



CROWMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 2nd July 2026
starting at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr John Griffin (Chair)	Ms Rachel Wakefield
Mrs Zazie Carruthers	Mrs Clare Walker
Mr Stephen Sherbourne	Ms Maryse Worrallo

Attending: Mrs Sue Rance (Clerk). County Councillor Gavin McLauchlan and District Cllr Sue Cooper attended part of the meeting. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies: Received from Mrs Yvonne Peet (RFO), Prof Andrew Johnson, Mr Julian Park, Mr David Rowley, Mrs Fleur Stevenson, Mr David Topliss and District Cllr Andrea Powell.

Declarations of interest: None.

The meeting was quorate.

NO.		ACTION
5906	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING It was proposed by Cllr Sherbourne and seconded by Cllr Griffin that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 th June should be approved as a true record. This was agreed unanimously and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.	
5907	MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES <u>Item 5894</u> Allotment Water Supply: Cllr Sherbourne reported that he has this matter in hand. <u>Item 5894:</u> Cllr Griffin has written to the resident of 77 The Street about the hedge behind their house which has extended their garden across Footpath 2. The Clerk will send a copy of the letter to County Councillor McLauchlan.	Clerk

	<u>Item 5895</u>: County Councillor McLauchlan has requested further details from David Periam on the conditions attached to the planning approval for gravel extraction at White Cross Farm (Cholsey Parish). <u>Item 5905</u>: Cllr Sherbourne reported on the OALC 'Talking Tables' session held at Benson on 25th June. <u>Item 5905</u>: Cllr Worrallo will report the sewage problem at the Riverside Park to the District Councillors. <u>Item 5905</u>: Cllr Wakefield will gather information from residents at the former Carmel College site on the ongoing problems there. <u>Item 5905</u>: Cllr Griffin has reported the overgrown vegetation on the Ridgeway Path to the Chiltern Society path maintenance network.	MW RW
5908	REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR Cllr McLauchlan reported that OCC has been granted an injunction to stop Raise the Colours placing flags on lampposts. Four individuals were named and have now agreed not to put up flags or encourage others to do so and not to obstruct any contractor or council worker taking them down. In due course the existing flags will be removed. £8 million is to be invested in surface treatment for Oxfordshire roads. The Street in Crowmarsh has been identified as one of the priorities. County Council cabinet members Gareth Epps and Liz Leffman will be visiting Crowmarsh on 13th July. Karl Chandler, the OCC project manager for Benson Lane will visit next week and will meet with Cllrs Griffin and Sherbourne and County Councillor McLauchlan. Consultation on speed limits in the area is ongoing until September. Cllr McLauchlan is looking into the 60mph limit on Constitution Hill: the speed limit here should be 20mph, which was requested when the 20mph scheme was introduced. Roads on the Bloor estate have still not been adopted. On 14th September the temporary congestion charge in Oxford is to be replaced with temporary traffic filters for 18 months.	

5909	REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS The District Councillors' report had been circulated. Consideration is being given to targeted support for pubs in South Oxfordshire. The SODC Capital Grant Scheme opened on 26th May. Route changes are taking place for waste collections and residents are reminded to put their bins out by 6.00am. Plans are in hand to develop the Joint Local Plan 2045. Friends of the Earth have issued an environmental briefing for Benson and Crowmarsh Ward.	
5910	REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES • Cllr Sherbourne has proposed that the strategic priorities should comprise three primary issues: ➢ A4074 Portway Toucan Crossing ➢ Benson Lane safety and access improvements ➢ North Stoke Springs pedestrian access crossing. Councillors will be asked to comment by the next meeting. • Other ongoing projects are: ➢ Village signs ➢ Interpretation boards ➢ Noticeboard on CABI development ➢ Replacement bus shelters ➢ Watery Lane Improvements Village signs are expected to be installed soon. Cllr Park is chasing up progress on the interpretation boards Exact location for the CABI noticeboard has yet to be agreed. Cllr Sherbourne has the replacement of bus shelters in hand The RFO has reported that CIL money received from the CABI development was £102,211.20. Some funding for Watery Lane improvements could be taken from this as a means to connect the CABI development to the village. A site meeting will be held at 10.00 on 3rd July with the Chilterns Path representative and OCC officers for rights of way. It is hoped that OCC will contribute some funding. It was noted that Drayton Construction has quoted but no response has been received from White Horse Contractors.	

5911	PLANNING Arron Twamley has requested a further Teams meeting to discuss the proposed new housing in North Stoke. There is strong opposition to this development from North Stoke residents. After discussion it was agreed to decline a further meeting and await submission of a planning application.	JG																				
5912	FINANCE a) <u>Consider and agree payments since last meeting</u> The Finance officer had circulated a list of payments to be authorized. In addition to salaries and PAYE these were as follows: <table><tr><td>26.06.2026</td><td>Shield</td><td>Dog bins June</td><td>280.80</td></tr><tr><td>24.06.2026</td><td>Ashburton</td><td>Grass cutting Church & North Stoke Rec</td><td>278.40</td></tr><tr><td>07.06.2026</td><td>Suggs Security</td><td>Fire alarm Servicing</td><td>380.00</td></tr><tr><td>09.06.2026</td><td>OALC</td><td>Training – Cllr Sherbourne</td><td>48.00</td></tr><tr><td>17.06.2026</td><td>Paul Webb property maintenance</td><td>Repair showers in pavilion</td><td>150.00</td></tr></table> It was proposed by Cllr Sherbourne and seconded by Cllr Wakefield that the above payments be approved and this was agreed. Cllrs Griffin and Sherbourne will authorise the payments on-line. b) <u>Review of Accounts Status for year ended 30th June 2026</u> The summary receipts and payments for the year had been circulated. Total receipts were £41,682.13 and total payments £40,717.82. The closing balance was £167,181.03. c) <u>Quote for Dog Bin at CABl site</u> A quote had been received for a dog bin at a cost of £304.85 plus installation at £210.60. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Wakefield and seconded by Cllr Walker that this be accepted and this was agreed.	26.06.2026	Shield	Dog bins June	280.80	24.06.2026	Ashburton	Grass cutting Church & North Stoke Rec	278.40	07.06.2026	Suggs Security	Fire alarm Servicing	380.00	09.06.2026	OALC	Training – Cllr Sherbourne	48.00	17.06.2026	Paul Webb property maintenance	Repair showers in pavilion	150.00	JG/SSh
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	d) <u>Request for Grant from Clean Slate</u> A grant request had been received from Clean Slate, a charity which supports individuals who have experienced abuse or exploitation. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Griffin and seconded by Cllr Carruthers that a grant of £200 be made under Section 137 and this was agreed. e) The Clerk reported that the garden bin collections at Newnham Murren Churchyard have been reinstated.	
5913	REPORTS OF COMMITTEES <u>Environment and Recreation Ground Committee</u> • Cllr Park has recently checked the new trees at the recreation ground and reported that they are generally growing well. • The play tractor and replacement litter bins are being installed. Chris Strange has the plaque from the Allin train in safe keeping for Mrs Pratt. • The grass at the nature area is to be cut in the near future. • It was noted that to gain access to the tennis courts, a booking needs to be made with Chris Strange. The courts could be publicized more and it was agreed to advertise this in Crowmarsh News. <u>Traffic and Transport</u> • Cllr Sherbourne has the Autospeed Watch camera but a councillor is needed to take responsibility for this. Cllr Walker is liaising with the school, where pupils are making speed calming posters. • Cllr Worrallo reported that the grass verges in Benson Lane are in need of cutting as the vegetation is obstructing the line of sight. This should be done by OCC. Cllr Worrallo will report it on Fix my Street.	JG MW
5914	UPDATE ON WEBSITE The Clerk will circulate to all councillors the web address of the new parish council website.	Clerk

5915	CORRESPONDENCE The following correspondence was noted: • Update from the Chilterns National Landscape • Rural Weekly News • Parish Online Update • SODC Updates • Healthwatch Oxon update • OALC updates • NALC updates • Update from the Police and Crime Commissioner • Safeguarding Update.	
5916	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th August at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. The Clerk gave her apologies for this meeting. Cllr Walker kindly offered to take the minutes.	CW
5917	ANY OTHER BUSINESS • The Clerk will send to Cllr Carruthers the email address of Julia Streete, who is a Fix my Street super user. • The Clerk will request from OCC Cllr McLauchlan an update on the new bus shelters on the A4074 at Ipsden, which have been reported as restricting sight lines.	Clerk Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm