

Full Council Meeting 14th January 2026



AGENDA

To all members of Speen Parish Council,

You are duly summoned to attend the Full Meeting of Speen Parish Council on Wednesday 14th January 2026 at Speen Pavilion, Speen Recreation Ground starting at 7pm.

Becki Hannington (dated 7th January 2026)

Open session

Parishioners are invited to attend and question the Parish Council on issues in this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Fifteen minutes have been set aside for press and public questions at the start of the meeting. The council will endeavour to answer any question put to it but may have to respond to the questioner at a later date or consider placing the matter on the agenda for the next meeting. After this Open Session, members of the press and public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself unless invited to do so by the Chair in accordance with Standing Orders.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – To receive apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interests** – To declare any financial, personal and/or prejudicial interests and their nature in relation to items of this Agenda
3. **Open Session** – To receive questions or comments from Members of the Public in attendance
4. **Connecting Communities in Berkshire** – To discuss the current housing issues in Speen with Connecting Communities in Berkshire's Rural Housing Enabler.
5. **Minutes** - To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10-12-2025 (draft)
6. **Financial Report (Clerk as RFO)**
 - 6.1 **Bank Balance** - To note the bank balance as at 31-12-2025
 - 6.2 **December Payments** - To retrospectively note payments for December 2025
 - 6.3 **Finance Reports**
Proposal: To accept Finance Reports to 31-12-2025.
 - 6.4 **Budget v Actual Report**
Proposal: To accept the Budget v Actual Report (Q3)
7. **Planning Applications** – To consider the following applications and agree comments to be submitted to West Berkshire Council:
 - 7.1 **25/02746/LBC – Hare and Hounds Hotel, Bath Road, Speen, Newbury, RG14 1QY**
Creation of new link building on existing patio area. Installation of new glazed structure on the raised patio area. Creation of new external Spa area with associated timber screening etc. Reconfiguration of 2 hotel bedrooms in old stable block to form new Spa treatment area.
 - 7.2 **25/02824/HOUSE – 51 Brummell Road, Newbury, RG14 1SG**
Retrospective: Replacement Garage.
8. **Planning Decisions** – For information only
 - 8.1 **25/02249/LBC – The Grange, Speen Lane, Speen, Newbury – GRANTED**
 - 8.2 **25/02431/HOUSE – 6 Sutton Road, Speen, Newbury, RG14 1UN – GRANTED RETROSPECTIVE**
 - 8.3 **25/02482/COND – Land Off Lambourn Road, Speen, Newbury – APPROVED**
 - 8.4 **25/02257/FUL – Donnington Grove Veterinary Surgery, Grove Cottage, Oxford Road – GRANTED**
 - 8.5 **25/01836/MDOPO – Land Off Lambourn Road, Speen, Newbury – APPROVED**
9. **Grove Road VAS/SID Request**
Proposal: To agree upon location for VAS/SID in Grove Road in order to submit request form to WBC ahead of prices and available options being released later this month.

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10. Marsh Benham Gate Repair Quote

Proposal: To approve the quotation for the necessary repairs to the large, snapped field gate post at Marsh Benham Recreation Ground.

11. Speen Pavilion EICR Quotes

Proposal: To approve the quotation for the EICR at Speen Pavilion.

12. Stockcross Recreation Ground Signage – To review current signage warning that dog's must be kept away from the play area at Stockcross Recreation Ground and decide if any further signage is necessary.

13. Policies and Procedures

13.1 Internal Audit Policy

Proposal: To review and approve the latest Internal Audit Policy with revisions (subject to any amendments agreed by the Council).

13.2 Internal Financial Controls

Proposal: To review and approve the latest Internal Financial Controls with revisions (subject to any amendments agreed by the Council).

14. Smoke Control Zones – To discuss further information received from WBC regarding smoke control zones.

15. Future Planning – To discuss ideas for future parish projects to be funded from CiL monies.

16. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 11th February 2026.