

MIDGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 20th May 2025
7pm, Midgham Village Hall

This meeting was conducted strictly in accordance with Standing Orders as adopted by Council in May 2021. All Councillors are reminded to acquaint themselves with these Standing Orders.

Councillors: Francis Long (Chair), Dawn Adams, Tracey Leadbeater, Nigel Bassford

District Councillor: Chris Read

Members of Public: 1

1. To receive apologies

Cllr Fenn, Cllr Holden-Crowther

2. To receive the annual Parish Council Report

Midgham Parish Council has worked this year to benefit the community through its support of the Village Hall. As the only village amenity, the Village Hall provides a much-needed social space, particularly for the elderly and more vulnerable members of the community. There are plans in place to replace the roof of the hall, and the possibility of expanding the carpark to make it a more user-friendly space for the wider community. The Village Hall committee has worked tirelessly to write planning applications and raise funds for the hall improvements; the Parish Council is very grateful for their efforts.

The Parish Council, with the assistance of District Councillor Read, have tackled the issue of overgrown verges along the A4, improving access between Midgham and Woolhampton for local residents. In a similar vein, the parish council has been supported in lobbying West Berks to improve safety for crossing the A4 beside the former Horse and Jockey pub.

In the future, the Parish Council is looking to develop a Neighbourhood Plan to safeguard the village from overdevelopment.

Finally, the Parish Council has co-opted three new members this year, meaning the council is now full; this has allowed for better representation across the whole of Midgham, introducing new view points to Parish Council decisions.

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3. To receive the annual Village Hall trust report

The Committee is delighted to announce that the Hall has had another very successful year. We are pleased to report that all the events have been well attended; the quiz nights have been fully booked and the coffee mornings are proving to be very popular.

The Committee wish to thank all the villagers who have made the events such a success.

The annual accounts are again ready and again show a profit. A copy has been shared with the parish council and passed to the auditors.

4. To receive District Councillors annual report

District Cllr Read sent his report to councillors prior to the meeting; it will be added to the parish council website.

5. To set the date of next annual parish assembly

11th May 2026

6. To record the time the meeting closed

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