

Agenda for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, 1 July 2025

BRADFORD ABBAS PARISH COUNCIL

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1. Welcome and to receive apologies for absence
2. Declarations of interest
3. To approve the minutes from the Ordinary Parish Council Meetings held on 4th March 2025 and the Annual Council Meeting of 6th May 2025
4. Matters arising from meeting on 4th March not elsewhere on the Agenda a) Blackberry Solar Farm Update b) T474 Saxon Maybank c) Date of meeting in May 2026.
5. Officer Post (Vice Chairman) unfilled at May meeting.
6. Public Consultation – a period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to raise issues or make comments on items on the Agenda.
7. Financial Matters
 - a) Paymentss made and Payments due.
 - b) Internal Audit
 - c) AGAR report for External Audit
 - d) Life Education funding request for the school
8. To consider any Planning Applications and decisions: **P/TRC/2025/02370 Location:** Coombe Road To Coombe Bradford Abbas DT9 6JN **Proposal:** Oak (T1) - Reduce crown by approx 5m overall, sever and remove Ivy to promote bud growth -**Granted**

P/TRC/2025/02368 Location: Ruskin House Church Road Bradford Abbas DT9

6RF **Proposal:** T1 Crab Apple – Fell - **No decision**

P/FUL/2024/07616 Location: Loscombe House Old Compton Lane Bradford Abbas

DT9 4FF **Proposal:** Continue use of land as Commercial Car Storage (Class B8).-**No decision**

P/FUL/2024/04791 Station 3 holiday lodges, install a package treatment plant at Saxon Maybank, East Farm Grain Mills. DT9 6JN - **no decision** – more documents added even though consultation has closed – Cllr Legg urged case officer to make decision or take to committee.

P/FUL/2024/06236 – Old Post Office House, Church Road DT9 6RF – Remove redundant shop front and replace with traditional style casement windows and stonework – **no decision** – black plastic an eyesore. Cllr Legg to contact case officer

P/HOU/2025/01030 Mill Farm DT9 5RE Erect a single storey extension and enclose roof over side yard to create a boot room and link. – a very large extension in an area liable to flooding. 4 For, 2 abstentions, 1 against development. **Granted**

9. Reports from Representatives: Tree Officer, Rights of Way, Pennant and Heritage, Village Hall, DAPTC

10. Reports from Working Groups: Telephone Box group, Recreation Field, Neighbourhood Plan. Neighbourhood Plan Funding. See attached information.

11. Communications

12. **Date of Next Meeting 2nd September 2025 at 7.00pm Bradford Abbas Village Hall**

At a meeting of county associations yesterday (25 June), NALC gave an update on the recently announced withdrawal of government funding support for neighbourhood plans.

Locality, the organisation tasked to date with allocating financial and technical support for neighbourhood plans, is no longer accepting applications for new grants or technical support. All technical support packages agreed by the end of March 2025 will be honoured, with a deadline of March 2026 for delivery.

It's a real blow to the success story of neighbourhood planning and NALC is considering what steps it can take on behalf of the town and parish councils. There is an emerging campaign to reinstate the funding, and an information pack is attached. This includes:

- A covering letter;
- A briefing note for your councillors;
- A draft motion for councils to consider*;
- A draft letter to send to your MP*; and
- Comments from MHCLG on the decision.

(* in Word format for ease of copying and pasting)

For councils considering development of a plan, or looking to review an existing plan, clerks may want to consider a fall-back position of making budgetary provision in the event that the funding is not restored.

The meeting yesterday included some discussion of the reasoning behind the decision to end this funding - is it purely financial or is there more to it? The MHCLG comment is a little bland, but it does refer to issues beyond budgetary pressures. Make your own mind up!

I hope this is of some use to you.