

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026

**Present:** Mr D Roberts (Chair)

Mrs K Adamson

Mrs T Burge

Mr M Redmond

Mr T Brown (Clerk)

Mr N Adamson (Finance Officer – for item 7)

Four members of the public were in attendance.

**26/01 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

Mrs Castle sent apologies for absence. There were no Declarations of Interest.

**26/02 Approval of the minutes of the meetings of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

The draft minutes (circulated) were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**26/03 Matters Arising from the previous meeting Minutes**

25/85: Dave Nellist. The Chair had presented the tribute arranged by Mrs Adamson.

25/85: Chequers PH. On 9<sup>th</sup> December Mark Witten (representing Pusey Estate) discussed ideas for making use of the pub pending its refurbishment and extension. The Chair and the Clerk had a follow-up meeting with Richard Perlhagen (Pusey Estate) who outlined his plans for the building.

25/92: Charney Mill. New fire extinguishers had been commissioned and means of escape to adjoining land discussed with Steve Champion (landowner).

25/94: Village Website. The new website can be viewed at [www.charneybassett-pc.gov.uk](http://www.charneybassett-pc.gov.uk). It is still being worked on and until complete [www.charneybassett.org.uk](http://www.charneybassett.org.uk) remains the official website.

**26/04 Information Exchange**

The Chairman thanked all who had been involved in the arrangements for this year's Xmas Tree on the Green. Thanks in particular to the tree's anonymous doner, to Charles Eld (new lights and installation) and to Lucy Gildersleeves (electricity). Wiring Solutions Ltd gave freely of their time and helped to make sure all was safe: a suitable gesture of thanks to them will be arranged.

Steph Wright (CLAP) reported on progress with the allotments. Thought is still being given to how best to provide a communal shed and water supply. Steph will get an item in next Charney Chatter. Kay Adamson suggested that the Bus Shelter was getting rather untidy and over-run with books. It was agreed that someone should be appointed to keep the shelter in order. Steph Wright agreed to do this and would put some appropriate publicity in the next Charney Chatter.

**26/05 County Councillor report**

Mr Evans reported as follows:

- **Longworth Road junction with A420** – the revised speed limits had been approved. Points raised by the Parish Council are being taken into account in plans being drawn up for the junction re-design.
- **Orchard Close/Main Street-Lyford Road Pavement** – badly damaged pavements around the village are on an active list for needing to be fixed.
- **Stanford-in-the-Vale Recycling Centre**. He had opposed the introduction of a booking system but this is now being put in place.

- **Buckland Road White Gates.** A Purchase Order has been raised and OCC will be doing all the work.
- **Lyford Bridge.** OCC officers are in discussion with the Environment Agency (flooding) and Vale Planners (listed building) on how best to repair the bridge damage.
- **General.** Mr Evans is actively involved in trying to progress repairs to badly damaged stretches of road at A417/ Shellingford junction, the top end of Goosey Road and A420 (Hinton Waldrist). He is also looking into why certain roads (including Longworth Road) are not on the OCC gritting plan.

#### **26/06 District Councillor Report**

Jill Raynor had hoped to attend the meeting but had had to give apologies for personal reasons.

#### **26/07 Clerk's Financial Report**

Mr Adamson ran through transactions from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> December. The balance currently stands at £17,919. He indicated that returning to a precept of £8,500 for 2026-27 is realistic and would provide headroom of circa £2k for unexpected expenditure. It was agreed to:

- o Note the position on payments and receipts (paras 1-3)
- o Approve the Budget for 2026-27 as set out (para 4 and Table 4)
- o Approve the Precept for 2026-27 at £8,500.
- o Authorise the Clerk, in conjunction with the Vice-Chair, to adjust the level of income required from allotment holders as necessary to reflect any increase in site rental by OCC.

#### **26/08 Planning Matters**

Mrs Adamson reported as follows:

- P23/V0798/FUL (Commercial buildings/parking etc, Lyford Business Park): Permission is subject to a S.106 Agreement to ensure HGVs do not access the site through the village. The delay in signing this agreement is relevant to the proposed Weight Restriction Order (agenda item 11) and it was agreed that the Vale Head of Planning should again be asked if the S.106 Agreement was ever going to be concluded and what impact the delay has had in being able to take any necessary enforcement action.
- P25/V1803/HH and P25/V1804/LB (Extension to Bridle Cottage): Vale decision awaited.
- SESRO (Steventon Reservoir) Consultation. The Parish Council had agreed to be a signatory to an objection drafted by East Hanney Parish Council on behalf of a number of local Parish Councils.
- Local Plan 2041: the Vale Council's concerns at the Inspectors' recommendation that the Plan be withdrawn has led to them deciding to hold a procedural meeting to consider how the Plan might yet be progressed. The meeting will be held in public at a date to be agreed.
- Since publication of the agenda an application had been submitted (P26/V0008/FUL) for extensions to the Chequers PH. Views are required before the next Parish Council meeting so the Chair will liaise with Councillors and determine any comment to be made.
- Also to note an application for 650 houses between Southmoor and Fyfield that will include a new road link between A415 and A420.

#### **26/09 Aims and Objectives for 2026**

The aims and Objectives as drafted in the circulated report were agreed.

#### **26/10 Charitable Donations**

It was agreed to donate £40 to each of the charities supported in 2025.

#### **26/11 Weight Restriction Order**

There was discussion of the proposed Weight Restriction Order as drafted by the Road Safety Group. Mr Evans is supportive of the proposal and suggested that mention be made of the local roads that are designated as strategic lorry routes. There was discussion on the best way of submitting the proposal to OCC: this can be submitted via an online link. Mr Evans had suggested a copy be sent to

the officer that he believed would be involved in assessing the proposal, as well as one to himself. The content of the submission as drafted was agreed, subject to inclusion of reference to the strategic lorry routes, and this then be submitted to OCC as recommended.

**26/12 Pusey Path**

Pusey Parish Meeting had yet to comment but there had been difficulty in communicating the proposals as the Pusey email address had been found to be incorrect. Contact has been made with Pusey Estate and details of the proposal discussed with Mr Perlhagen on 13<sup>th</sup> January (see also minute 26/03 – Chequers PH). He has subsequently suggested a further meeting to include a representative(s) of the Lost Paths Group. Mr Whiteside welcomed this and will check that the three witnesses are still happy with their respective statements. The Chairman would liaise further with Mr Perlhagen on arrangements for the suggested meeting.

**26/13 Dendrochronology Survey: Charney Manor**

It was noted that Ian Graham (for the History Group) had been instrumental in securing a grant which will allow for a study of the age of the timbers in the Grange Wing at Charney Manor.

**26/14 CHAFT matters**

The draft minutes of the CHAFT meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December were noted.

Arrangements had yet to be made for a meeting of the Joint Liaison Group.

Mr Redmond agreed to partner Mrs Burge as the Parish Council's two nominees to CHAFT.

Mrs Adamson reported that some users of the Village Hall had mentioned that the seating provided in the Village Hall was not particularly comfortable. Mrs Burge would raise this at the next CHAFT meeting (11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - provisional).

Mrs Adamson reported that work had started at Bridle Cottage and the various trades vehicles were beginning to damage the edges of Bridle Path and risked damaging the bank of Charney Wick Ditch.

**26/15 Clerk's Correspondence**

None.

**26/16** The next meeting is on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 09.30 pm.

Signed Chairman.....Date.....