Boddington Lane, where several paths converge in close proximity

**Public Rights of Way (PROW):** Councillor Jackson is the parish representative for PROW. The parish continues to enjoy a good relationship with Boddington Estates and engage accordingly. Whilst the council is appreciative of the help proffered by Boddington Estates, who have a responsibility to keep their hedgerows clear of PROW, they have always gone further and maintained grass verges around the Barrow and Boddington area. We are very grateful.

**Planning Applications:** Planning applications continue to be carefully considered by the council and this year all have been passed through without objection.

**Summary:** In summary it has been another year of stable activity within the parish. I believe we have a strong council and I know that the parishioners continue to value what we do on their behalf. I would like to finish by thanking all of the councillors and our secretary for their benevolence in spending time and energy into the service of Boddington Parish.

Councillor David Lang, Chairman Boddington Parish Council