CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Wednesday, 10th June 2026, Culham Pre-School

Attendees – Councillors:	**Apologies noted:**
Robin Jones (RJ) County Councillor	Sam Casey-Rerhaye (SCR) Parish Councillor and District Councillor
Caroline Baird (CB)	Caroline Baird (CB)
Chris Pritchard (CP) CHAIR	
Siobhan Sergeant (SS)	
Nacho Gimenez	Nacho Gimenez
Mike Richmond-Cooper (MRC)	
Members of the public: None	**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** There were no members of the public in attendance
4.	**Report from SODC Councillor – Sam Casey-Rerhaye.** No report available
5.	**Report from County Councillor – Cllr Robin Jones** Cllr Jones gave an update and assured the Parish Council that work was due to go ahead to install the Tollgate Road crossing during Summer/Autumn 2025. A few objections had been submitted and noted. A further £8m would be available for OCC road maintenance.

CP

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6.	**Clerk's Report and Financial Update:** **Finance:** Bank Reconciliation 31st May 2026 **Current Account:** £ 7517.64: **Instant Access:** £26886.12 **Budget Variation – no significant variation to report for May 2026** **Moore – External Audit** – I have submitted documents and need to reply to a couple of queries received from Moore regarding budget variation for 2025-26. **Tree Survey** – Going ahead during June. (Complete at date of meeting) Several trees marked as a higher risk and in need of some maintenance. SS would review the survey in more detail and the recommendations therein. **Closure of Appleford to Sutton Courtenay consultation** – no further updates during May. We continue to receive several paper copies of changes to condition/approvals for HIF1, per week – I have complained to OCC that this involves unnecessary

	paperwork and expense and an email with link would be preferable. **Diocese of Oxford and Community Orchard/Lease extension** – Payment for the additional costs requested sent to Wellers Client Account. I believe the draft lease and completion should be within the next few weeks. I will chase up with Wellers by the end of June if the lease has not been received for review. **The Green –** Will write to Wellers to find out if Morrell's have supplied their details and any updates to finalise the Transfer. No further updates at this stage. **Repairs/maintenance:** • Dog waste bin – now relocated – I will ask PetWaste to resume collections. • Purchase of salt bin for the Burycroft (will purchase for next winter) • Tidying fallen Turkey Oak – quotation approved and will request to go ahead with work. Thereafter will arrange for collection. Request to make safe and tidy the tree has been forwarded – I will chase up as not received a reply. ***Updates from Councillors:***

	• Feedback from Annual Community Meeting – Village Pavilion MC gave an update with feedback received for the Village Pavilion. Several objections and concerns had been received from residents along The Glebe who were concerned that there would be increased traffic and parking. It was preferable to have more parking adjacent to the Pavilion. Councillors considered the option of access directly from Tollgate Road and including parking adjacent to Tollgate Road. MR would discuss this option with architects. Councillors agreed to distribute a survey to all residents with options for the Pavilion. MC would draft a survey for review and then distribution. The Clerk would contact the Clerk at Dorchester on Thames to seek ideas and tips, where a new village community building was in progress. The Clerk would also research future funding streams. Cllr Jones recommended contacting Community First Oxfordshire. Councillors agreed that a sub-group should be set up to work together on the Village Pavilion project with MR to chair and to include CP and NG. The Clerk would support as administrator. The Clerk drew attention to the need for increased hours, should the project go ahead. This to be discussed in further detail. • HIF1 and SESRO – no further updates • Highways – Tollgate Road crossing as above • Grounds Maintenance – Cllrs agreed to additional maintenance – Tollgate Road – cutting back vegetation which encroaches the footpath. Corner of High Street and Tollgate Road – cut back vegetation. CP noted that he had contacted OCC regarding cutting the verge along Thame Lane. This is only carried out on an annual basis usually during July. OCC highways are responsible for the verges along Thame Lane. • SS would develop a plan for the tree planting for the Community Orchard which would take place in the Autumn (October). The Clerk to follow up with TOE regarding grant funding.
	• Councillors agreed for maps showing the areas of responsibility for grass maintenance on noticeboards and the Clerk would add to website. • CP drew attention to the concerns regarding the field belonging to Morrells, adjacent to the lock car park. This was not the responsibility of the PC and not within the powers of the Council. Any future concerns should be addressed to Kerry Holbrook-Bull at Adkin.
7.	**To approve: Minutes 13th May 2026** The minutes from 13th May 2026 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and would be signed by the Chair.
8.	**Finance:** **a) Bank Reconciliation – Clerk's Report** **b) Budget Variation –none of note during May 2026**

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9.	**To agree: Accounts for Payment** *Councillors approved the following payments:*

Clerk's salary JUNE 2026	£477.10 includes HMRC payment
Scribe	£37.20
Clerk Expenses	£tbc CIRCA £30.00
Drewe Landscaping	£817.75
Tulu Toilet hire	£220.00

10.	**To review: Planning Applications:** **Permission in principle P26/S1471/PIP** **15 Tollgate Road Culham Abingdon OX14 4NE** Erection of a minimum of one and a maximum of one detached two-storey dwelling **Validated** **22 April 2026** **Consultation Open** **20 May 2026** **Consultation End** **12 June 2026 - Decision To be determined** Councillors commented to note the objections made during the previous planning application during June 2023, regarding the natural spring.
11.	**Items for inclusion on the next agenda:** Progress of Community Orchard, Glebe Lease, Village Green, Village Pavilion.
12.	**To confirm date of next meeting:** **Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7.30pm, Culham pre-school.**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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