

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on
Wednesday, 11th February 2026, Culham Pre-School

Attendees – Councillors:	Apologies noted:
Nacho Gimenez (NG) (notetaker)	Denise Corney – Clerk
Caroline Baird (CB)	Mike Richmond-Cooper (MRC)
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Robin Jones (RJ) County Councillor	
Sam Casey-Rerhaye (SCR) Parish Councillor and District Councillor	
Chris Pritchard (CP) CHAIR	
Siobhan Sergeant (SS)	
Members of the public:	In Attendance:

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

1	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Quorate The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. The meeting was Quorate. Apologies were noted from Denise Corney (Clerk). The Clerk was unable to attend due to illness. In the Clerk's absence, notes were taken by Cllr N Gimenez.</p>
2	<p>Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest None for this meeting.</p>
3	<p>Public Participation Flooding on the A415 near the traffic lights. Cllr Jones will advise Highways and report on FixmyStreet. Grass area around traffic lights overgrown – this will be addressed with the new road crossing. Litter Picking – A415 to the train station. Great British Spring Clean (13-29 March). It was agreed that to contact Highways to ascertain responsibility. SCR would provide a template for the Disaster/Emergency Management Plan. It was also agreed that Sam would set up a Teams meeting with Harry Davis of OCC re possible changes to Sutton Bridge access.</p>
4	<p>Report from SODC Councillor – Sam Casey-Rerhaye. The full District Councillor report can be found at: Culham Parish Council</p>
5	<p>Report from County Councillor – Cllr Robin Jones The full District Councillor report can be found at: Culham Parish Council</p>
	<p>Clerk's Report and Financial Update: Will be updated for the meeting on 11th March 2026 Councillor updates: Community Orchard. SS would prepare a plan for planting in October. It was agreed that trees would be planted by specialist contractor and with residents/families invited for bulb planting. Councillors RESOLVED for Muddy Spades to carry out regular tree surveys. Muddy Spades</p>

	<p>would meet with SS to identify areas at the Glebe Recreation Ground and The Green. The Chair to contact the Silva Foundation with reference to the tree trunk near the proposed orchard site.</p> <p>The following Policies were APPROVED by Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT Policy • Reserves Policy <p>The Clerk would upload to the PC website for transparency.</p>												
7	<p>To approve: Minutes 14th January 2026</p> <p>The minutes from 14th January 2026 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and would be signed by the Chair.</p>												
8	<p>To approve: Grass/Ground Maintenance Contract 2026</p> <p>Councillors RESOLVED to approve to and re-award the grass cutting contract to J Drewe based on their renewal quotation submitted on 7th January 2026. The Clerk would advise J Drewe.</p>												
9	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Bank Reconciliation – March 2026 meeting</p> <p>b) Budget Variation –increased costs due to fallen tree and damage.</p>												
10	<p>To agree: Accounts for Payment</p> <p><i>Councillors approved the following payments:</i></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Clerk’s salary February 2026</td> <td>£477.10 includes HMRC payment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scribe</td> <td>£37.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unity Trust Corporate Card Fee</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Muddy Spades</td> <td>£45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Received: OCC grant funding (bench for orchard)</td> <td>£1042.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses</td> <td>£41.35</td> </tr> </table>	Clerk’s salary February 2026	£477.10 includes HMRC payment	Scribe	£37.20	Unity Trust Corporate Card Fee	£50.00	Muddy Spades	£45.00	Received: OCC grant funding (bench for orchard)	£1042.91	Clerk Expenses	£41.35
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11	<p>To review: Planning Applications listed to 3rd February 2026: None to note</p>												
12.	<p>Items for inclusion on the next agenda:</p> <p>End of Year Finance update – April planning for Annual Meeting of Village.</p>												
13.	<p>To confirm date of next meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday, 11th March 2026, Culham Pre-school/nursery</p>												