

Minutes of Mersham Parish Council
Meeting held on Monday, 20th April 2026 in the Church room at St John the Baptist Church

Present: Gavin Murphy (Chair) Peter Hawkins
 Gill McBarnet Donna Pearson
 Stewart Ross Melanie Wells

In attendance: Tracey Block (Clerk).

To receive and approve apologies for absence

There were no apologies to be received.

To receive declarations of interest (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests). The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared.

Cllr Wells noted a personal interest in the Inland Border facility as a family member works on the site and a personal interest in the Village Hall.

To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 16th March 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of Mersham Parish Council on 16th March 2026 were approved as a true record and were signed accordingly.

To discuss matters arising from previous minutes not covered by the agenda.

There were no matters arising to discuss.

To receive report from County/Borough Councillor

Borough Councillor

A detailed report had been circulated; a copy can be found on the website:

<https://www.mershamparishcouncil.gov.uk/community/mersham-parish-council-18392/borough-cllr-reports/>

Public Session: To receive questions and comments from the public on any agenda item

There were no members of the public in attendance.

To receive any update on the following:

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i) Highways and Transport matters (to include the Highways Improvement Plan)

There was no update as yet. There was concern about the speed of vehicles in the village, particularly at The Street, this is to be taken forward.

ii) Village Amenities and infrastructure (to include The Village Hall)

The Village Hall report has been circulated.

iii) Environment and Sustainability (to include the green buffer zone in High Field).

There was no further update at this time.

iv) Finance & Governance:

- 1) The Parish Council's financial position as at 31st March 2026 was noted.
- 2) The Statement of Internal Control 2025-26 was approved
- 3) The Financial Regulations for 2026 were approved,
- 4) To authorise any payments

Litterpicker	£162.50
HMRC	£86.40
Clerk	£363.72
HugoFox	£11.99
JRB Enterprise	£70.26
KALC	£649.54

v) Community Engagement

There was nothing to report.

vi) IBF Update following the meeting with the DfT planning team.

Cllr Wells and the Clerk attended a meeting, Cllr Wells gave a report. The Noise report was circulated for comment. Cllr Wells has asked Mersham Historical Society regarding the information panels.

vii) Housing and Development, to include any planning applications.

PA/2026/0563 – no objection

PA/2026/0648 – no objection

PA/2026/0439 – no objection

viii) Local Government Reorganisation

No further news at this time.

ix) Succession planning

Cllr Murphy reported he has moved out of Mersham, his resignation is to follow.

Any Other Business

The Parish Council were made aware of an issue the Village Caretaker was involved with.

The Sports Club will be holding an Event Day, the Club has grown in popularity and parking is an issue.

Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.

Monday 18th May 2026