West Hagbourne Parish Council

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Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting
held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Tuesday 30 June 2026 at 7:30pm.

Present: Parish Cllrs: D. Tozer (Chair), M. Leishman, R. Wilkes, District Cllr. Crispin Topping and Mr. A. Wise (Parish Clerk)

26/1088 Opening of Meeting	DT opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs with a warm welcome to all attendees	
Administrative Matters		
26/1089 To receive Parish Councillor's apologies for absence	• A. Wimshurst and J. Freeland	
26/1090 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest from Parish Councillors	• None	
26/1091 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 06.05.2026	• It was proposed by DT, seconded ML, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
26/1092 To agree any outstanding actions from minutes of the meeting of 06.05.2026	• All action items had been completed except 26/1074, 26/1076, 26/1079	
Open Session		
26/1093 To hear reports on OCC and SODC activities from any OCC or SODC Councillor's present	• SODC Report - attachment 6 • CT explained that from the 31st October the national planning policy will change in that the Planning Committee at District level will only review developments of at least 10 houses, potentially making developments of up to 9 houses much easier to get approved • OCC Report – attachment 7	
26/1094 To hear representations from members of the public	• None	
Planning Matters		
26/1095 Discussion and decisions on any new planning applications since the previous meeting	Planning applications reviewed - attachment 4 • No outstanding planning applications to discuss	
26/1096 Neighbourhood Plan Update	**Neighbourhood Plans** A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is a planning document which guides and shapes development in the local area and is created by local people. They cover local planning issues, for example, where new homes and community buildings should go. They must focus on guiding development rather than stopping it and need to be in general conformity with national policy and our local planning policies. Parish Councils can get tailored advice and support to develop their NP, from the Local Authority. They can be costly to produce, and take 1 to 2 years to produce, and get through the various approval stages. **Meeting with Tom Gill on 20th May 2026** – Andy & Dan present from WHPC	

	The key points Tom clarified: **What an NP can do:** They guide where we would prefer new housing to be delivered, and the type of housing. But this has to be done following set rules and without prejudice to any landowners. Can protect "green spaces" - but only if they are currently defined as such (public spaces, Conservation Area, AONB). This does not generally cover farmland or residents' private gardens - these are governed by the existing planning consents It can be used to guide the design / style of new housing in the village. **What an NP can't do:** Block future development (housing in our case) - Tom made this clear many times on the call. Correct any historic planning permissions or errors. Provide new roads, amenity, sewage upgrades, GP's etc - not without the necessary scale of additional housing required to fund such amenity. Can't stop the Planning Inspectorate (Central Govt) overriding it. They do this regularly with Local plans, and decisions like the village Pub conversion to Residential. Probably can't prevent a specific type of development (the Upton travellers issue), as these are treated on a case by case basis, against the needs of the planning authority at the time. **Other matters that are relevant to WHPC (and Upton PC).** It's a large task that we probably don't have the people to deliver it. It will take over a year to do. When the 2041 local plans are approved, West Hagbourne will move to "countryside" status, which would give us most of the protections locals are wanting against excessive housing in the village. Very few small villages have NP's in place - he was aware of only 1 small village in our planning category (other) that currently has an NP across the whole of SODC and Vale. NP's are mainly in place for larger villages – as these are more likely see additional housing over the coming years. Villages with primary schools, railway stations, GP's, good transport links, local shops etc (hence their higher status in the local plan). Most large villages have now got NP's in place – I assume they want to limit/influence the scale of such development. **Conclusions** Having thought through the points above, and based on the knowledge that our residents who want to have a Neighbourhood Plan for the village, simply want it to prevent any further housing - I think we got it correct when we decided to stay without one - and I don't see the benefits outweigh the efforts and cost of doing one for West Hagbourne. After a long discussion the councillors present agreed with the conclusion of Councillor Wimshurst Report but will keep reviewing this going forward.	
Drainage Matters		
26/1097 Any questions on ongoing drainage matters (see report submitted – included here for reference)	Flooding Summary Report for WHPC Meeting on Tuesday 30th June 2026 Flood-related Work Across the Village, Ongoing Activities:- ● Drains: through the OCC Flood Warden scheme we had previously reported the two flood 'hotspots' of Brook Lane and the corner drain at the intersection of Brook Lane and Main Street. Apparently, drain jetting was on the list of to do for OCC Highways planned works and we have also requested that the small ditches along this part of the road from Didcot are also assessed and cleared as required. We await an update and have asked about progress. ● Moor Lane Ditch: our 'Expression of Interest' Grant Application to OCC for funds to perform work on the Moor Lane ditch was unsuccessful, with no reason given. We await results from a levels survey which has been performed by Leigh Travers of	

	SODC – this may help us decide how to proceed in terms of silt removal – we already have quotes for underground pipe jetting. Our Village Flood Group will need to recommence work on soft vegetation removal in the ditch before Autumn, as the ditch is now very overgrown in parts. ● Brook Lane: through the OCC Flood Warden scheme we have also liaised with OCC about the provision of 'Flood' and 'Road Closed' signs for use at appropriate locations when required. A discussion has been set up for early July. ● Trash Screen opposite Horse & Harrow: this has been found to be overgrown and with significant debris in it and is likely responsible for flooding on that corner of the road. We are liaising with OCC about who is responsible to get the work done. Thanks to the Village Flood Group, who have recently cut back the culvert at Driftway, Manor Close and to Chris & Sue Lay, who have repaired brickwork and concrete over underground pipes along the Moor Lane ditch. A reminder that a stock of sandbags are held by the Parish Council and available to villagers in need. A very helpful website for assessing home flood resilience is to be found at floodmary.com and RW is happy to talk to villagers about potentially helpful flood prevention items for homes. • DT/RW to consider a response to the letter dated 29 January 2026 from Andrew Busby	DT/RW
Highways and Transport		
26/1098 Any questions on ongoing highways matters (see report submitted– included here for reference)	**Roads, Traffic & PROW – Report 27th June 2026.** **Highways.** **Community Speedwatch Group** – the group continues to conduct regular roadside sessions. **Telraam Vehicle Data** – the new Telraam device was installed on 19th May following our successful application to trial it in West Hagbourne. The device is fitted in an upstairs window and records all passing traffic including pedestrians. Data is automatically fed back to the OCC Telraams team but is also available to us. The device records the time, number, category and speed of the vehicles passing, 24 hours a day. For example, figures for 25th June were: Pedestrians - 6 (bearing in mind that this was one of our very hot days!) Two wheeled vehicles (bicycles and motorbikes) - 66 Cars - 3,355 Heavier vehicles - 688 Night – 132 For the 2 week period from 13/6/26 to 26/6/26: Pedestrians – 258 Two wheeled vehicles – 1492 Cars – 47912 Heavier vehicles – 8876 Night – 2007 The device also gives us a comparison of data with 8 other Telraam devices situated in a 10km radius of West Hagbourne and in all categories, except for two-wheelers and pedestrians, we are way out in 1st position! **Traffic & Roads** – Following a resident's comment at the APM, other reports and PC observation, a communication was sent to OCC regarding concerns in the following areas on parish roads: single carriageway section, speeding and reckless driving, increase in HGV activity and the frequency of accidents on Hagbourne Hill. Copies of the email and response have been circulated to members for discussion. ML to reply to John Beale's email with a response from the PC. ML reported that the B4016 is to be considered for a traffic speed reduction from the national speed limit of 60 mph down to 40 mph. ML will keep councillors upto date with any developments. Clerk to document a list of village traffic hotspots in a file to be kept in the clerks files. **Village Gates** – these have now been installed. Should the grass cutting contract be	ML CLERK

	changed to cover verges out to the new gates in Brook Lane and the Upton road so that they don't become hidden by overgrowth? Clerk to contact BGG to request that these additional grass verges are added to the current job sheet and for ML to be named as contact for the next cut so that she can assist with directions. **Planet Kids signage** – email sent to the Highways Engagement team reporting that the illegal signage is still in position on the A417. Response received to inform us that the team are still pursuing the matter. **Weight limit signage & pot holes**– Reported damaged weight limit signage at Coscote corner and pot hole in Brook Lane to FMS. **East Hagbourne road resurfacing works diversion** – following a notification received from OCC Highways that nighttime diversion traffic would be routed through WH, an email was sent to explain how this would affect the village and suggested that the diversion should be along major roads instead. The response was positive and assurances were made that the contractors would erect the diversion signs appropriately. However, this was not done when the works commenced and another email was sent to inform the team responsible. An apology was received and some of the signage was moved into the correct positions before the works ended. **Damaged pavements** – Requested the village 'super user' Chris Lay to mark out 2 areas of damaged, unsafe pavements along Main Street which he has done and reported to Highways. These areas have been previously reported through FMS with no success. From observation, this damage is mainly caused by vehicles mounting the pavements either for parking on or to avoid collision with other vehicles. **Vegetation clearance** – the cherry tree on the village garden has been trimmed back from the convex mirror opposite Moor Lane. **20's Plenty Bin Stickers** – a small number of stickers have been sourced for us by our County Councillor. **PROW** **Moor Lane** – an interest in applying for 'Quiet Lane' status has been sent to the OCC Quiet Lanes Team who have sent through details on how to apply. Information has been forwarded to PC members in preparation for discussion at meeting. This was discussed at some length by the councillors and it was decided that ML would consult Cllr. Hope-Smith to consider any downsides before formally applying for Quiet Lane status for Moor Lane. ML to work with DT on application form. **Moor Lane to Upton footbridges –** still waiting for repair. **Footpath to Coscote**, clearance of vegetation - during a visit to the landowner of the field and hedgerow through which the footpath passes, verbal permission was given for the PC to trim back overgrown hedging so that walkers can exit out onto Brook Lane more safely. Some vegetation has now been cut back as far as possible but the field of vision still remains poor looking north because of the natural bend in the road. Unfortunately, this section is outside of the 20mph zone and furthermore, there has been no further communication from the Highways Engagement team regarding a pedestrian warning sign for drivers.	CLERK ML/DT
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26/1099 Moor Lane byway update	• DT to chase Arthur McEwan-James at Highways about when they will be installing the monitoring equipment in Moor Lane as proposed last year	DT
26/1100 Quotes for village benches to be repainted and garden around the bus stop to be replaced with railway sleeper for approval	• Clerk presented quote received from Les the Painter of £380:00 to re-paint the 3 village benches. It was proposed DT, seconded ML that JF go back to Les and ask him to schedule this work as the PC accepts the quote. • Clerk also presented a quote from MAW Landscapes for £2400.00 to install wooden bollards in Moor Lane and to replace raised flower bed in Main Street with sleepers. Proposed DT, seconded ML, to accept the quote in relation to the flower bed work. Re the bollards, the Council is to consider the best approach, consulting with affected residents first. JF to go back to contractor and ask for this work to be	JF

	scheduled in late September (assuming that the contractor wants to do both the flower bed and the bollard work at the same time). The September Council meeting will confirm the approach to be taken re the bollards. ML to let Mr and Mrs Totterdell know that the flowerbed work will be schedule for late September. • Chair to draft a letter informing the residents of the Parish Council's plan to try and protect the grass verge in Moor Lane from further erosion.	JF ML DT
26/1101 Community Matters (see report submitted– included here for reference)	Community Report – 30 June 2026 • Margaret has data from the Telraam device on traffic • The bus stop roof is still on going • Quote for the benches to be refurbished • Awaiting on a quote to do the garden around the bus stop to be replaced with railway sleeper • Awaiting quote to position post down Moor Lane	
26/1102 EHPC proposal to purchase, install and main Nature Boards	• Still awaiting response from EHPC Chair	
26/1103 Emergency Plan Update	• AW/ DT to draft and then print a survey for delivery to residents to gather appropriate data for inclusion in village emergency plan • AW reported that he had made some progress with the village emergency plan but needs more important information from the data gathering that the survey will provide.	AW/DT AW/DT
Financial Matters		
26/1104 Approval of regular payments	• Approval of payments. It was proposed DT, seconded ML, and carried nem con that the following invoices be paid: Parish Clerk's wages, expenses, PAYE, grass cutting, village hall hire, Chair expenses and Vice – Chairs expenses.	
26/1105 The current financial situation for 2025/26	• Current Financial situation for 2026/27 – attachment 2 & 3	
26/1106 Risk Assessment Register	• DT signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist – attachment 5	
26/1107 Agreement of items to include in Chairman's report for next monthly Parish Newsletter	• Chair will send a report to Editor Sue Totterdell before the end of the month in time for the next edition of the Village Newsletter.	DT
26/1108 Agreement of items to include in the agenda for the next WHPC meeting Wed 9 Sept	• Clerk to draft agenda and circulate amongst councillors 10 days before next meeting for review & comment • Next regular PC meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th September 2026 • Clerk to check with all councillors apart from Chair that they can still make the planned next meeting on 2 September, if not, to re-schedule to 9th September 2026	CLERK CLERK CLERK
26/1109 Close of meeting	DT declared the meeting closed at 9:30pm	

Signed: Date:

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Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Financial Statements
3. Expenditure against Budget 2024/2025
4. Planning Applications
5. Risk Assessment
6. SODC Report

Title	District Councillors' Report
Councillors	Cllr Anne-Marie Simpson & Cllr Crispin Topping
Parish	West Hagbourne Parish Council
Date	30 June 2026

Booking link for planning surgeries for town and parish councils

South News a monthly resident newsletter packed with the latest news, events, and consultations happening across South Oxfordshire.

Next steps for Local Plans

A local plan is a document councils are required to prepare to provide plans and policies for all types of development, including new housing and employment developments in the area as well as identifying the infrastructure needed to support them.

Councillors in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse on 18 June 2026 approved an update to the timetable for the Joint Local Plan 2041 (JLP1) and its plans for development in the area. The report that went to the councils and the revised LDS can be reviewed here.

Also agreed by both councils was to start work on the next local plan, referred to as Joint Local Plan 2045 (JLP2), in line with government requirements, before the independent examination on the last one is finished.

JLP1

Our forthcoming first Joint Local Plan 2041 delivers on our vision and priorities as well as providing help to our neighbouring districts. Its is robust, innovative, forward-thinking and based on strong community engagement, and it is good to see that it is progressing again through the examination process, examined by government-appointed inspectors.

The plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in December 2024. The first stage of inspector-led hearing sessions took place in June 2025, with the second stage of hearing sessions programmed to take place on 7 to 9 July 2026, followed by further hearings in the autumn.

The examination of the Joint Local Plan 2041 encountered a temporary setback in September 2025, following a letter from the inspectors outlining their initial findings from the first hearing sessions held in June 2025. Encouragingly, progress is now firmly back on track, supported by recent national changes to the local plan examination process.

For more information on the first Joint Local Plan (JLP1) visit www.southandvale.gov.uk/joint-local-plan-2041-examination

JLP2

New government regulations mean that at the same time as working towards adopting the first Joint Local Plan between the two district councils, they are required to start preparing their next plan or plans for the area, which would run to 2045. This is known as 'twin-tracking'.

The timetable for the new local plan, needs to be in line with the government's requirements for preparing, examining and adopting plans in 30 months, which the councils must start by 31 October 2026. With Local Government Reorganisation, a new unitary authority would look to adopt the second local plan/plans, but the existing councils must start the process.
Now that the decision has been made by the councils on how best to proceed, the new Joint Local Plan (JLP2) will go out for the first stage of public consultation in September 2026 asking what the plan should cover.

There is no doubt that the councils will have their work cut out for them in developing a second plan – but on the strength of their previous work on the first Joint Local Plan, they will rise to the occasion and bring the same dedication and determination to see it through, handing over the baton to the new authority when the times comes.

For more information on the new Joint Local Plan (JLP2) visit Joint Local Plan 2045 (JLP2) - South Oxfordshire District Council

Joint statement from South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils on local devolution

The leaders of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have reaffirmed their commitment to working constructively and collaboratively with all partners and the government on discussions around a new strategic authority that would cover the Thames Valley.

Leaders from the region met in Reading on 17 June to discuss a letter from the government proposing a Foundation Strategic Authority for an area covered by Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Swindon.

A Foundation Strategic Authority (FSA) is a regional government body that oversees things like strategic transport infrastructure, economic development and regeneration. An FSA is overseen by representatives of all the constituent councils rather than by a mayor.

To establish an FSA the government requires all councils in the area to be in consensus, however some councils in Oxfordshire and Berkshire felt they could not lend their support.

Didcot comes together to celebrate culture and community

Everyone is invited to come together for a vibrant celebration of culture and community at the Didcot Festival of Cultures on Saturday 11 July.

The festival is a free, family friendly day of performances, workshops and food, running from 10am to 3pm at Cornerstone Arts Centre and their courtyard outside.

The event has been funded by Didcot Town Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Healthy Didcot, Cornerstone Arts Centre and organised in partnership with Didcot Interfaith Group. Over the past two decades, Didcot has grown into a diverse town, welcoming people from across the UK and around the world.

On festival day, Cornerstone and the courtyard outside will be filled with live music, dance, workshops, food stalls and family-friendly activities inspired by traditions and cultures from across Britain and around the world. Visitors can also enjoy a range of free workshops, including the chance to try traditional Turkish marbling art and create colourful patterns to take home, as well as an African drumming workshop and performances by the Military Wives Choir.

The festival reflects a shared commitment to celebrating diversity, supporting community connections and creating an inclusive environment for residents and visitors. The event will bring together local community groups, businesses and professional artists for a vibrant programme celebrating a range of different cultures.

The full programme of events and the latest updates, keep an eye on Cornerstone's website and social media channels.

Bin days staying the same, but collection times may change across South Oxfordshire and the Vale

Residents across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are being reminded to put their bins by 6am on their scheduled collection day, ahead of route changes starting later this month.

From Monday 29 June 2026, the district councils are making small changes to waste and recycling rounds to improve the efficiency and reliability of the services.

While every **household's scheduled collection day will remain exactly the same**, **the time that crews arrive on each street may change.** Vehicles may arrive earlier than usual, so residents should put their bins out by 6am on their scheduled collection day to avoid missing a collection. If possible, people are encouraged to put their bins out the evening before, provided they do not block pavements or footpaths.

Residents can check what day their bins will be emptied via the councils' new BinDays web app at southandvale.gov.uk/BinDays

We don't want anyone missing their collection, so please present your bins by 6am, or the evening before your collection."
For more information about the districts' waste and recycling collections,
visit southoxon.gov.uk/recycling or whitehorsedc.gov.uk/recycling

Councils are encouraged by the results of their tenants' satisfaction survey

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South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have carried out a satisfaction survey among their tenants for the first time since they re-registered as social housing providers and the results are encouraging.

The councils, which now manage 92 properties across both districts scored 100 per cent satisfaction on questions on their housing repair service and whether their homes are well-maintained. They also scored highly on keeping communal areas clean and providing homes that are safe. The lowest score was on the question of how the councils handled complaints and still 75 per cent of respondents were satisfied.

The Government requires all registered providers of social housing – including local authorities – to collect and report annually on their performance using a core set of defined standards called the Tenant Satisfaction Measures. The TSMs provide tenants with greater clarity about their landlord's performance.

For South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils this is the first measurement of their performance since re-registering in 2023 as a Local Authority Registered Providers (LARP) marking the return to their role as a social landlord.
The councils currently manage properties in Abingdon, Harwell and Wantage in the Vale and Didcot and Wallingford in South Oxfordshire. These range from single rooms to flats and houses with a variety of households ranging from single people to family groups.

The survey takes place during April and May, and the councils then publish the results. The 2026 survey results (of the 86 households under the councils' management at that time – the councils have since taken on six more properties) are available on our websites (**South Oxfordshire**/**Vale**)

7. OCC Report

Title	County Councillor's Report
Author	Cllr Johnny Hope-Smith
Parishes	Aston Tirrold/Upthorpe, Cholsey, East Hagbourne, Little Wittenham, Long Wittenham, Moulsford, North Moreton, South Moreton, West Hagbourne
Date	June 2026
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Renewable Energy Consultation – Community Funding Opportunity

Key Details

- Oxfordshire County Council has launched a consultation on a new policy for Community Benefit Contributions (CBC) and Community Shared Ownership (CSO) linked to renewable energy projects.
- The policy aims to ensure local communities directly benefit from developments such as solar farms and battery storage.
- For host communities, this could mean annual, index-linked payments for 20 to 40 years into a locally controlled fund.
- For projects under 10MW, 100% of funding would stay within the local community.
- Parish and community groups would help decide how funds are spent through a Community Action Plan.
- There are already 25+ renewable projects in the Oxfordshire pipeline, potentially generating over £20 million in community benefit funding by 2030

What Parishes Can Do

- Respond to the consultation and encourage residents to do the same:
- Consider how your parish could use long-term funding (e.g. facilities, climate projects, transport, community services).
- Engage early if renewable schemes are proposed locally to ensure your parish secures its share of funding.
- Begin thinking about local priorities that could form the basis of a future Community Action Plan.
  https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cbc-and-cso-in-oxfordshire

Road Safety – Oxfordshire Leads Regional Reduction in Casualties

Key Details

- New data shows Oxfordshire is leading the region in reducing road casualties, with a downward trend in serious injuries and fatalities.
- The figures reflect the impact of a range of measures including 20mph schemes, road safety improvements and targeted interventions.
- Reductions have been seen across different road users, including drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.
- The progress aligns with the council's wider aim to improve road safety and create safer, more liveable communities.

What Parishes Can Do

- Share the positive trend locally to build support for road safety initiatives such as 20mph limits.
- Encourage residents to continue reporting safety concerns or hazardous locations.
- Support local measures that improve safety, including speed awareness, signage and community campaigns.

- Feed in local concerns about speeding or dangerous junctions to inform future improvements

Link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9d3z2n2n5zo

INFO/REMINDER - Highways Maintenance Updates & Resources

- Oxfordshire County Council continues its programme of highways maintenance, including surface dressing, grass cutting, gully cleaning and pothole repairs.
- Dedicated webpages and portals are available for each activity, providing latest schedules, updates and communications materials for parishes.

What Parishes Can Do

Share relevant updates with residents using the official pages:

- Surface dressing: https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks/how-we-maintain-our-roads/surface-dressing
- Grass cutting: https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks/how-we-maintain-our-roads/grass-cutting
- Gully cleaning: https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks/how-we-maintain-our-roads/cleaning-drains-and-gullies

INFO - Leadership Change – New Leader and Cabinet Reshuffle

Key Details

- Cllr Tim Bearder has been appointed as the new Leader of Oxfordshire County Council.
- Following this appointment, there has been a reshuffle of Cabinet roles and responsibilities.
- The Leader sets the council's overall direction and priorities, with Cabinet members taking responsibility for key service areas.
- While services continue as normal, the reshuffle may shape future policy focus and decision making.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cdxpjnydxeno

REMINDER - Water Safety – Summer Safety Message

- Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging residents to stay safe around open water, particularly during warm weather.
- Open water (rivers, lakes, quarries) can be extremely dangerous, with risks including cold water shock, strong currents and hidden hazards.
- Several serious incidents and deaths have already been reported nationally and locally during recent hot weather.
- Young people are particularly at risk, especially during the summer holidays.
  If someone is in trouble in the water, remember "Phone, Float, Throw"
  - Phone 999
  - Encourage them to float on their back
  - Throw something to help them stay afloat
- **What Parishes Can Do**

- Share this safety message widely via parish newsletters, social media and noticeboards.

REMINDER: Councillor Priority Fund – Supporting Local Projects – OVER HALF NOW ALLOCATED

The Councillor Priority Fund has reopened, offering each Oxfordshire County Councillor £10,000 to support community projects within their division. This funding is designed to help deliver local priorities and strengthen community initiatives.
Parish councils, community groups, and local organisations are encouraged to apply for funding to support projects that benefit residents. Examples might include:

- Improvements to community facilities
- Local environmental initiatives
- Activities that promote wellbeing or inclusion
- Smaller-scale projects are especially encouraged, as the fund is modest and intended to support a wide range of communities across Oxfordshire

Key details:

- Applications must be submitted by 30 November **2026**
- Grants are typically paid within 28 days of approval
- Applicants must register for an account to apply and track progress
- Monitoring and reporting are required for successful projects

To ensure your project meets the funding criteria, please read the guidance document before applying.
What Parishes Can Do

- **Identify local projects that could benefit from modest funding**
- **Collaborate with community groups to develop proposals**
- **Submit applications early to allow time for review and payment**

Keep records and be prepared to report on outcomes
For more information or to apply, visit the Councillor Priority Fund page.
https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/councillorpriorityfund