

Chieveley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 14 April 2026 in Curridge WI Hall RG18 9DZ at 7.30pm

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

Members absent: None

In attendance: District Cllr. Heather Codling
4 members of the public

26.04.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr. Paul Dick

26.04.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Cowan declared interest in planning 26/00416/HOUSE application and will abstain from discussion

26.04.03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions, comments or representations.

26.04.04 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 March 2026 were a true record of the meeting.

26.04.05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) The following new planning applications were considered:

[26/00444/LBC](#) | Removal of existing modern rear extension. New extension. Section 19 Application: Variation of condition 2-Plans, of approved application 25/01163/LBC | The Old House High Street Chieveley Newbury RG20 8UX| **Consultation Deadline** Thu 26 Mar 2026 | Extension granted | **No Objection**

[26/00416/HOUSE](#) | Replace existing wooden pergola with wooden covered gazebo. | Horsemoor Green Lane Chieveley Newbury RG20 8XB | **Consultation Deadline** Tue 31 Mar 2026 | Extension granted | **No Objection**

[26/00443/HOUSE](#) | Removal of existing modern rear extension. New extension. Section 73: Variation of conditions 2-Plans 4-Materials Schedule 5-Hard Landscaping 6-External Doors and Windows, of approved application 25/01162/HOUSE | The Old House High Street Chieveley Newbury RG20 8UX | **Consultation Deadline** Tue 14 April | Extension granted | **No Objection**

[25/02839/FUL](#) | Replacement self-build dwelling (resubmission of planning application ref: 25/01457/FUL) including revised access. | Sawpit House Long Lane Cold Ash Thatcham RG18 9LU | **This application has gone to appeal | Parish Council previously made no comment**

[26/00492/MINMAJ](#) | Proposed extraction of soft sand with restoration to agriculture and ecological enhancement using imported inert infill material, inclusive of all associated site works. | Land East of Chieveley Services Chieveley_| **Consultation Deadline** Tue 28 Apr 2026 | **Clerk to request extension. Will be discussed in more detail at next month's meeting at 7pm. Clerk will add to website. Chair to add to Facebook pages.**

[26/00355/HOUSE](#) | First floor extension over existing garage and utility, with garage conversion and ground floor alterations. | Springbank Sandy Lane Curridge Thatcham RG18 9DG | **Consultation Deadline** Wed 29 Apr 2026 | **No Objection**

[26/00303/OUT](#) | Outline application to demolish existing house comprising 4 flats and erect 2 detached houses. Matters to be considered: Access and Layout | New Houses Snelsmore Common Newbury RG14 3BN | **Consultation Deadline** Tue 14 April | Extension granted | **No Objection – however to be noted that this is mainly in the Chieveley Parish.**

(ii) The following recent planning decisions had been taken by WBC: None

(iii) Response to an appeal following a recent planning decision taken by WBC: None

26.04.06 FINANCE

(i) Income and Expenditure

- a. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments shown in Appendix 1 & 2
- b. End of year Bank Reconciliation_2026-03-31 & End of year Budget vs Expenditure for 2025/26 were accepted.

26.04.07 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

(i) Graces Lane

- WBC completed the line marking and sign changes for the narrow section by the pub. They were not able to move the lines to provide additional pedestrian area, as agreed last year
- The additional post for road signs has made space for the SID
- Graces Lane SID data shows most cars travelling at or below the speed limit, with the SID having a positive impact on cars slowing down - 9% reduction before and after SID. However, top speed of 94 mph recorded

(ii) A lot of potholes have been filled around the villages.

(iii) B4009 WBC are completing their own assessment of speed entering the village (near the bus stop, using black cat) and this will hopefully be used to demonstrate that TVP enforcement is required

26.04.08 12th May ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- (i) It was noted that we have the local Scout Group, District Cllr Heather Codling & Eleanor Gilbert will all present.
- (ii) Start time confirmed as 8pm.
- (iii) Clerk will create and publish flyer to advertise
- (iv) Add RFO report and Chair report to meeting agenda
- (v) Reminder: Standing Orders & Financial Regulations will be up for review
- (vi) Reminder: APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS to be completed

26.04.09 PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED INFORMATION

The following information had been previously circulated to Councillors:

- (i) 10_Update on Victoria Park
- (ii) 10_Residents Bulletin Shaw House (on website)
- (iii) 10_Planned Road Closure – Sandy Lane (on website)
- (iv) 10_Planned Road Closure – Curridge Road (on website)
- (v) 10_Matthew Barber_My local update for you_March 2026
- (vi) 10_FW_ Bucklebury and Downlands _ Your area _ Thames Valley Police _ Thames Valley Police
- (vii) 10_Consultations_ Proposed amendment to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2025-2030
- (viii) 10_Upstream Spring 2026
- (ix) 10_Consultations_ Proposed amendment to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2025-2030
- (x) 10_District Parish Conference - 29 April 2026
- (xi) 10_FW_ West Berkshire Libraries News - March 2026
- (xii) 10_Newbury and Thatcham Repair Cafe on Sunday 26th April afternoon in Newbury
- (xiii) 10_Planned Road Closure - Priors Court Road, Chieveley & Red Shut Hill, Cold Ash. (on website)
- (xiv) 10_PRJ26-654 - Project Notification - 2026_27 HIP - Carriageway Retexturing Programme
- (xv) 10_Three new pop-up libraries launching across West Berkshire
- (xvi) 10_District Cllr Dick_202603 Opposition Report

26.04.10 CLERKS REPORTS

- i) Dog Waste Bin – PC paid for Bin at Marquis Showroom on Oxford Road to be emptied. Clerk is awaiting response from WBC confirming there are responsible to this bin.
- ii) Planned Internal Audit Date is week beginning 27th April
- iii) Oare Pond Throw line replacement stickers have been ordered but not arrived as yet.
- iv) Members Bids – Clerk to apply for new Village Gate (one side of the road) for Curridge Road. Also, Cllr Gilman to apply for MCB's & Poles.
- v) 20 Mph request sent to WBC, no response as yet.

26.04.11 COUNCILLORS UPDATES

- (i) District Councillors updates:
 - i. The Opposition Report for from District Cllr. Paul Dick was received.
 - ii. District Cllr Codling asked about SID locations.

(ii) The following reports from Councillors were received:

- a. **OARE:** (i) Cllr Allen updated that the Hermitage Defibrillator has now been returned by the ambulance service.
- b. **CURRIDGE:** (i) Cllr Dick is having an issue with her new Parish On line email address, so please send all emails back to her original email address until it's sorted.
- c. **CHIEVELEY:** (i) Cllr Derry mentioned the bank signatories need to change their email addresses for Unity Bank.
- d. **ALL:** Event on in the showground at the weekend did cause a few traffic issues, but depending on the timings. Will be brought up at the next Newbury Showground meeting.

26.04.12 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Clerk to add 20 MPH to June's agenda

26.04.13 CO-OPTION TO FILL THE VACANT PARISH COUNCILLOR SEAT

- (i) The council received and reviewed two applications for the vacant Parish Councillor position. Both candidates attended the meeting and were invited to address the Council in support of their applications. Councillors asked them questions relating to the submissions. The chair thanked the candidates for attending and both then left the meeting.

- (ii) The meeting then closed to the members of the press and public in accordance with relevant legislation.

(iii) Selection of new parish councillors

After considerable deliberation the council held a vote, the result was that JL was the preferred candidate. Clerk to contact JL & MM and advise them of the outcome.

26.04.14 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Annual Parish meeting @ 7.00pm **Curridge WI Hall RG18 9DZ**

Followed by Annual Parish Assembly @ 8pm **Curridge WI Hall RG18 9DZ**

APPENDIX 1

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PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

March/April	Date	To	Invoice	Type	Payments	Receipts	Paid
BACS	16-Mar-26	HMRC VAT Refund		HMRC VAT Refund		3,028.63	TRUE
BACS	23-Mar-26	Lynn Dennison		Clerk Salary	1,151.24		TRUE
BACS	23-Mar-26	HMRC		Clerk Employee's Tax	155.96		TRUE
BACS	23-Mar-26	SME Accounting Services Limited	2603	Clerk Payroll	12.00		TRUE
BACS	25-Mar-26	Tactical Facilities Management	SI-5345	Dog waste collections	123.76		TRUE
FEE	31-Mar-26	Unity Trust Bank		UTB Service Charge	7.00		TRUE
Internal Transfer	24-Mar-26	Current Account Transfer -		Internal transfer to Reserves A/C	3,408.95		TRUE
							FALSE
BACS	31-Mar-26	Lynn Dennison - Expenses, including WFH allowance		Clerk Expenses & WFH allowance	39.50		FALSE
BACS	04-Apr-26	F C Lawrence	69	Long Lane bus shelter cleaning	15.00		FALSE
BACS	12-Mar-26	Highclere Trees	Inv-0020	Curridge playground Tree Maintenance	2,700.00		FALSE
BACS	31-Mar-26	Chieveley Village Hall	CVH-2025914	March Parish Council mtg	15.70		FALSE

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MARCH PAYMENTS PRE-APPROVED

Mar-25					Payments	Receipts
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FEE	31-Mar-26	Unity Trust Bank		UTB Service Charge	7.00	
Internal Trans	24-Mar-26	Current Account Transfer -		Internal transfer to Reserves A/C	3,408.95	
Total					4,858.91	3,028.63