# WESTON ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES - DRAFT

**For the meeting of Parish Council, held in Village Hall on Wednesday 7th October 2026**

**Meeting Number 26.441**

*Note for information: Cherwell District Council – CDC, Oxfordshire County Council - OCC*

**Public Participation**

There was nothing to note in addition to items on the agenda.

**26.441.1 To Receive:** Apologies for non-attendance

Councillors Bohm (DB), Miller (JM), Williams (DW), Rowan (TR), Johnson (MJ), Sinha (AS) and Aldridge (MA) were in attendance.

Councillor Gordon (Oxfordshire County Council) sent her apologies as she was attending a vigil for the 7th October attacks.

Councillor Faltermeyer (Cherwell District Council) attended the meeting.

3 members of the public were in attendance.

**26.441.2 To Receive & Approve:** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd September 2026 (DB)

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd September 2026 were discussed, with no changes required.

The resolution to approve the minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd September 2026 was proposed by DB and seconded by MJ. The motion was supported unanimously by the Council.

**Action:** Clerk to present minutes to Chair to sign, then file and upload to the web.

**26.441.3 To Receive:** Declarations of Interest

Councillor Miller declared an interest in planning application 26/01267/F relating to OS Parcel 4658 - North of Shell Filling station and SW of The Chequers, OX25 3QH.

Councillor Rowan declared an interest in planning application 26/02284/TCA relating to Home Farm House on Church Lane.

**26.441.4 For Information:** Chair report (DB)

The Chair provided updates on several matters for information.

The proposed Greater Oxford Unitary Council remained under review, with the decision paused and further updates awaited. Complaints about dog fouling continued, and the Council considered inviting the CDC Dog Warden to speak or provide leaflets for residents.

The restrictions on footpath access through The Manor Hotel had generated considerable local discussion and the item was included on the agenda. Posters promoting Take Pride in Our Village Month had been displayed around the village, and a note would be sent to residents to encourage participation.

**26.441.5** **For Information:** Clerk report (Clerk)

The clerks report to the Council was noted which confirmed the latest bank balance, transfers and payments received into the Parish Council bank accounts, including the final instalment of the precept from CDC (£14,954.73), Councillor Priority Fund grant for bus shelters (£1,500.00) and the OCC grass cutting grant (£2,206.82).

The balances on the Parish Council two bank accounts on 1st October 2026 were:

- Community xxx114: £12,916.46
- Business Premium xxx629: £64,170.27

**Grant applications:** the Council have been successful in being awarded the following grants

- OCC Councillor Priority fund: £1,500.00 towards bus shelters
- OCC Community Transport grant: £6,000.00 for two years operation of the community van
- Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) grant: £1,850.00 towards work on the central North Lane pond

**Oxford Traffic Filters:** The traffic filters trial replaced Oxford's temporary congestion charge on Monday 28 September 2026. A survey to provide feedback is open and runs 28 September 2026 - 28 March 2027 (11.59pm) (https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxford_filters_etro2026). It was noted that the current permit for the community van (acting under "Personal car used by community health or care worker") has been transferred automatically to a traffic filters permit when the trial began on 28 September 2026 and is valid for 12 months.

**General Highway Issues:**

Road sign - the knocked around road sign opposite Axicon on the B430 has been reported to Fix My Street and it has been scheduled to be fixed.

Road sweeper – CDC has agreed to send a road sweeper down the B430, to confirm if we receive a date or it will just be actioned.

B430 SSEN trees update - the clerk has queried the tree debris left on B430 following works to remove branches around electrical cables and they have replied that it is the landowner's responsibility to clear away.

Gully cleansing - gully clearing in Weston on the Green is scheduled to take place in January 2027 and March 2028. In the meantime, if you notice a blocked drain or drainage issue after this work has been completed, you can report it online via Fix My Street (https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/).

Village Salt Bins - a request has been sent to OCC to top up two salt bins ahead of the winter season (corner of Westlands Avenue and B430 and the corner of Church Lane and Church Close).

Fly tipping out of parish - fly tipped sofa on Tollbrook Corner reported to CDC.

**Autumn Litter Pick:** CDC will loan the parish some equipment and will collect the rubbish after the litter pick on Saturday 17th October 2026.

**Transfer of footpath off North Lane to Parish Council:** the signed HM Land Registry TR1 form to transfer registered titles for the transfer of part of the footpath off North Lane has been sent back to our solicitor Spratt Endicott. We will be notified when the transfer has been finalised.

**OCC Flood Preparation Event:** the clerk attended the flood preparation event on 24th September 2026. Riparian ownership and flood risk leaflets were collected which would aid providing information on landowner's duties. Other literature will be utilised to enhance the information provided in the Emergency Plan along with being placed on the Council website and highlighted in Village News.

Issues can be reported via Fix My Street and the Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit (www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com).

**Action**: Clerk/DB to highlight riparian ownership requirements in the Village News.

**26.441.6** **For Discussion:** Playing field update, including request to develop some facilities at the field for football team. Playground inspection report (Clerk)

The playground inspection report undertaken by the clerk was noted, no new major defects to the equipment were identified, apart from those items mentioned in the annual RoSPA report. A quote from Playdale regarding equipment issues identified in the annual report has been requested and further discussions with JM regarding the fencing and gate issues are to be had in order for the Council to budget accordingly.

The clerk highlighted that the gate and bridge on the footpath from the spinney to Bletchingdon Road required repair. Graham Barnett, the footpath warden, has reported the issue to OCC's Footpaths Team.

Two enquiries have been received regarding the potential use of the playing field for football. The first was from an individual planning to establish a local football club, who proposed using the field as a home ground, with winter training supported by floodlights and the installation of a storage container and changing facilities. They expressed a willingness to invest financially in developing the facilities.
The second enquiry was from Heyford Park FC, a growing local youth football club, seeking additional venues for matches under a long-term lease.

The Council is interested in encouraging football on the playing field and exploring opportunities for community use. However, concerns were raised about the potential impact of floodlighting on nearby residents and local wildlife. The Council is not keen on introducing standalone storage containers or ad hoc facilities and would prefer to develop longer-term plans for appropriate facilities that meet the needs of users and the wider community but require support with development.

**Action:** Clerk to reply to two football requests highlighting interest in football at the playing field but concerns over floodlights and storage.

**26.441.7** **For Discussion:** Recommendations regarding planning applications as detailed in planning report (DB)

Key planning applications on the planning report were discussed by the Council.

## Building Applications

**DECISIONS RECEIVED** - None

**PERMITTED** - None

**PENDING**

**26/01267/F - OS Parcel 4658 North of Shell Filling station and SW of The Chequers part of A34 by Weston on the Green, OX25 3QH**

Part retrospective earth bund with native tree planting as new boundary treatment. Formation of hard standing yard to surround new agricultural building, approved under App: 24/03060/AGN. Associated tree planting.

Further notes from Environment Protection, Landscape & Environment Agency.

**26/01739/REM - Reynards Lodge, North Lane, OX25 3RG**

Reserved matters to 224/00804/OUT. This is an Access (Construction Traffic Arrangement Plan), Layout (with part Drainage), Scale, Appearance, Landscaping, Biodiversity (with Construction Environment Management Plan)

Recommend: Object/Comments submitted

**26/01100/DISC - Siemens OS Parcel 5700 South West of Grange Farm Street through Little Chesterton. Siemens on "Endeavour Way".**

Travel Plan (includes car, bus, bicycle and walking). Note: Focus is on main road. We need to understand rat racing routes through the village and along the B430). Connections to Green Lane to be explored.

Note: from July 2026 relocation from Eynsham will involve @100 people, Jan 2027 – 2032 increase to 1,000. Visitors - @30 per week.

**NEW**

**26/02376/CLUE - Sainthill Copse, Northampton Road, Certificate of Lawfulness**

Existing use for siting and occupation of caravans for residential (C3) use in excess of ten years.

Recommend: Approve

**26/02319/F - Quick Fit Garage Part of A34 by Weston on the Green, OX25 3QQ**

Construction of steel canopy to cover 4 EV parking bays (these have prior approval 24/001826).

Recommend: Approve

**26/02273/F - Forbury, Northampton Road, OX25 3QH**

Erection of single storey-storey rear/side extension – replacement of existing. Comments Due: 16/10/2026

Recommend: Approve

**TREES**

**PENDING**

**25/03295/TCA – Newby Cottage, Northampton Road**

This property is now for sale. 2 Pine trees, 1 silver birch – remove.

**26/02284/TCA – Home Farm House, Church Lane, OX25 3QL**

Fell all conifers to replace with cherry laurel. Work can be done if no reply by Oct 16th,2026.

Recommend: Approve

**26/02267/TCA - Chequers End, Northampton Road, OX25 3QH**

T1 ash – fell to near ground level

No decision by October 15th, owner can cut.

**HISTORIC AND ONGOING – AWAITING A DECISION**

**26/01450/TEL - Telecommunications Mast, Manor Farm**

Upgrade electronic communications apparatus/development ancillary to radio equipment housing Target Decision Date – 07/07/2026 (see map and info from June 2026 meeting).

**25/00418/F and 25/00486/LB – The Manor Hotel, Northampton Road**

Restoration and extension of Rupert's Cottage to provide additional guest accommodation and leisure facilities; re-instatement of the former outdoor swimming pool; construction of a new events pavilion; restaurant extension within the Manor's west courtyard; relocation of guest car parking away from the Manor's principal elevation; screening of the existing plant and biomass boiler area; restoration of wider landscape features including the historic moat and bridge.

OCC Transport – objection – reliance on car transport.

Archaeology – need more information re excavation for Wedding Barn and Rupert's Cottage.

**25/01418/F - Family Farm House Part Of A34**

Driver rest stop facility including the formation of a new entry and exit slip road adjoining the A34, parking area for cars and HGVs, erection of an amenity building (including toilets and catering area), EV charging station, solar PV array, battery storage facility, other ancillary structures/buildings and landscaped amenity area.

Deferred until 12th June 2026 upon request of the National Highways Department. The Strategic Road Network includes the A34 and thus this app has drawn their attention.

**Action:** DB/Clerk to send appropriate planning replies to Cherwell District Council.

**26.441.8** **For Discussion:** Concern by residents over newly restricted footpath access through the grounds of The Manor Hotel; consideration for Council to enter into discussions with the management of the hotel (DB)

Residents had raised concern with DB around the newly restricted footpath access through the grounds of The Manor Hotel, notably the recent closure of gates, including the access star gate from the field. It was noted that the hotel's night security had reported people entering the grounds for inappropriate purposes. Monks Walk was not blocked that afternoon.

Footpath warden, Graham Barnett reported that he had investigated the footpath access issue with the County Council's Footpath Officer, who confirmed that there are no public footpaths or public rights of way through the grounds of The Manor Hotel. However, Monks Walk has been used by residents for generations, and the hotel had previously indicated that it was content for people to walk through the grounds.

DB acknowledged the importance of maintaining good relations with the hotel, which is valued as a local amenity, and agreed to request a meeting with the hotel manager to explore whether daytime access could be accommodated by agreement. It was also noted that the newly installed hotel gates would need investigating further in relation to planning permission and the listed status of the property.

**Action:** DB to request a meeting the manager of The Manor to discuss residents' concerns regarding the footpath access through The Manor.

**26.441.9** **For Discussion:** Update on Heyford Park PFAS meeting held on 13th September 2026 (TR)

TR provided feedback from the Gallos Brook PFAS update meeting held on Sunday 13th September 2026 which was well attended.

The UK government, together with the devolved governments, have been working for over two decades to monitor, ban, or restrict specific PFAS and address issues caused by their historic use. While this transition takes place and we contend with pollution from the past, there is an ongoing need to manage the prevalence and risks of PFAS in society and in the environment.

Gallos Brook has a critically high concentration of PFAS “forever chemicals”. This is a scientific fact, published by the British Geological Survey, UK Centre of Ecology and Hydrology, and the Environment Agency.

The concentration of PFAS found in May 2026 was 42,174 ng/L; 500m from residential buildings at Heyford Park. The ex-air base is currently the site of extensive residential development - Heyford Park and Heyford Springs and there is currently a planning application in for 9,000 houses on the airfield. Concerns exist over where PFAS has flowed already and around health but we don’t know enough information as yet. Readings are at one point in time and more data gathering and information is required to understand the full effects of the impacts; it is also not straightforward to capture it.

The awareness of PFAS in our local area is new news, most have only been aware since the start of 2026, although as per the information on the UK Government website this has been known about for many years. The issue has been raised with the Environment Agency, local developers, OCC and CDC and central government.

TR commented there is currently no agreed plan of action nor ownership of the issues in our specific area. Responsibility appears to be batted between CDC who manage planning applications, OCC who are responsible for roads and infrastructure, the developers to ensure that they follow the planning processes and the Environment Agency to protect and improve the environment. Meanwhile there are developments/construction works currently taking place and in planning in our local areas and we are unsure of the impacts.

What we can do as residents in Weston on the Green:

- Lobby CDC and OCC to keep the pressure on.
- As a Parish Council we should comment on all planning applications in the impacted areas to try to ensure developers take the necessary actions/precautions.
- Raise awareness – talk to friends/neighbours.
- Test bore holes that are used for drinking water.
- Continue monitoring water samples in our local streams and rivers.
- Consider testing our local streams for PFAS – but plan and share this with the relevant parties so it is a joined up approach.

Councillor Faltermeyer confirmed CDC are taking this issue seriously and testing needs to be carefully carried out as can easily have varied levels in different areas. Developers are working with CDC and testing all over the site, most working well looking for remediation. A site in Islip has all been cleared and developers have also agreed to test all over the site. He also mentioned that some people are going on sites illegally and reported results could be contaminated as not done correctly.

Link to the presentation: https://gallosbrook.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/pfas-update-september-2026-1.pptx

Link to the Government website: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pfas-plan

Link to CDC website: https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning-process/1395/pfas-and-land-contamination-at-heyford-park-%E2%80%93-information-for-residents

It was queried whether Thames Water undertakes PFAS investigations following a leak. TR noted that Thames21 carries out general testing in the area. It was noted that further enquiries could be made to establish whether Thames Water tests for PFAS following leaks.

**Action:** TR to draft an article for the next Village News edition.

**Action:** Clerk to add PFAS report, presentation and website links to the Parish Council website.

**26.441.10** **For Discussion:** Correspondence from Cherwell District Council enquiring if Parish Council be interested in taking on areas at the Milestone Lane development re: planning application 13/01796/OUT (DB)

DB highlighted that the Council had received an update from CDC regarding the landscaping at the Milestone Lane development (planning reference 13/01796/OUT). Hayden Homes entered administration before the landscaping was transferred, CDC is working with the administrators to address a previously issued landscaping defects notice.

Confirmation of the remedial works is awaited, along with a red-line boundary plan to establish the commuted sums payable by the administrators, subject to indexation. The sums are intended to cover the future maintenance of the areas which would include watercourses and public amenity spaces.

CDC has asked whether the Parish Council would be interested in taking on responsibility for these areas. The final areas, commuted sums and associated ongoing maintenance obligations remain to be confirmed.

DB invited councillors to join a group to consider the potential transfer of the landscaping areas. TR, JM, MJ and AS agreed to participate and provide feedback to the Council.

**Action:** Feedback by group of Councillors considering taking on the landscaping areas of Milestone Lane.

**26.441.11** **For Information:** Update on village works (JM)

Planters: these are ready for installation; JM will take them to the playing field with topsoil to fill them. When ready he will then move them into position. A pile of topsoil will also be left there to support work in filling rabbit holes.

Hole over culvert: the steel plate has not been put over the hole as yet as permission for access has not been granted by the owners.

Dog bin location: MA has identified the location for the new dog bin towards the Chequers pub; JM will now install it.

**Action:** Once dog bin installed clerk to contact CDC regarding adding the new dog bin to the emptying roster.

**26.441.12** **Resolution: To Approve** a spend of up to £2,000.00 +VAT to undertake works on the pond in centre of North Lane as detailed in quotes provided to cover tree works and pond clearance.

**To Note:** a grant of £1,850.00 has been offered to the Parish Council from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment to support these works (TR/DB)

The Council considered the proposed works to the central North Lane pond, including vegetation and silt removal and maintenance of surrounding trees to reduce shade. Ecological reports were prepared in 2024 and 2025, and quotations obtained for the necessary works from the Council's tree contractor and JM at a preferable rate.

TOE has approved a grant of £1,850.00 towards tree works (£900 plus VAT, Bicester Tree Services) and reed and silt removal (£950 plus VAT, JE Miller Services). The works must be completed by June 2027, with the Parish Council paying the costs upfront and reclaiming the grant upon submission of invoices. Sufficient funds were available, with £3,710.64 remaining in the Contingency budget at the end of Q2 of FY 2026/27. A contingency spend amount will be requested to ensure any unseen works can be accommodated.

The Council queried the extent of material to be removed and whether additional planting would be required to maintain the ecological balance. JM confirmed that only the upper layer would be removed, as the pond has a stony bottom, with some vegetation retained which would spread quickly. The ecologist had offered to revisit the pond following completion of the works to provide further advice. Future maintenance would be required from volunteers.

The resolution to approve a spend of up to £2,000.00 +VAT to undertake works on the pond in centre of North Lane as detailed in quotes provided to cover tree works and pond clearance was proposed by DB and seconded by DW. The motion was supported unanimously by the Council (JM did not vote on this motion).

**Action:** Clerk to confirm approval of the pond grant with TOE.

**Action:** Clerk to confirm a date with Bicester Tree Services to undertake the pond work.

**Action:** JM to undertake clearance of the pond this winter at his convenience.

**Action:** Clerk to submit invoices to TOE upon completion of the pond works.

**26.441.13** **For Information:** Update from Traffic Calming Action Group including B430 speed reduction works (MA) .

B430 speed limit reduction: OCC officers are due to visit the village on Friday 9th October 2026 to review the list of outstanding issues previously submitted. Graham Barnett agreed to meet them on behalf of the Council, as MA was unavailable. An updated quotation for the purchase of SIDs was awaited.

Speedwatch: Graham Barnett confirmed that Speedwatch sessions were continuing. For one 1.5-hour session, 51 northbound vehicles on the B430 were recorded travelling at over 35mph.

JM reported witnessing a lorry overtake a car travelling at 30mph on the B430 before crossing the bridge; he has contacted the haulage company to report the incident.

Bus shelters: MA had prepared images showing the proposed bus shelters in situ on the B430 for inclusion in an application to OCC. Following discussions with residents, it was agreed that the shelter near Oxford Court would be positioned away from the driveway entrance and would have transparent sides to maintain visibility.

Old community van: JM reported that a prospective buyer from Brighton was due to view the old community van on Thursday 8th October 2026.

**26.441.14** **Resolution: To Approve** Parish Council financial accounts covering Q2 2026-2027 (TR)

TR presented the Parish Council Q2 accounts for financial year 2026/27 following their approval by the finance advisory group. A summary of expenditure in Q2 vs budget, bank reconciliation and income details was provided.

The income for July-September 2026 was £21,177.66 and included payments received primarily due to grants and the repayment of two lots of VAT. TR highlighted that budgeted expenditure in the second quarter (£10,759.20 including VAT) included mainly grass cutting and the community bus. The overall bank balance has therefore increased by just under £10,500 from £66,668.27 at the end of Q1 to £77,086.73 at the end of Q2.

The resolution to approve the Parish Council financial accounts covering Q2 2026-2027 was proposed by TR and seconded by MA. The motion was supported unanimously by the Council.

**Action:** Clerk to upload the Parish Council Q2 accounts (FY 2026/27) to the Parish Council website.

**26.441.15** **For Information:** Update on Community Van usage and costs (TR)

This item was deferred to 4th November 2026 Parish Council meeting.

**Action:** Clerk to add the Update on community van usage and costs to the 4 November 2026 PC meeting.

**26.441.16** **For Information:** Biodiversity report (DW)

DW provided an update on village wildlife and biodiversity. Four young barn owls had been raised successfully, and a barn owl had also been spotted on North Lane. Butterflies and moths remained active during the recent fine weather. A goshawk had been observed around North Lane; the species is rare in Oxfordshire, with there estimated to be only c12 pairs. Bio acoustic recordings had also detected waders moving between Otmoor and Kirtlington. DW noted that wildlife activity would change with the onset of cooler autumn weather.

**26.441.17** **For Discussion:** Parish Council Development Plan (DB)

DB requested some volunteers to work on reviewing the Parish Council's existing development plan before the November meeting so it can feed into the budget setting process. TR and JM agreed to support with this work.

**Action:** Clerk to add the Parish Council Development Plan review to the 4 November 2026 PC meeting.

**26.441.18** **For Information:** List of invoices, donations, standing orders, direct debits paid from Parish Council bank accounts (21st August 2026 – 1st October 2026)

The following payments, covering invoices, direct debits and standing orders, from the Parish Council bank accounts for the period 21st August 2026 – 1st October 2026 were noted.

| PC Ref | Payment Date | Payee | Purpose | Invoice Total / Amount Paid |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DD | 25/08/26 | Nest Pensions | Clerks pension contribution – August 2026 | - |
| SO | 28/08/26 | Clerk (J Mullane) | Clerks' salary – August 2026 | - |
| SO | 28/09/26 | Clerk (J Mullane) | Clerks' salary – September 2026 | - |
| 614 | 27/08/26 | Moore | External auditors limited assurance review 2025/26 | £252.00 |
| 615 | 27/08/26 | Oxford Edens | Playing field maintenance: August | £390.00 |
| 616 | 14/09/26 | Graham Barnett | Fuel for community van (BP Express) | £20.00 |
| 617 | 14/09/26 | Graham Barnett | Community van - x2 wheel alignment | £60.00 |
| 618 | 14/09/26 | Graham Barnett | Fuel for community van (Tesco) | £56.02 |
| 619 | 14/09/26 | Oxford Edens | Grass cutting 07/09/26 (playground, stocks plus leaf clearance, Ben Jonson, Church Close corner) | £468.19 |
| 620 | 30/09/26 | Oxford Edens | Grass cutting 21/09/26 (playground, stocks, Ben Jonson, Church Close corner) | £375.57 |

*DD – Direct Debit, SO – Standing Order*

**Resolution: To Approve** the following invoices for payment (TR)

TR requested approval of the invoices detailed in the table below.

| PC Ref | Payee | Purpose | Total (incl VAT) | Budget Line | Amount Remaining in 2026-27 Budget Line |
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| 619 | Oxford Edens | Grass cutting 07/09/26 (playground, stocks plus leaf clearance, Ben Jonson, Church Close corner) | £468.19 | Works/Grass Cutting | £3,047.62 |
| 620 | Oxford Edens | Grass cutting 21/09/26 (playground, stocks, Ben Jonson, Church Close corner) | £375.57 | Works/Grass Cutting | £2,579.43 |
| 621 | Clerk (J Mullane) | Community van & bus timetable village flyers (Instant Print) | £43.91 | Works/Community Bus | £24.45 |
| 622 | Oxford Edens | Playing field maintenance (field, picnic area, car park) | £390.00 | Works/Playing Field Maintenance | £2,124.00 |
| 623 | Oxford Edens | Playing field maintenance (hedge) | £340.00 | Works/Playing Field Maintenance | £1,734.00 |
| 624 | Clerk (J Mullane) | Grass seed x4 Miracle Grow boxes (Sainsburys) | £5.20 | Works/Playground Maintenance | £712.06 |
| 625 | Clerk (J Mullane) | Postage solicitor footpath documents & second-class | £10.58 | Sundries/Administration | £171.41 |

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| | | stamp book (Post Office) | | | |
| 626 | Clerk (J Mullane) | Oct works day posters printing (Instant Print) | £111.33 | Sundries/Administration | £160.83 |
| 627 | Graham Barnett | Fuel for community van (Sainsburys) | £67.86 | Works/Community Bus | -£19.46 |
| 628 | Cherwell District Council | Dog litter bin emptying x5 (half yearly charge) | £377.52 | Works/Dog Bin Emptying | £323.10 |

TR noted that invoice references 619 and 620 had already been paid to avoid late payments fees.

The community van budget line is showing an overspend due to the purchase of a new vehicle this year. An exceptional resident donation was given to the Parish Council to support the new vehicle and service in April 2026. The OCC Community Transport grant of £6,000.00 will also support the continued great work of the community bus over the next two years. The dog bin emptying budget line is showing an overspend due to the unexpected purchase of a new dog bin to be located towards The Chequers end of the village.

The resolution to approve the invoices detailed in the tables was proposed by TR and seconded by MJ. The motion was supported unanimously by the Council.

**Action:** Clerk to update invoice log with approvals.

**Action:** Clerk to initiative request for payments from Councillors and ensure payments authorised.

**26.441.19** **For Information:** Oxfordshire County & Cherwell District Councillors updates (OCC & CDC Councillors)

Councillor Faltermeyer in relation to Site A, Bicester, mentioned that he had previously been unable to speak at the Planning Committee as he was not a member, but had since joined the committee.

He also outlined the three Area Oversight Groups covering Bicester, Banbury and Kidlington, each with a £300,000 budget for projects to be developed and delivered within the relevant financial year. Councillor Faltermeyer is involved with the Bicester and Kidlington areas and invited suggestions for potential projects.

For the next financial year, projects would need to be developed and presented to the relevant Area Oversight Group. Only CDC councillors could vote on proposals, with approved projects subject to CDC Executive approval. It was noted that, following the May elections, the approach should also take account of the surrounding villages which explained why this opportunity had not been brought in front of us previously.

**Action:** Council to consider projects to put forward for CDC Area Oversight Group funding as part of Development Plan process.

**26.441.20** **Resolution: To Approve:** Social media and communications policy (DB)

The resolution to approve the Parish Council social media and communications policy was proposed by DB and seconded by MJ. The motion was supported unanimously by the Council.

**Action:** Clerk to upload new version of the social media and communications policy to the PC website.

**26.441.21** **Resolution: To Approve:** Safeguarding policy (DB)

The resolution to approve the Parish Council safeguarding policy was proposed by DB and seconded by TR. The motion was supported unanimously by the Council.

**Action:** Clerk to upload new version of the safeguarding policy to the PC website.

**26.441.22** **Resolution: To Approve:** Volunteer policy (DB)

The resolution to approve the Parish Council volunteer policy was proposed by DB and seconded by MJ. The motion was supported unanimously by the Council.

**Action:** Clerk to upload new version of the volunteer policy to the PC website.

**26.441.23** **Resolution: To Approve:** Health and Safety policy (DB)

The resolution to approve the Parish Council health and safety policy was proposed by DB and seconded by DW. The motion was supported unanimously by the Council.

**Action:** Clerk to upload new version of the health and safety policy to the PC website.

**26.441.24** **Resolution: To Approve** the appointment of Internal Auditor, Laura White – Albry Audits, to review FY 2026-27, at a total cost of up to £350.00 (TR)

The resolution to approve the appointment of Internal Auditor, Laura White – Albry Audits, to review FY 2026-27, at a total cost of up to £350.00 was proposed by TR and seconded by MJ. The motion was supported unanimously by the Council.

**Action:** Clerk to send required interim information to internal auditor.

**26.441.25** **Resolution: To Approve** the increase in Clerks salary on the contracted salary point following the national salary award for local Government services 2026-27 and to pay the backdated salary owed from 1st April 2026 (6 months) of £166.40 as a one-off payment from the 'Parish of Weston on the Green' Barclays Bank account (TR)

The resolution to approve the increase in Clerks salary on the contracted salary point following the national salary award for local Government services 2026-27 and to pay the backdated salary owed from 1st April 2026 (6 months) of £166.40 as a one-off payment from the 'Parish of Weston on the Green' Barclays Bank account was proposed by TR and seconded by JM. The motion was supported unanimously by the Council.

**Action:** Clerk to initiative request for backdated salary payment as part of the invoice payment process.

**26.441.26** **Resolution: To Approve** the amendment of the Standing Order for the clerk's salary for FY 2026-27 to reflect the amended clerk's salary and the associated amendment of the direct debit to Nest pensions in relation to the clerk's pension payments from the 'Parish of Weston on the Green' Barclays Bank account, as detailed by the HR advisory group (TR)

The resolution to approve the amendment of the Standing Order for the clerk's salary for FY 2026-27 to reflect the amended clerk's salary and the associated amendment of the direct debit to Nest pensions in relation to the clerk's pension payments from the 'Parish of Weston on the Green' Barclays Bank account, as detailed by the HR advisory group, was proposed by TR and seconded by MA. The motion was supported unanimously by the Council.

**Action:** Finance advisory group to amend standing order for clerks pay and Nest pension direct debit payment.

**26.441.27** **Next Parish Council Meeting Date:** Wednesday 4th November 2026, 7.30pm (DB)

**Meeting closed:** 21.33