

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Matlock Bath Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 6.30 pm at the New Bath Hotel

Present: Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Debbie Hirstwood, Cllr Wray-Emma Jones, Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Jackie Ligo, Cllr Leisha Martin, Cllr Louise Moran, Cllr Christopher Vivian, Julie Baranek (Clerk)

1 Election of Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Office

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Peter Baranek be elected as Chair for the ensuing year, with all present voting in favour.

2 Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Louise Moran be elected as Vice Chair for the ensuing year, with all present voting in favour.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dave Mowle.

4 Declaration of Interest

All Councillors present confirmed the Declaration of Interests forms were correct.

5 Banking Arrangements

It was confirmed that the Parish Council will continue with on line banking and all payments, where possible, will be paid by BACs.

It was confirmed that the present system of all Councillors acting as signatories for the Council and the two authorisations/signatures for each payment should continue. Cllrs Debbie Hirstwood and Wray-Emma Jones will be added to the signatories at the next meeting.

6 Review of Leases

The Clerk gave details of the leases held by the Council. These being:

Bowling Green & Sports Area – expires April 2031.
Wapping Nature Reserve – expired April 2025

The Clerk confirmed that the C&G meeting on 3rd July will consider transferring the freehold to the Parish Council.

7 Committees

Cllr Debbie Hirstwood was added to the Facilities Committee. All Councillors present confirmed that they wished to continue to serve on the Committees. Committee membership was confirmed as follows:

Finance Committee – Cllr Dave Mowle (Chairman), Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Jackie Ligo

Facilities Committee – Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Dave Mowle, Cllr Leisha Martin, Cllr Debbie Hirstwood

Activities Committee – Cllr Helen Keay (Chairman), Cllr Leisha Martin, Cllr Jackie Ligo, Cllr Christopher Vivian

Communications Committee – Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Helen Keay

Planning Committee – Cllr Louise Moran, Cllr Dave Mowle, Cllr Christopher Vivian, Mike Greenan

Environment Committee – Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Louise Moran, Mike Greenan

8 General Power of Competence

It was confirmed that the Parish Council met the criteria for the General Power of Competence and it was therefore adopted.

9 Representatives to Outside Bodies

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint members to outside bodies as follows:

- Derwent Valley Rail Partnership – Cllr Christopher Vivian
- Illuminations – Cllr Peter Baranek
- Pavilion – Cllr Dave Mowle

10 Finance

The income and expenditure for the Parish Council for the year end 2024/2025 was noted.

The precept for 2025/2026 of £34,500 was noted.

12 Dates of Future Meetings

It was agreed that the dates of the forthcoming meetings of Full Council will be:

Wednesday 9th July 2025

Wednesday 24th September 2025

Wednesday 26th November 2025

Wednesday 28th January 2026

Wednesday 25th March 2026

Wednesday 20th May 2026 (Annual Meeting and Full Council)

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.