

**BODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025
AT 6.00PM AT DILLON HOUSE**

PRESENT: Cllrs. J. Washburn (Chairperson), C. Elmitt, P. Jackson and J. Sacha

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

25/91. To receive apologies

Cllrs. A. Conley (personal), K. Corrigan (personal), J. Slade (personal) and C. Watts (personal)

25/92. Public session *(Members of the public are invited to address the council. The session will last for a maximum of ten minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes)*

There were no members of the public present.

25/93. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda *(Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business)*

No interests were declared.

25/94. To discuss and review quotes for tree work following the tree survey and agree a contractor (circulated)

A full tree survey was carried out in June 2024 covering four main areas of the village, Town Furlong, The Rydes, the Cemetery on Wykham Lane and the Flyover. Three local contractors were contacted and site meetings were held with two. Two full quotes were received and part of a third. The two full quotes were considered and were very similar in price. It was agreed to proceed with the quote from Cotefield Treecare.

Action: The Parish Clerk to contact Cotefield Treecare and get dates for the work to be carried out.

25/95. To discuss and review the quote for initial maintenance work on the green open space at Keyser Road (circulated)

An onsite meeting took place in June with Cllr Sacha and a villager who lives close by. Shrub bed (1) as you approach Molyneux Drive which was cut down earlier in the year, is full of weeds. This bed will be dug out and as much of the weed growth and rubble will be removed. More compost will be dug in to be ready for replanting in the Autumn. The grass edge will be defined and weed growth treated with weedkiller.

Shrub bed (2) next to the bench is overgrown but some light pruning should be done to limit the spread. There is one corner of this shrub bed that is choked with weeds and will be treated like bed 1. The bench needs sanding and re-staining. The area of slabs in front of the bench need to be tidied up by spraying the weeds and trimming the edges.

Shrub bed 3 is overgrown and the two elderberry shrubs need to be pruned to keep them from dominating. There is a group of three Mountain Ash trees. One dominant tree is healthy and will be kept. The other two trees will be felled and the stumps ground out.

The cost to carry out all this work is £1820.00 & VAT. The cost to sand and repaint the bench is £310.00 & VAT. Both costs were accepted.

Action: The Parish Clerk to contact Thomas Fox and once a date has been agreed she will prepare a letter drop for all residents advising of proposed works. Cllr Sacha has agreed to meet Thomas Fox when they do the work. Once this is done, Cllr Sacha and the residents will prepare a new planting plan together.

25/96. To note next meeting date and time

Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 7.15pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.15pm.

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