

Chieveley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 8th September 2026 at 7.30pm in Chieveley Village Hall RG20 8TE

Members present:

Cllr. Lesley Dick (Chair)
Cllr. Sandie Allan
Cllr. Rob Crispin
Cllr David Cowan
Cllr. Eric Friend
Cllr. Matthew Gilman
Cllr. Julie Illsley

Members absent: None

In attendance: District Cllr. Heather Codling

26.09.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr Hutchison, Cllr Derry, District Cllr. Paul Dick

26.09.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

Members declared the following interests: None

26.09.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

26.09.4 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2026 were a true record of the meeting.

26.09.5 MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

26.09.6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) The following new planning applications were considered:

6.1 [26/01812/FUL](#) | Change of use and conversion of building and grounds from Public House / Restaurant (Sui Generis) to a day nursery (Use Class E) including fenced external garden play area, associated car parking, cycle parking and bin stores. | The Fox and Hounds at Donnington Oxford Road Donnington Newbury RG14 3AP | Consultation Deadline Wed 16 Sep 2026| **Resolved:** No Objection but comment regret change of use.

6.2 [26/01836/HOUSE](#) | Proposed two storey extensions & associated internal alterations | The White House Curridge Road Curridge Thatcham RG18 9ED | **Resolved:** No Objection

(ii) The following recent planning decisions had been taken by WBC:

6.4 [25/01081/FUL](#) | Decision Notice: **Approved** - noted.

6.5 [26/00928/HOUSE](#) | Decision Notice: **Approved** - noted.

26.09.7 FINANCE

(i) Income and Expenditure

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

(ii) Q1 Bank Reconciliation

It was RESOLVED to approve the Q1 Bank Reconciliation.

(iii) Greenfest Grant Request –It was RESOLVED not to provide a grant at this point, however Clerk to send them information for the next grant process so they can apply and explain what the funds will be used for in next year 2027

26.09.8 20 MPH

Discussion: Cllr Gilman presented a suggested questionnaire to be distributed to residents in Graces Lane Chieveley and other residents. Includes questions about heavy vehicles.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Gilman to distribute to residents on Graces Lane and provide feedback at next meeting. Also, for clerk to put on website, explaining what we are doing and why.

26.09.9 TRAFFIC AND SPEEDING

Community Speedwatch: campaign on Curridge road at end of July/beginning of Aug, during the afternoon, very few cars speeding. Thames Valley Police were concerned about sites not being used.

SID Update: Broken SID is now fixed. Members Bid in progress for new poles.

26.09.10 PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED INFORMATION

The previously circulated information was received and noted.

26.09.11 CLERKS REPORT

a) Curridge Defibrillator maintenance. It was RESOLVED to approve that we will pay for new batteries or paddles when they need renewing.

b) Waste management: Clerk to investigate other waste management options and to request Tactical to look at Marsh and Oare ponds asap.

c) Residents' email:

Foot injury on footpath after hedge cutting

Planning question in relation to solar panel planning

Noise from low flying aircraft

Traffic incident on Graces Lane

Curridge School query about newsletters: Pathfinder church Parish Mag

d) AGAR update: There is an outstanding question in relation to Staff cost variants. Clerk will liaise with Cllr Derry on her return.

e) Members bid update – Clerk is chasing Curridge Gates

26.09.12 COUNCILLORS UPDATES

(i) Opposition Report from District Cllr Paul Dick was received.

(ii) Reports from Councillors:

OARE: Cllr Allen, new mobile home been installed in Stable View and a wooden structure. Action: Clerk to raise a planning enforcement notice.

Hermitage 5-day road closure, caused major issues in Oare, one overturned car, a resident was followed and intimidated. Parish Council should be proactive if the road is closed again.

Drain is blocked, report a problem, Andrew Reynolds.

CURRIDGE: Cllr Dick requested Clerk to remind people of Grant process and closing date end of Oct.

CHIEVELEY: Cllr Illsley attended Patient Participation group, suggested they should focus on specifics when communicating funding issues.

Cllr Gilman noted that there was a burglary on Graces Lane

Cllr Cowan noted that work on the Red Lion pub has started and is causing some traffic issues. Should be completed by Nov.

Farm Fest 2027 – Traffic management, raise with WBC to ensure their traffic manage plan approval is robust. Action: Clerk to contact WBC and ensure it's on their plan.

26.09.13 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Curridge CIL Money
- Emergency Plan

26.09.14 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

13 October 2026 @ 7.30pm in Curridge WI Hall RG18 9DZ

Sep-26	Date	To	Purpose	Payments	Receipts	Paid Y/N
BACS	28-Sep-26	Lynn Dennison	Clerk Salary	1,336.29		Y
BACS	28-Sep-26	HMRC	Clerk Employee's Tax	266.72		Y
BACS	28-Sep-26	SME Accounting Services Limited	Clerk Payroll	12.00		Y
		2745				
RECEIPT	21-Sep-26	A T Craig	Annual rent for access		539.00	
RECEIPT	29-Sep-26	West Berkshire Council	Precept - Part 2		22,250.00	
FEE	30-Sep-26	Unity Trust Bank	UTB Service Charge	7.00		Y
Total				1,622.01	22,789.00	
Oct-26						
BACS	27-Aug-26	Matthew Gilman	SID Padlock	26.99		N
BACS	29-Sep-26	PKF Littlejohn LLP	SB20263203 External Audit	378.00		N
BACS	05-Oct-26	F C Lawrence - June	8 Long Lane bus shelter cleaning	16.00		N
BACS	30-Sep-26	Lynn Dennison - Expenses, including WFH allowance	Clerk Expenses & WFH allowance	26.00		N
BACS	24-Sep-26	Tactical Facilities Management	930 Dog waste collections	167.81		N
BACS		The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Remembrance wreath SAB12	35.00		N
BACS	04-Oct-26	Chieveley Village Hall	CVH-20261077 Village hall hire - Sept Meeting	25.10		N
Internal transfer	06-Oct-26	Internal transfer from Reserves	AONB Planning Legal Fund	AONB Planning Legal Fund	1,000.00	Y
Total				1,674.90	0.00	
Total				3,296.91	22,789.00	