

Chieveley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 10th February 2026 at 7.30pm.
Chieveley Village Hall

Members present: Cllr Lesley Dick (Chair),
Cllr. David Cowan
Cllr. Rob Crispin
Cllr. Lesley Derry
Cllr. Sarah Hutchison
Cllr. Eric Friend
Cllr. Sandie Allan
Cllr. Matthew Gilman

Members absent: Cllr. Maurice Beard

Parish Clerk: Lynn Dennison

2602.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr Heather Codling & District Cllr Paul Dick. This was accepted.

2602.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

2602.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

2602.4 MINUTES

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2026 were a true record of the meeting.

2602.5 MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

Showground S106 update:

It was noted that Cllrs should ensure residents know that if they believe there is a breach to S106 they should use WBC Report a Problem for planning infringements.

Action: WBC Report a Problem link to be added to new website.

It was confirmed with WBC that no new licences can overwrite S106 agreement.

Action: Cllr Cowan to identify what the constraints are for open air activities in the showground.

2602.6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES

None

Local resident raised concerns via email relating to proposed burial ground. Clerk to response noting receipt of email and contents will be discussed further once planning application has been submitted.

Cllr Cowan & Cllr Hutchison attending planning committee meeting for 25/01081/FUL - High Street, Church Lane, Chieveley, Newbury. Cllr Cowan did object on behalf of the parish council to the application however WBPC approved the application because the Inspector at the previous appeal had approved all the design issues.

2602.7 FINANCE

(i) Income and Expenditure

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments shown in Appendix 1.

Unity Interest Rate Reduction

It was **noted** that Unity bank is reducing our savings accounts interest rate to 1.95%

VAT Refund Claim

It was **noted** that the Clerk has submitted VAT Refund claim form

Pharmacy CIL Grant Request

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to reply to Dr Morton that we are keen to support the surgery; however, our unallocated CIL funds for this year are only £1k and may be needed to be used for other projects. Once planning has been approved, we will be potentially able to provide some funding. It was suggested that surgery should contact the district councillors as they may be aware of more funding opportunities.

2602.8 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

It was noted that Cllr Beard had been unable to attend Parish Council meetings since June 2025 and, in line with LGA 1972 Section 85(1), he therefore ceased to be a member of the Council.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Beard for his support and commitment during his time as a councillor.

A casual vacancy was therefore declared, and the clerk would start the process to find a replacement councillor

2602.9 PARISH ONLINE WEBSITE

Clerk gave brief overview of new website; we need to agree on heading photo & text. Cllr Gilman & Cllr Derry offered to help with this set up

Action: Cllrs to send pictures to clerk

It was agreed that the new clerk and councillor email addresses should be first.last@

Action: Clerk to confirm the domain name. **Chieveley-pc.co.uk**

2602.10 TRAFFIC AND SPEEDING

Report on CSW activities and road safety in Chieveley and SIDs update.

- One SID developed a fault and is being repaired. The supplier has provided a loan SID in the interim
- Several residents have provided positive feedback on the SIDs and their impact on traffic
- Agreed with WBC (Matthew Clayton) to send SID data quarterly
- SID campaigns updates:
 - B4009 (Curridge) NORTHBOUND 71% of vehicles exceeding 36mph, SOUTHBOUND 77% of vehicles exceeding 36mph (now at bus stop site) (speed limit 30 mph)
 - Old Oxford Road (Chieveley) 34% exceeding speed limit (40 mph)

- School Road (Chieveley) 18% exceeding speed limit (30 mph) initially, but this dropped to 14% at end of campaign. However, some very high speeds of up to 100 mph during the day

2602.11 FOR INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information has been added to the Parish Council Shared Folder:

- i Planned Road Closure - High Street, Chieveley
- ii Helping West Berkshire residents have their say on the Great Western Hospital, Swindon (GWH)
- iii Matthew Barber - My local update for you - January 2026
- iv Men's Health Poster PNG
- v New West Berkshire Local Plan – Call for Sites
- vi Newbury and Thatcham Repair Cafe in Newbury on Sunday 22 February afternoon
- vii Planned Road Closure - B4494 Wantage Road, Snelsmore.
- viii Planned Road Closure - Priors Court Road, Chieveley.
- ix Planned Temporary Traffic Lights - B4494 Wantage Road, Chieveley & Shaw Cum Donnington, and Oxford Road, Shaw Cum Donnington
- x Presentations from the West Berkshire Community Climate Forum - 28th January 2026
- xi Priors Court - Planning Enforcement Request- Landscaping & Trees
- xii TPO 1092 - Chieveley Parish Council
- xiii West Berkshire Council receives 'Green' rating for road maintenance
- xiv West Berkshire Libraries create at least £12k each year in wellbeing value

2602.12 CLERK'S & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Report from Clerk:

Grundon – Clerk has chased for reply to our questions

Noted: Hall Bookings 2026/2027 and beyond

Noted: May Annual Parish MTG now in Curridge WI Hall

Action: Add Annual Parish MGT to next agenda

Noted: Precept request has been submitted

Noted: Highclere Trees – Work booked 10th March –

Action: Clerk to Notify the school and playground about these dates

Reports from District Councillors:

None

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Cllr Derry: has asked MyChieveley if their website has a digital signature.

Cllr Gilman updated on the 20mph proposal and confirmed it applies the whole parish. Do we want to ask WBC to bring 20 mile an hour limit on earlier? **Action:** Add to next month's agenda.

Cllr Gilman also noted that the Downs Schools held consultation to change admissions policy, and this may affect local school children

Cllr Friend: Marsh Lane in really bad condition, contacted West Berks however it's not their responsibility as it's a private road.

2602.13 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10 March 2026 @7.30pm in Chieveley Village Hall (Club Room)

APPENDIX 1

Feb-26					
FEE	31-Jan-26	Unity Trust Bank		UTB Service Charge	6.00
BACS	31-Jan-26	Lynn Dennison		Clerk Salary	1,124.63
BACS	31-Jan-26	HMRC		Clerk Employee's Tax	140.31
BACS	26-Jan-26	SME Accounting Services Limited	2576	Clerk Payroll	12.00
BACS	03-Feb-26	Lynn Dennison - Expenses, including WFH allowance		Clerk Expenses & WFH allowance	111.50
BACS	20-Jan-26	Tactical Facilities Management	SI-5033	Dog waste collections	123.76
BACS	06-Jan-26	F C Lawrence	31	Long Lane bus shelter cleaning	15.00
BACS	31-Jan-26	Curridge WI Hall	5/26DP	Meeting Hall hire	40.00
BACS	31-Jan-26	Curridge Residents' Association - Christmas Fund		Christmas Fund	64.01
February Total					1,637.21