

PADWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Meeting

7th July 2025, 7pm

Padworth Village Hall

Councillors: Rob Jones (Chair), Andrew Griffin, Jonathan Johnson, John Miller, Emily Robinson.

Members of Public: 0

1. To receive apologies

District Cllr Boeck

Cllr Williams

2. To receive declarations of interest and dispensations

There were none

3. To receive the District Councillors report

District Cllr Boeck gave apologies for the meeting; his report will be posed to the PC website when received.

4. To receive the Clerks report

Bank Reconciliation for Meeting 07/07/25

	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance as at 14th May 2025			
Treasurers Account			£ 2,994.79
Project Account			£ 32,688.91
			<u>£ 35,683.70</u>
Bank Interest received		£ 21.76	
Precept			
Payments			
PlaySafety Ltd	129.60		
ICO	47.00		
Service Charge	4.25		
Alice Owens	406.19		
Ajgibl GBP	522.82		
BALC	224.46		
BM Knight	130.00		
Service Charge	4.25		
Alice Owens	406.19		
Alice Owens (Norton)	19.99		
Defib Sales	958.00		
	<u>£ 2,852.75</u>	<u>£ 21.76</u>	<u>£ 32,852.71</u>
Project Account			142.04
Treasurers Account			<u>£ 32,710.67</u>
			<u>£ 32,852.71</u>

5. Village Hall matters

The front loos in the Village Hall needs some repair work; ACTION - Clerk to share details with Jacky Jones of potential contractor.

The VH Committee is also looking to refurbish the kitchen; budget depending this will come after loo and floor repairs.

Village Show was unfortunately cancelled this year due to a clash of events.

6. To review Planning Matters

6.1 Awaiting Decisions

- 24/02625/HOUSE – Red Cottage, Mill Lane, RG7 4JU - Ground floor extension, new pitched porch, loft conversion, new dormers, internal alterations. Externally red brick to match existing, horizontal timber slats for flat roof dormers, to match existing, and areas of white render. - **PC Objected**
- 25/01217/FUL - PSD Padworth Rectory, Rectory Road, Padworth Common, Reading RG7 4JD - installation of solar panel system – the PC has concerns about this application and the size of the site and impact upon the local area; however the reference number is not searchable on the planning consultee in tray; **ACTION** – Clerk to email planning application department and District Cllr Boeck to ascertain details.
- 25/00933/FUL - Proposed 4No. terraced houses with ancillary parking and amenity space following demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings. - Norbrek, Bath Road, Padworth, Reading RG7 5HR - **PC Objected**

Decisions from West Berks

- 24/02773/CERTE - Padworth Park Farm, Padworth Lane, Lower Padworth, Reading RG7 4HY - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use - The site is currently in use as a Dwelling. - **LAWFUL**
- 25/00825/PASOL - Exolum PSD Padworth Highwood Rectory Road- Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: installation of a 93.28 kWp Solar Photovoltaics array to the existing roofs on two storage warehouses – **Approved**
- 25/00541/HOUSE - Replacement of a conservatory with a new single storey extension with rooflights. - Old Rectory Farm, Rectory Road, Padworth Common, Reading RG7 4JD - **Approved**

7. To receive updates from Councillors

Churchyard

Cllr Miller has inspected the churchyard; the grass has been cut however there does not appear to be an agreement in place to maintain the hedges. An adjoining field is largely overgrown, causing the beech hedge to be obstructed by brambles. It is not a simple task to clear the brambles as the paddock is so overgrown. **ACTION** – Cllr Miller to contact the landowner and a contractor to clear the paddock.

Padworth College

The footpath through the grounds has been trimmed.

Horse walk

Many years ago, a horse walk was created to avoid the narrow road from the livery stables to the cross roads. Pedestrians also use the walk to access the area safely. The horse walk is now heavily overgrown and cannot be used. A question was raised about whether the walk was required as the livery stables are now closed, however some councillors felt it was necessary for the safety of pedestrians. Councillors volunteered their time to clear the path. **ACTION** – Cllr Miller to assess the path and will contact councillors to arrange a date for clearance.

8. To record the time meeting closed

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Next Meeting: 18.30 on 1st September 2025.