

Medstead Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 12th November 2025, 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Mike Smith, Mark Brayford, Phil Quinlan, Gordon Mitchell, Frank Maloney, Jez Hood, Anthea Dore, Janet King

Also in attendance: Julie Russell (Parish Clerk), District Cllr Roland Richardson, District Cllr Neal Day

	ACTION
25.159 OPEN SESSION	
a. Cllr Hood gave feedback on his HALC 'Knowledge and Core Skills' Councillor Training,	
which he had found useful and he has suggestions for ways to improve the Council.	
b. Cllr Mitchell noted that the Council Xmas tree used each year at the Churchyard has	Cllr
died and it was agreed that he would buy a new one.	Mitchell
25.160 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
Apologies were approved for Cllr Kercher (illness).	
25.161 DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
Cllr Maloney declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan insurance.	
25.162 FULL COUNCIL MINUTES	
Councillors resolved to confirm the minutes of the Full Council meeting on 8 th October	
and they were signed.	
25.163 COMMITTEES AND REPORTS	
a. Planning Committee	
 Chair's Report (Last meeting before this meeting) 	
The Chairman went through his Chairman's Report, which was circulated in advance	
and is in the Appendix	
b. Maintenance Committee (No meeting since last Full Council)	
i. Chair's Report	
There was not report	
c. F&GP Committee (Last meeting 22 nd October)	
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The last meeting was a budget meeting and all points are encapsulated in the budget	
agenda item. The Chairman also noted the policies reviewed at the September	
meeting.	
25.164 MEDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	
There was no report from the Chairman.	
25.165 CLERK /RFO'S REPORT	
The Clerk's report was circulated in advance and is included in the Appendix. There was	
nothing more to add.	
25.166 EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT	
There was no written report this month.	
Cllr Day said he was trying to improve communication with EHDC over Jennie Green Lane.	
Cllr Richardson said he was available to talk at the EHDC Planning Committee about the	
61 Lymington Bottom Road planning application.	
25.167 FINANCIAL MATTERS	
a. Council resolved to approve the income and expenditure report and bank	
reconciliations for September 2025.	
b. Council resolved to approve the payments list for October 2025.	

c. Council resolved to approve transfer of £20k to Unity Trust from the Nat West Current Account, to be paid by cheque. d. Council **resolved** to approve application for a credit card with Unity Trust e. Council resolved to approve renewal of the Neighbourhood Plan Insurance with Hiscox f. The Clerk updated Council to say she is still waiting for a response on the S106 grant applications for the Dragon's Teeth and Trees. g. Council reviewed the Neighbourhood CIL and agreed to not transfer any further funds from EHDC at this stage until it has built a strategy for expenditure. A table showing the financial position is in the Appendix. The Council needs to build communication with residents to determine what they would like Neighbourhood CIL spent on, and the NP event on 13th December will be a first step for this. h. Cllr Hood volunteered to do some research to look at better investment options for the Wake Trust, if Councillors supported it. They approved him to go ahead with this activity, but noted the need to consider risks. 25.168 BUDGET AND PRECEPT Councillors reviewed the draft budget, which had options on the Clerk's hours and the level of general reserves. F&GP had agreed that it needed to increase both of these due to increased workload and because the level of general reserves is lower than recommended, a point noted by the external auditor for 2024/25. Measures in the last budget have improved this, but there is still further to go. The Council agreed to increase the Clerk's hours to 30 hours per week including a point increase on the salary scale for CiLCA and to set the level of general reserves as presented in the options as £25k, but to also move the £8.5k in the earmarked reserves for the Neighbourhood Plan to general reserves (as this cost will be covered by Neighbourhood CIL). This gives a total general reserves of £32.5k and it represents a 13% increase in precept. The Council will defer formal approval of the budget and precept until the December meeting, by which time the Council should have found out about its S106 grant Clerk applications. The Clerk will adjust the budget numbers accordingly. 25.169 PARISH OFFICE a. The Council reviewed the three quotes for air source heat pump servicing and agreed to go with Rawlings Renewables, with one proviso. Cllr Maloney offered to check a Cllr reputable company involved with work at Four Marks village hall to see if they were Maloney cheaper, with agreement that the Clerk would go ahead with the first agreed contractor if he found no better option, and go ahead with the other proposed contractor if cheaper as the Council were happy with both options. b. The Clerk is still having difficulties with BT Business over broadband for the pavilion. The latest is that it will be installed on 24th November. c. The Council previously agreed to move electricity supply to Octopus, but they would not accept the application until the Council moved to online banking as they required a deposit and would not accept cheques. They also said that the tariff for a fixed term contract varied on a daily basis so the Clerk needed to revisit it at the point of paying the deposit. When rechecking tariffs, Scottish Power was notably cheaper than Octopus, so the Council resolved to stay with Scottish Power but to move to direct debit and sign up to a contract for a better tariff. 25.170 STAFFING COMMITTEE Cllr Hood reported to Council that his Knowledge and Core Skills training course had

strongly recommend that Councils have a staffing committee, with a recommendation of three members (and not including the Chair). Councillors approved this and it will be a future agenda item. The Clerk will write the Terms of Reference, in conjunction with Councillors, using other Councils documents and templates as a starting point.

Clerk

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There were no further matters to discuss and the meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

Signed Chairman	•
Date	

Appendix October 2025

1125.1 Planning Chairman's Report

Planning Applications

There have been a number of applications published since our last meeting, coming before this month's Planning Meeting. The one of major note is for 37 dwelling on Land Adjacent to Trinity Farm, Trinity Hill.

Other Matters

I attended the NALC webinar on planning, a useful event the details I had shared with the members of the Council. The main comment of note is that a revised NPPF is expected to put forward for consultation next January.

EHDC

The Planning Committee approved outline permission for 65 dwellings on 87 Lymington Bottom, Four Marks, and full permission was given to the 'Gladman' site on the other side of Lymington Bottom, provided it can provide EHDC with a drainage system that will actually work.

M&FM NP

The AECOM Site Options Assessment has been received, but the NPSG is asking for clarification of a couple of the results. The M&FMNP will be holding 'drop in' events in both villages over the weekend 13th &14th December. The Medstead event will be held in the Village Hall on the afternoon of the 13th.

1125.2 Clerk's Report

Admin / finance

The main focus this month has been the budget and grant applications. We now have the Unity Trust account set up. It is still proving problematic to get Broadband at the Parish Office but I have escalated it again with BT.

Open spaces / allotments

I have fully explored the issues in the Knapp regarding the septic tank and boundary issues and provided recommendations to the Council

I am still working on getting quotes for fencing at the allotments

We are waiting on hearing about the grant application before scheduling the dragon's teeth work. The tree work is scheduled for early-mid December but again we are waiting on the grant application.

A dangerous cherry tree on the village green has already been removed as it was dangerous.

Cemetery

I have started writing better guidance on the cemetery and have already written the document on transfers of burial rights and am working through other forms and policies. I have continued to have tasks relating to burial transfers and memorial applications this month, and a burial is planned next week.

Someone visited from Canada with her father and wanted to visit her great-grandparents' graves (dating from 1905) who are burial in Medstead. It took a bit of effort to track them down as they are in the oldest part of cemetery with no memorials. They were delighted and wanted to buy memorial stones, but changed their mind when they realized they would legally have to pay for the burial rights first.

1125.3 Income and Expenditure and Bank Reconciliations

	2025/26 FINANCIAL REPORT				
	September 2025				
	NAT WEST BUSINESS CURRENT ACCO	OLINT (vvvvv867)		£	£
	Balance b/fwd	2014 (XXXXX007)		<u> </u>	15.069.39
	Dalance b/iwa				10,000.00
Date	Income / credit received:	Credit Slip No.	Comments		
04-Sep	Hampshire Memorial	AC	Memorial permit		50.0
08-Sep	EHDC	AC	S106 Grant reimbursements		3,886.0
10-Sep	GM Luff and Parners Ford Mears Group	AC	Cemetery fees		150.0
20-Sep	EHDC	AC	2nd half precept		43,650.0
	Total income				47,736.0
	Outgoings:	Chq. No			
03-Sep	Mike Smith	3759	Expenses	-74.89	
10-Sep	P. J. Grace	3760	Mowing contract	-5,581.50	
	Medstead Village Hall	3761	Room hire	-52.50	
	Trent Furniture Ltd	3762	Meeting room chairs	-282.00	
	Julie Russell	3763	July and August salary	-3,259.60	
10-Sep	P. J. Grace	3764	Wild flower meadow	-1,644.00	
10-Sep	Vision ICT Ltd	3765	Hosted email	-22.00	
10-Sep	K Pitman-Irwin	3766	Pavilion roof repair	-120.00	
10-Sep	Hampshire Association of Local Councils Ltd	3767	Clerks and Officers update	-18.00	
10-Sep	BDO LLP	3768	External audit fees	-756.00	
10-Sep	Hampshire Pension Fund	3769	Pension contribution	-539.64	
10-Sep	Scottish Power	3770	Electricity charges	-101.17	
10-Sep	Bespoke Garden Projects	3771	Playground inspection	-120.00	
10-Sep	Idverde Ltd	3772	Q2 litter bin emptying	-499.56	
10-Sep	SLCC Ltd	3773	Annual subscription	-188.00	
01-Sep	Scribe (Go Cardless)	DD	Accounting software	-58.80	
12-Sep	Vodafone	DD	Mobile phone charges	-19.69	
19-Sep	Castle Water	DD	Cemetery water	-7.90	
	Total outgoings:				-13,345.2
	Balance at month end				49,460.1

	MEDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL		
	2025/26 FINANCIAL REPORT		
	September 2025		
	NAT WEST BUSINESS RESERVE ACCOUNT (xxxxx575)		
	Balance b/fwd		14,939.4
Date 30-Sep	Income received: Bank interest	13.75	
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			13.7
	Outraines		
	Outgoings		
	Balance at month end		14,953.1
	NAT WEST CIL BUSINESS RESERVE ACCOUNT (xxxxx004)		
	Balance b/fwd		8,756.7
Date	Income received: Bank Interest	9.06	
80-Sep	Dalik liitelest	8.06	8.0
	Outgoings		
	Balance at month end		8,764.8
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	NATIONWIDE CIL ACCOUNT (xxxxx857)		44 500 5
Date	Balance b/fwd Income received:		41,592.5
	Outgoings		
	Balance at month end		41,592.5
	WAKE TRUST		
	2025/26 FINANCIAL REPORT		
	September 2025		
	WAKE TRUST NAT WEST BUSINESS RESERVE ACCOUNT (xxxxx61)	6)	
	Balance at start of month		1,156.0
Date	Income received:		
30-Sep	Bank Interest	1.06	1.0
	Outgoings		1.0
	Palance at month and		4 4 5 7 4
	Balance at month end		1,157.1
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Bank Reconciliation Medstead Parish Council

Financial year 2025/26

Nat West Current Account xxxxx867 as at 30th September 2025

Prepared by Julie Russell / RFO	_	
	£	£
Current Account xxxxx867		62,247.86
Less non cleared cheques		
3691 Homestart Hampshire	-150.00	
3704 Julie Russell	-26.00	
3708 Julie Russell	-1,334.62	
3741 Julie Russell	-1630.00	
3742 Julie Russell	-1629.80	
3743 Julie Russell	-1630.00	
3747 Unity Trust	-500.00	
3734 Paul Grace (partially uncleared - bank error)	-30.00	
3761 Medstead Village Hall	-52.50	
3762 Trent Furniture Ltd	-282.00	
3763 Julie Russell	-3259.60	
3765 Vision ICT Ltd	-22.00	
3766 KL Pitman-Irwin	-120.00	
3767 HALC	-18.00	
3768 BDO LLP	-756.00	
3769 Hampshire Pension Fund	-539.64	
3771 Bespoke Garden Projects Ltd	-120.00	
3772 Idverde Ltd	-499.56	
3773 SLCC	-188.00	
		-12,787.72
		12,101.12
Add unpresented Cheques		
Net bank balance		49,460.14
The net balances reconcile to the Cash book, as follows:		
CASH BOOK		
Opening Balance		15,069.39
Add: Receipts	47,736.00	
Less:Payments	-13,345.25	
Closing balance	·	49,460.14
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I confirm the bank reconciliation for
Nat West Current Account xxxxx867
and have checked that the bank statement balances with the cash book record
As at 29th August 2025

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Bank Reconciliation Medstead Parish Council Financial year 2025/26 Nat West Business Reserve Bank Account xxxxx575 as at 30th September 2025 Prepared by Julie Russell / RFO £ 14,953.16 **Business Reserve Account xxxxxx575** Less uncleared items Net bank balance 14,953.16 The net balances reconcile to the Cash book, as follows **CASH BOOK** Opening Balance 14,939.41 Add: Receipts Bank interest 13.75 Less: Payments / Transfers Closing balance 14,953.16 I can confirm that I have verified that the bank reconciliation for Nat West account **Business Reserve Account xxxxx575**

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Nat West Reserve Account Bank Statement As at 30th September 2025

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Bank Reconciliation Medstead Parish Council Financial year 2025/26

Nat West Business Reserve CIL Bank Account xxxx004

as at 30th September 2025

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Prepared by Julie Russell / RFO		
	£	£
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Business		
Reserve Account xxxxxx004		8,764.83
Less unpresented Income		
Net bank balance		8,764.83
The net balances reconcile to the Cash book, as	follows	
CASH BOOK		
Opening Balance		8,756.77
Add: Receipts	8.06	
Less: Payments / Transfers		
Closing balance		8,764.83

I confirm the bank reconciliation for Nat West

CIL Business Reserve Account xxxxx004

and have checked that the bank statement balances with the cash book record As at 30th September 2025

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Bank Reconciliation Medstead Parish Council Financial year 2025/26

Nationwide CIL Bank Account xxxxx857

as at 30th September 2025

Prepared by Julie Russell / RFO		
	£	£
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Business 35		
Saver Issue 1 xxxxxx857		41,592.50
Less unpresented Income		
Net bank balance		41,592.50
The net balances reconcile to the Cash book, as for	ollows	
CASH BOOK		
Opening Balance		41,592.50
Add: Receipts		
Less: Payments / Transfers		
Closing balance		41,592.50

I confirm the bank reconciliation for Nat West

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and have checked that the bank statement balances with the cash book record As at 30th September 2025

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Bank Reconciliation Medstead Parish Council Financial year 2025/26 **Nat West Business Reserve Account (Wake)** as at 30th September 2025 Prepared by Julie Russell / RFO **Business Reserve Account xxxxx616 (Wake Trust)** 1,157.11 Less unpresented items Net bank balance 1,157.11 The net balances reconcile to the Cash book, as follows: **CASH BOOK Opening Balance** 1,156.05 Add: Receipts Interest 1.06 Less: Payments / Transfers 1,157.11 Closing balance I confirm the bank reconciliation for Nat West **Business Reserve Account (Wake) xxxxx616** and have checked that the bank statement balances with the cash book record As at 30th September 2025 Signed

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Financial year 2	2025/26				
Nationwide Account (W	Vake) xxxxx64	4			
as at 30th Septer	mber 2025				
Prepared by Julie Russell / RFO					
	£	£			
Nationwide Account xxxxx644 (Wake Trust Accou	int)	31,494.76			
Less unpresented items					
Net bank balance		31,494.76			
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The net balances reconcile to the Cash book, as f	rollows:				
Opening Balance		31,494.76			
Opening Bulance		01,404.10			
Add: Receipts					
Less:Payments					
Closing balance		31,494.76			
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I confirm the bank reconciliati	ion for Nationwide				
Wake Account xxxxx644					
and have checked that the bank statement balances with the cash book record					
As at 30th September 2025					
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Signed					
Councillor name:					

1125.4 Payments for Approval

Date	Supplier	Description	Amount £
1-Oct	Scribe Systems Ltd (Go Cardless)	Accounting software	58.80
9-Oct	Tree of Life Arboriculture	Tree work on village green	276.00
9-Oct	Julie Russell	Home working allowance	156.00
9-Oct	Medstead Village Hall	Expenses (printer cartridge, wood treatment, brushes, postbox, parish office items)	388.25
9-Oct	Gallagher Insurance	Hiscox insurance policy	2,581.50
9-Oct	Julie Russell	Salary (Sept)	1,630.00

9-Oct	HMRC	Q2 Payment	1,422.16
9-Oct	Hampshire Pension Fund	Pension contribution	539.64
9-Oct	HALC	Councillor training	128.40
9-Oct	J. Parker	Bulbs	73.14
9-Oct	A.C.Treloar	Lock repair	40.00
12-Oct	Vodafone	Monthly phone charges	19.69
22-Oct	Vision ICT Ltd	Web hosting	327.00
22-Oct	Castle Water	Pavilion water charges	71.91
22-Oct	Mike Smith	Expenses (allotment lighting)	30.60

1125.5 Neighbourhood CIL Summary

27579/003	24-Nov-20	5,273.49	\rightarrow	Project 453	14-Feb-24	£4.991.58	Donation to Medstead School for Play Equipment
27579/003	22-Feb-21	5,273.49		Transferered 28th April 2021	To spend by	24,001.00	Allocated to replacement of the bearings on the Villagte
2/5/9/003	22-Feb-21	5,273.49	7	· ·	' '	£5,555.40	
			\rightarrow	£10,546.98	28th April 2026		Green Roundabout
27579/003	04-Jun-21	5,273.49	\rightarrow	Project 488	To spend by		Some provisionally allocated to the Neighbourhood Plan
27579/003	07-Jun-21	5,273.49	\rightarrow	Transferred 1st November 2021	1st Nov 2026		revision, dependent on success of grant applications
56936	29-Jun-21	3,741.22	\rightarrow	£14,288.18			
23643/005	25-Oct-21	147.57	\leftarrow	Project 565	To be spent by		
56936	29-Oct-21	3,741.22	\rightarrow	Transferred 29th April 2022`	29th April 2027		
56936	08-Feb-22	7,482.45	\rightarrow	£11,371.24			
20253/026	06-Jan-23	6,367.42	\leftarrow	Project 619	To be spent by		
			\rightarrow	Transferred 12th May 2023	12th May 2028		
			\rightarrow	£6,367.42			
20253/026	28-Apr-23	6,367.42	\leftarrow	Project 676	To be spent by		
			\rightarrow	Transferred 9th November 2023	9th Nov 2028		
			\rightarrow	£6,367.42			
20253/026	31-Oct-23	12,734.83	\rightarrow	Available but not yet transferred	Due £78,062.88		
59143/001	30-Jul-24	48,996.04	\rightarrow	MPC can request it in April or Oct			
59143/001	09-Oct-24	16,332.01	\rightarrow	or leave it with EHDC. 5 yr claw-back			
			\rightarrow	period only starts when transferred			