

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of Matlock Bath Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 6.30 pm at the New Bath Hotel

Present: Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Jackie Ligo, Cllr Leisha Martin, Cllr Dave Mowle,
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 Helen Keay be approached to act as Vice Chair for the ensuing year, with all present voting in favour.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Debbie Hirstwood, Cllr Wray-Emma Jones.

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, Cllr Christopher Vivian and Cllr Wray-Emma Jones will be added to the signatories.

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 reported that DDDC had confirmed that the freehold for the Nature Reserve will be transferred to the Parish Council. It was further confirmed that once the heads of terms had been received, these will be circulated to Councillors.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

7 **Committees**

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 Dave Mowle, Cllr Christopher Vivian, Mike Greenan

Environment Committee – Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), 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 2025/2026 was noted.

The precept for 2026/2027 of £35,500 was noted.

11 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's Report was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Peter Baranek confirmed that a shorter version will be included in the next newsletter with the full version on the website.

12 **Dates of Future Meetings**

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

Wednesday 8th July 2026

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Wednesday 25th November 2026

Wednesday 13th January 2026

Wednesday 24th March 2026

Wednesday 12th May 2026 (Annual Meeting and Full Council)

Subject to approval at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

Subject to approval at the next meeting.