

NOTES AND ACTIONS
FROM ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING -CULHAM
HELD ON 13TH MAY 2026

- Siobhan gave an overview of the continuing environmental improvements carried out by the PC. Village Community cleans – volunteers always required to help keep the village litter free on a regular basis.
- Trees- continue to plant year each year – it is important to brace the young tree to help keep them stable until they have more strength and growth. Please do not remove the bracings. Help with watering young trees is always welcomed.
- More tree to be planted in the Autumn and again, volunteers are sought to help with this. More details will be circulated nearer the time.
- The PC have arranged for regular tree surveys to be carried out by an arboriculturist to ensure safety and long-term planning for diseased trees.
- Fallen Turkey Oak in the recreation ground – to be made safer and then arrange clearance.

- Nacho gave an overview of the work carried out on highways/footpaths and grass cutting and general maintenance. A tender is circulated in December each year to 3 interested contractors. Residents are encouraged to advise of any concerns/ additional need to be considered by the PC.

- Caroline – Planning and Developments. Caroline and councillors continue to review planning applications and any issues arising. The major projects regarding the HIF1 road and the White Horse Reservoir (SESRO) continue to be monitored closely with continuing concerns. The Reservoir is a major concern to the PC and to the community. It will take circa ten years to build and complete with major disruption to the surrounding areas including Culham. The consultation brochure which was produced by Thames Water was inadequate and unsatisfactory. Access with roads from Oday Hill and Peepoday Lane to house equipment and generators will cause further disruption and will be situated on the flood plain as this field is regularly flooded during winter. There will be a permanent reduction to the navigable width of the Thames. There are further concerns with the expected loss of trees and disruption to the wildlife and environment impact. The Secretary of State would make the final decision on the scheme. South Oxfordshire District Council are opposed to the reservoir. Caroline asked for volunteers to help to review and comment upon the Autumn 2026 report. The PC would register as an interested party to enable future feedback.

- Mike gave an overview of the community space project and outlined the idea of building a new community village pavilion on the site of the existing building in the The Glebe recreation ground. A feasibility study had been carried out with architects providing some initial drawings and ideas. Feedback from residents sought to choose the preferred option(s).