

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT NOTES of a meeting of the Activities Committee
held on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 7.00 pm at New Bath Hotel

Present: Cllr Helen Keay (Chairman), Cllr Jackie Ligo, Cllr Leisha Martin,
Cllr Peter Baranek, Julie Baranek (Clerk)

01.03.26 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Christopher Vivian.

02.03.26 **Acceptance and Signing of Notes**

It was agreed that the notes of the last meeting held on 13th January 2025 be approved and were signed by the Chairman.

03.03.25 **Activities 2026**

Art and Photography Competitions – The following dates were approved:

Closing Date – 10th October 2026

Shortlisting for Photography Competition – week beginning 12th October 2026

Display of Artwork and Photography – Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October 2026

It was agreed no changes were required to the rules or to the prize money. The Committee discussed, in light of the increased number of photography entries with filters, post production or manipulation, to have a separate category for these types of photographs. However, any AI photography will not be accepted. As a result to this new category, the prize for the Parish Council Award for Photography would be reduced to £30.

The Clerk confirmed that she would write to sponsors for the “Best Picture of” Categories. Cllr Leisha Martin agreed to visit each business to see whether they would sponsor further prizes and display a poster advertising the Photography Competition.

The posters for both competitions have been produced by Cllr Jackie Ligo.

Remembrance – It was noted that the Parish Council service will be held on 8th November at 10.45 am.

Cllr Leisha Martin agreed to lead the ceremony and Cllr Jackie Ligo agreed to operate the technology.

It was suggested to contact the riflemen to see if they were available.

Cllr Leisha Martin agreed to select and read an extract from Charles Beresford’s book, The Bath at War.

It was agreed to just have one hymn again this year and I Vow to Thee My Country was suggested.

Nearer the time, Cllr Jackie Ligo agreed to test the volume of the recordings.

Christmas Lunch – The Clerk reported that the 2025 lunch had been very well attended and many “thanks” had been received.

It was agreed to hold the 2026 lunch at The Fishpond on 14th December. The Clerk agreed to speak with The Fishpond to ascertain costings.

Christmas/Singing Round the Tree – It was reported that despite the event moving into Rose Cottage, it had been better attended than in previous years. The Fishpond Choir had been a great addition to the event and it was agreed that for 2026 the same pattern should be followed.

Cllr Leisha Martin agreed to speak with Dave from Rose Cottage. The Clerk agreed to speak with the Fishpond Choir.

The Clerk reported that the replacement Blue Spruce would be planted shortly.

04.03.26 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held when business dictates.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm