CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on
Wednesday, 15th April 2026, Culham Pre-School

Attendees – Councillors:	**Apologies noted:**
Sam Casey-Rerhaye (SCR) Parish Councillor and District Councillor	Mike Richmond-Cooper (MRC)
Caroline Baird (CB)	Robin Jones (RJ) County Councillor
Chris Pritchard (CP) CHAIR	Nacho Gimenez
Siobhan Sergeant (SS)	
Members of the public: 2	**In Attendance:**
	Denise Corney – Clerk

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm

1	**Welcome, Apologies and Quorate** The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. The meeting was Quorate. Apologies were noted.
2	**Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest** None for this meeting.
3	**Public Participation** 2 members of the public were in attendance. A member of the public drew attention to fly tipping of tyres on land to the side of the A415. Kerry Holbrook-Bull acknowledge that the land was owned by Morrell's and would arrange removal when convenient. A member of the public further drew attention to fast growth of the hedge/vegetation to the corner of Tollgate Road and the A415. The Clerk would ask for this to be cut back when appropriate (hedge cutting would be deferred whilst birds nesting). The Clerk commented that during year 2026/27 PC funds were limited and budgeting for extra maintenance would be carefully monitored. An update of accounts is available on the PC website within each meeting documentation.
4	**Update from Kerry Holbrook-Bull, Adkin on behalf of Morrell's** The Chair welcomed and introduced Kerry to the meeting and thanked her for attending. Kerry gave brief updates as follows: • The Waggon and Horses – currently under offer. Kerry confirmed that the land to the rear which was originally intended for the community orchard would continue to be available for public use. The community orchard is to be located within the recreation ground. • The Morrell's property on The Green was also in the process of being sold. Discussions regarding the transfer of The Green to the PC continue and Morrell's are fully committed to the transfer. The exact boundary of 7 The green and access considerations, particularly in regard to the allotments would be informed to Solicitors. Morrell's solicitors would be contacting Wellers who act on behalf of the PC. • Kerry reminded all that there was no public access to the field located to the rear of High Street and there was a private arrangement to those residents backing on to the field to be able to gain access for hedge/fence maintenance to their properties. This does not fall within the powers of the PC and continues to be a private arrangement.

Further information can be found at: Culham Parish Council
Signed and dated:

8/5/2026

	• Kerry stated that Morrell's continued to be concerned with regard to the proposed White Horse Reservoir and had raised several objections and Adkin continued to raise issues on behalf of their client.
5	**Report from SODC Councillor – Sam Casey-Rerhaye.** The full District Councillor report can be found at: Culham Parish Council Of note: SODC planning portal being updated. Extra garden waste can be collected w/c 4th May 2026.
6	**Report from County Councillor – Cllr Robin Jones** The full District Councillor report can be found at: Culham Parish Council The Clerk would contact Robin to advise that the PC wish for a review of speed limits in Thame Lane and Burycroft as part of the stakeholder consultation for review of speed limits on rural roads.
7	**Clerk's Report and Financial Update:** **Finance:** Bank Reconciliation 31st March 2026 **Current Account: £1843.80 Instant Access:** £19886.12 **Budget Variation –** Due to the fallen tree and clearance at the Glebe, increased costs of circa £6k. Village pavilion initial feasibility costs – increase against budget. Complete end of year budget variation (31st March 2026) is uploaded on the website. First half of precept for 2026/27 has been received £13,000 on 8 April 2026 **Internal Audit** – I am providing final papers for completion of internal audit and final sign off for the AGAR. **Closure of Appleford to Sutton Courtenay consultation** – 20th April 2026 (zoom meeting with Olly Glover) – I am able to attend. **Diocese of Oxford and Community Orchard.** – Update from Wellers (lawyers) *"The other side has stated that: 'updating the lease including updating the church law provisions, taking instructions regarding an extension to the term expiry, updating the security of tenure provisions, updating rent review provisions, inserting adequate drafting to roll over dilaps and generally advising and updating our client' I am still pushing back, as I believe these are standard lease revisions".* **NOTE FOR COUNCILLORS** *The Diocese has requested an increase of costs to £1700 plus VAT (previous request was £950.00 plus VAT) to update the lease with the extension to 30 years.* **Councillors RESOLVED to pay the extra fees requested, provided the Diocese complete the draft lease for approval no later than 30th May 2026.** **The Green** –- updates Item 4 above. **Insurance Renewal questionnaire** – I have completed in readiness for the renewal quotation from Gallagher. **Repairs/maintenance:**

Further information can be found at: Culham Parish Council

Signed and dated:

13/5/2026

	Dog waste bin – confirmation that the bin has been re-located?- **Needs to be reinstalled.** Purchase of salt bin for the Burycroft (will purchase for next winter) Tree Survey to be carried out – quote requested from Sarah Venners, Arboriculturist – Clerk has contacted Sarah with photos of the The Glebe and in addition has requested a survey for The Green to include the bridleway adjacent to the church. **Updates from Councillors:** • HIF1 -SCR commented that it would be useful to invite Grahams (contractors) to the annual village meeting to give an update. The Clerk would follow up. • Councillors RESOLVED to agree to submit concerns regarding the update to planning for the HIF1 and removal of veteran trees.
8	**Annual Vililage Meeting – planning** • The Chair (CP) would design a flyer to be hand delivered to residents. • Topics with updates and discussions provided from Councillors: • Traffic and Road Safety – CP • Highways, footpaths, grounds upkeep – NG • Community Events, spaces and assets including village pavilion – MC Community Orchard – SS (please provide paragraph report) Screen for presentations/pavilion visuals would be required and the Clerk would contact a neighbouring PC to find out if one could be borrowed. ***Annual Village meeting to commence at 6.30pm immediately following annual meeting of the Pc at 6pm.***
9	**To approve: Minutes 11th March 2026** The minutes from 11th March 2026were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and would be signed by the Chair.
10	**Finance:** **a) Bank Reconciliation – April 2026 meeting** **b) Budget Variation –**increased costs due to fallen tree and damage**. VAT reclaim due.** **c) Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26** – in progress for approval at May meeting prior to submission to external auditor**.**
11	**To agree: Accounts for Payment** *Councillors approved the following payments:*

Clerk's salary April 20267	£477.10 includes HMRC payment
Scribe	£37.20
LAPD (pavilion)	£3032.76 and £360.00
J Drewe (grass cuts)	£857.75
OALC annual subscription	£228.00
Clerk Expenses	Circa £35.00 (to be confirmed)

Further information can be found at: Culham Parish Council

Signed and dated: 13/5/2026

12	**To review: Planning Applications:** **None listed in addition to HIF1 amendments/discharges**
13	**Items for inclusion on the next agenda:** Approval of policies and procedures; approval of AGAR 25-26 and acceptance of internal audit.
14	**To confirm date of next meeting:** **Wednesday 13th May 2026 – St Paul's Church, Culham – Annual meeting of PC at 6pm followed by Annual Village Meeting at 6.30pm.**

Further information can be found at: Culham Parish Council

Signed and dated:

13/05/2026