



Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of Bletsoe Parish Council on Tuesday, 24th March 2026 at 7.30pm at Bletsoe Village Hall to consider the following items of business.

AGENDA

- 1 **Public Open Session:** This council is committed to community engagement and therefore warmly invites members of the public to contribute during this part of the meeting. Members of the public should note that the council is only allowed to take decisions on topics that are publicised on the agenda. Please note that interruptions during the remainder of the meeting are not permitted.
 - Members of the public (15 minutes)
 - Borough Councillor Martin Towler
- 2 **Apologies for Absence**
- 3 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
- 4 **To approve the minutes of the parish council meeting** held on 27th January 2026.
- 5 **Clerk's report on actions**
- 6 **Financial Matters**
To approve payments and note receipts, balances, and the budget variance report
- 7 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**
To receive an update and make decisions, if required, on the refresh of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 8 **Village Litterpick**
To set a date for the village litterpick, agree the risk assessment, and consider any insurance requirements.
- 9 **Governance policies**
 - To review and consider the adoption of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy, the Guide to Information & Publication Scheme, and the IT and Email Policy.
 - To adopt the latest Financial Regulations template from NALC
- 10 **Annual review of risk assessment**
To review and adopt the parish council's risk assessment for the forthcoming financial year.
- 11 **Memorial Gardens**
To consider quotes to repair the entrance to the Memorial Gardens.
- 12 **New Parish Field - Hay**
Proposal from Cllr Binks: To consider using the New Parish Field for the growing of hay.
- 13 **Mower insurance**
To consider quotes for the council's mower insurance.
- 14 **Planning applications**
 - To consider responding to any applications received since the last meeting, including any received after the agenda has been published:

APPLICATION NO: 26/00084/LDE Cert of Lawful Use and Dev (existing) Application
PROPOSAL: Certificate confirm existing lawful use of land and buildings for Class B2 General Industrial purposes, specifically the servicing, maintenance, and repair of motor vehicles (including mechanical work, welding, and fabrication), with associated internal storage and ancillary yard use.
LOCATION : Waiting For The Sun Rushden Road Bletsoe Bedford Bedfordshire MK44 1QW

- To receive any updates on planning applications previously considered:

APPLICATION NO: 26/00013/S73A Retrospective planning permission Application

PROPOSAL: Retention of open-sided vehicle wash canopy (retrospective).

LOCATION : Coombelands Park Thurleigh Road Milton Ernest Bedfordshire MK44 1ZY

Parish Council: No comment.

Status: Awaiting borough council decision.

APPLICATION NO: 25/02478/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Cladding to front and rear walls, replacement windows and front and rear doors.

LOCATION : 5 Old Way Bletsoe Bedford Bedfordshire MK44 1QG

Parish Council: Objection.

Status: Withdrawn.

APPLICATION NO: 24/01239/COU Change of Use Application

PROPOSAL: Change of use to allow car auctions (sui generis use).

LOCATION: Coombelands Park Thurleigh Road Milton Ernest Bedfordshire MK44 1ZY

Parish Council: Objection.

Status: Scheduled for 23rd March BBC Planning Committee meeting with recommendation for approval with conditions.

APPLICATION NO: 25/01292/MAF

LOCATION: Land East Of Twinwood Road Oakley And Clapham And Land South East Of Thurleigh Road Milton Ernest And Thurleigh.

PROPOSAL: Solar farm with ancillary infrastructure.

Parish Council: Comment.

Status: Permission granted.

15 **Business for future agendas (for noting only)**

Immediate proposals from councillors for discussion at a future meeting. Councillors can also email proposals prior to the next meeting.

Date of next meeting: 26th May 2026 (Annual meetings) – Bletsoe Village Hall