

MIDGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

12th February 2026 at 7pm in 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: Anthony Fenn (Chair), Nigel Bassford, Dawn Adams
Members of Public: 0

1. To receive apologies

Francis Long (Vice Chair), Tracy Leadbeater, Ben Holden-Crowther

2. To receive any declarations of interest

There were none

3. Discussion of Precept budget for 2026/2027

The precept and draft budget were considered in detail, with councillors reviewing the document line by line. Each income and expenditure heading was examined, and clarification sought where required. Members discussed the rationale behind individual allocations, including anticipated costs for ongoing commitments and projected works, and considered the overall impact on the parish precept.

It was noted that the training budget will remain in the budget and available to clerk & councillors, should any member wish to undertake specific training during the year.

Councillors agreed to remove previously budgeted donations to the Church and to Berkshire Citizens Advice. The donation to the Village Hall was reviewed and reduced to £500. The miscellaneous Section 137 allocation was removed, together with the contingency figure of £1,500 that had been included in previous years.

Members commented that the intention throughout the review had been to keep the precept as flat as possible, whilst ensuring that the Council remains able to meet its statutory responsibilities and anticipated expenditure.

The councillors approve the 2026–27 budget and set the precept at £11,000.

4. To record the meeting closed

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