CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Wednesday, 8th July 2026 at St Paul's Church, Culham

Attendees – Councillors:	**Apologies noted:**
Robin Jones (RJ) County Councillor	
Sam Casey-Rerhaye (SCR) Parish Councillor and District Councillor	
Chris Pritchard (CP) CHAIR	Siobhan Sergeant (SS)
Mike Richmond-Cooper (MRC)	
Nacho Gimenez (NG)	
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** There were 2 members of the public in attendance. A member of the public drew attention to the overgrown vegetation (conifers) at the corner of Tollgate Road and High Street. OCC highways to be contacted. A member of the public drew attention the intended working committee for the village pavilion project and a potential conflict of interest for MRC who is also a member of the PCC.
4.	**Report from SODC Councillor – Sam Casey-Rerhaye.** Cllr Casey-Rerhaye gave a brief update from her report which can be found at: June-July-District-Cllr-Report-2026.pdf SCR advised that Contractors for Europa School must work within the agreed hours. Environmental health had been informed when the contractors continued to disregard the agreed working hours.
5.	**Report from County Councillor – Cllr Robin Jones** Cllr Jones gave a brief update from his report which can be found at: Berinsfield-and-Garsington-County-Report-JuneJuly-2026.pdf
6.	**Clerk's Report and Financial Update:** **Finance:** Bank Reconciliation 30th June 2026 **Current Account:** 1545.87 **£: Instant Access:** 27012.02 **Budget Variation – further costs for feasibility study – village pavilion** **Tree Survey** – Review and progress for actions to be carried out in Autumn 2026. September agenda.

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	Closure of Appleford to Sutton Courtenay consultation – Graham contractors will be presenting at the September meeting with specific information to detail the proposed road closure. **Diocese of Oxford and Community Orchard/Lease extension** – Further costs were paid and I have chased up with Wellers (lawyers). The draft lease has been forwarded to Wellers with agreement for the 30 year extension. **The Green** –on hold until Morrells have sold the property on the Green and the sale has completed. **Repairs/maintenance:** • Dog waste bin – now relocated – PetWaste reinstructed to carry out collections on weekly basis. I provided a what3words location. • 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. I confirmed that the PC would like to go ahead as quoted and will chase as have not received a response. • Tree survey – more immediate tree surgery to take place in Autumn 2026, ahead of winter storms. ***Councillor updates*** Village pavilion – survey – MRC had drafted a survey which would be uploaded to the website with the link circulated to the village WhatsApp group. The Clerk emphasised the importance that the location of the community orchard is agreed at The Glebe, as a matter of urgency. A project plan and list of trees to be purchased to be available for review at the September meeting. Clerk to meet with SCR to undertake an 'asset walk'
7.	**To approve: Minutes 10th June 2026** The minutes from 10th June 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 – Clerk's Report**

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

Clerk's salary July 2026	£477.10 includes HMRC payment
Scribe	£37.20
Clerk Expenses	£tbc CIRCA £30.00
Drewe Landscaping	£817.75
Muddy Spades	£300.00
LAPD Architects	£240.00

10.	**To review: Planning Applications:** No planning applications to review.
11.	**Items for inclusion on the next agenda**: Purchase of Trees for Community Orchard, Feedback from survey for Village Pavilion, pre-planning budget 2027-28.
12.	**To confirm date of next meeting:** **Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm, St Paul's Church, Culham – presentation from Graham Contractors at 7.30pm to be followed by PC meeting.**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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