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Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting
held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Wednesday 9 September 2026 at 7:30pm.

Present: Parish Cllrs: D. Tozer (Chair), M. Leishman, A. Wimshurst and J. Freeland, District Cllr. Anne Marie Simpson, Mr. A. Wise (Parish Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

26/1110 Opening of Meeting	DT opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs with a warm welcome to all attendees	
Administrative Matters		
26/1111 To receive Parish Councillor's apologies for absence	• Cllr. R. Wilkes	
26/1112 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest from Parish Councillors	• None	
26/1113 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 30.06.2026	• It was proposed by DT, seconded JF, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
26/1114 To agree any outstanding actions from minutes of the meeting of 30.06.2026	• All action items had been completed except 26/1099 and 26/1103	
Open Session		

26/1115 To hear reports on OCC and SODC activities from any OCC or SODC Councillor's present	• SODC Report - attachment 6
	  ○ Individual Councillor Grants are now open
	  ○ JF to send a photo of damaged bus shelter roof to AMS to see if it qualifies for a grant
	• OCC Report – attachment 7
		JF

26/1116 To hear representations from members of the public	• Chair of VA set out a proposal to the PC which was for a village wide "Community Arts Project" which involves painting a mural on the inside walls of the bus shelter but not the wall with the war memorial plaque. Chair asked clerk to put this on the November agenda and for the VA to come back with a costed proposal for agreement at the November meeting. • Resident raised the issue of a parked car that appears to have been dumped for a number of years now in Green Lane. Chair asked Mr Lay to speak to Rowan Knapper to ascertain if he had given the owner permission to park there. AMS also asked for vehicle registration number so that she could check with appropriate team at SODC. • Resident raised the issue of rules about bonfires in the village. Chair responded with a quick explanation about rules and how to complain via SODC website. Chair will write a What's App message and a village newsletter article.	CLERK DT
Planning Matters		
26/1117 Discussion and decisions on any new planning applications since the previous meeting	Planning applications reviewed - attachment 4 • 2 York Road – P26/S3354/HH AW took the councillor's through the application and suggested that the PC Support this application. It was proposed by AW, seconded DT, that the parish council ask the clerk to respond to this planning application with SUPPORT.	CLERK
Drainage Matters		
26/1118 Any questions on ongoing drainage matters	*September Flooding Summary Report* Flood-related Work Across the Village, Ongoing Activities:-	

(see report submitted – included here for reference)	Drains: some of the drain catchpots across the village were cleared by OCC in August. We can access information on when individual drains were last cleared, though this takes some time to be updated. We will have a better view of which drains need attention when the Flood Group reviews the situation and any drains which need further work doing will be reported through fixmystreet. We would encourage homeowners to do the same for any drains near their properties which they feel need to be cleared. Moor Lane Ditch: the Flood Group (many thanks to the team!) have been removing vegetation from this central channel and we will continue to do so into the Autumn. We will also review the benefit of silt removal, as in some locations this is waist high. Leigh Travers at SODC has performed a 'levels' assessment of the ditch so we will also discuss the best way forward with him. 'Flood' and 'Flood, Road Ahead Closed' Hazard Signs: these have now been received from OCC for use on Brook Lane and if needed, other parts of the village. OCC and villagers will be kept informed of decisions made in this regard. Village Flood 'Hotspots': we have previously highlighted a couple of locations which need OCC support for flood-related works. There is no progress reported with either of these but we will continue to follow up for works on Brook Lane drains and at the trash screen opposite the old Horse & Harrow pub. 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 Mary Long-Dhonau OBE, who set up the site and is one of the UK's leading flood resilience experts, is hosting a free to attend webinar on Tuesday 15th September at 5pm. Villagers can sign up to the webinar by emailing: hello@floodforum.org.uk. It was proposed DT, seconded AW, that the decision to approve the removal of silt from the Moor Lane ditch up to a max budget of £750, under supervision of RW was approved with approval from DT/AW/JF and ML abstained. RW to make necessary arrangements with Rowan Knapper.	RW
Highways and Transport		
26/1119 Any questions on ongoing highways matters (see report submitted– included here for reference)	Roads, Traffic & PROW – Report Highways. Traffic & Roads. Community Speedwatch Group – due to the extreme weather this summer the group took a break from regular sessions. These have now resumed. Telraam vehicle data recorder – this remains in position on Main Street and continues to record and transmit traffic data to OCC. Example data from 4th Sept 2026: Cars – 3650 Larger vehicles – 567 2-wheeled vehicles – 72 Pedestrians – 12 Night time – 364 There has been no information from the Telraam Team as to how long the device will stay in place or for what purpose the data will be used. Correspondence - An email has been sent in response to John Beale's (OCC Highways) communication regarding the PCs concerns over traffic and road safety in West Hagbourne parish. No reply has been received. Following the receipt of a letter from a resident regarding excessive speeding on Main Street, a meeting has taken place which resulted in the matter being passed on to OCC Highways. As a result, an additional 20mph speed limit sign will be sited on the verge prior to the entrance to Briar House. Vegetation clearance - this will be necessary to ensure that signage	

	remains visible in the areas around the new village entrance gates. To be addressed in a review of the grass cutting contract (see Community Matters). Road Traffic Accidents - there is evidence of two incidences where vehicles have left the road. The planted trough, post reflector and a section of chain situated at the pond were damaged/dislodged during the night of 9th August. Also, damage to the field hedge and chevron road sign at the northern end of Brook Lane has occurred and been reported on FMS. Damaged weight limit signage, Coscote corner – although in East Hagbourne parish, the signage is relevant to West Hagbourne and has been reported previously on FMS with no action taken. This has been reported again. Damaged pavement areas, Main Street - have been reported repeatedly to OCC by residents, councillors and more recently by the village 'super user' without success. The OCC Highways Engagement team have now been contacted directly, resulting in immediate action being taken to repair two areas with a third, larger area, being scheduled into the programme of works. In addition, a statutory inspection of the village roads and pavements is due to take place this month. Kids Planet signage - has been removed from the roundabout on the A417. PROW - Moor Lane to Upton footpath – the 2 wooden bridges (first reported in May 2025) have still not been repaired by OCC Countryside Access team despite repeated attempts. Clerk to now write to Jonny Hope – Smith for assistance with this pressing matter. Councillor's held a meeting in Moor Lane to discuss the Quite Lane proposal. Awaiting more information from Dan McCrory - OCC Technical Lead, Place Shaping – Central Economy and Place Directorate before a meeting with OCC official's will be arranged.	Clerk
26/1120 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
26/1121 Community Matters (see report submitted– included here for reference)	Community Report – • Bus stop roof needs more work on it than was first thought. Need new estimates for work • Benches have been refurbished, and looking good. • Litter pick has been booked for Saturday 24th October @ 1030 hrs from bus stop. • I sorted out the emptying of litter bin on York Road which was overflowing. • Ongoing posts in Moor Lane plus work on the garden by bus stop. • Councillor's decided that the next step with Moor Lane is for Chair to write to OCC Highways to check that they have no objections to the proposal to use posts to protect grass verge. Clerk to then add as agenda item and chair to write an article for the village newsletter outlining proposal. The quote was for 30 posts with reflectors. • Clerk to email over the revised map and contract to BGG with a request for a further cut everywhere this month and then a schedule of works for 2027. • Clerk to write to counterpart at EHPC re. damaged bench at Shovel Spring and their plans if any. • JF thanked Cllr Leishman for all her efforts in finally getting repaired two sections of pavement outside Grove Terrace/ 1, Main Street.	CLERK/DT Clerk Clerk
26/1122 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/DT to then use new template provide by clerk to produce a draft plan for approval at November meeting. Clerk to add as agenda item.	AW/DT AW/DT Clerk
Financial Matters		
26/1123 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	

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	cutting, Bench painting x 3 & reimburse Robin Wilkes for flood group hedge cutter	
26/1124 The current financial situation for 2025/26	• Current Financial situation for 2026/27 – attachment 2 & 3	
26/1125 Risk Assessment Register	• DT signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist – attachment 5	
26/1126 Agreement of items to include in Chairman's report for next monthly Parish Newsletter	• Chair will send a report to Newsletter Editor before the end of the month in time for the next edition of the Village Newsletter.	DT
26/1127 Councillor Resignation	After the meeting the chair received a resignation by email from Cllr Leishman. Clerk to make necessary arrangements following this resignation.	CLERK
26/1128 Agreement of items to include in the agenda for the next WHPC meeting Wed 4 Nov	• 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 4th November 2026	CLERK
26/1129 Close of meeting	DT declared the meeting closed at 9:05pm	

Signed: Date:

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	9 September 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.

Consultation on Councils' second Joint Local Plan launched

A consultation has launched this week on the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils' second Joint Local Plan.

A local plan sets out how development will be planned and delivered over time to meet the current and future needs of people living and working in a particular area. It guides where development should go (and where is shouldn't) including new housing and employment, as well as identifying the

supporting infrastructure needed.

The two councils are working on a joint plan that covers both districts.

This stage of the process, known as a 'scoping consultation' is an initial step to get an idea of what communities, businesses and the planning industry think the plan should include and how the councils should approach future engagement.

This consultation does not include any proposed policies or strategies for the plan as the councils are at such an early stage in the plan making process.

The consultation runs from **Tuesday 8 September until Tuesday 29 September at 11.59pm.** People can take part online here: www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLP2-scoping-consultation

Visit www.southandvale.gov.uk/JLP2-scoping for more background information on the Joint Local Plan 2045 (JLP2) and all the ways to take part in the consultation.

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

This needs to be in line with the government's new requirements for preparing, examining and adopting plans in 30 months, which the councils must start by 31 October 2026.

The councils' first Joint Local Plan is currently being 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, the second stage in July 2026, and a further third stage is expected this autumn.

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

Joint statement from South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Announcement

The government has announced it will review its local government reorganisation (LGR) decisions across England.

This has implications about the future of councils in Oxfordshire and West Berkshire.
In a joint statement, the leaders of the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council expressed their disbelief and disappointment at the latest government announcement:

Councillor Maggie Filipova-Rivers, Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council:
"We're deeply disappointed to have received this information at such short notice. All along, our councils have

all done what government had asked of us in the preparation for local government reorganisation. Every pound and every officer hour spent responding to a process that is subsequently paused, is a resource that could have been spent on housing, social care, roads, planning and other frontline services. The uncertainty this has caused is a further erosion of our trust in government.

“We will now do our utmost to understand the way forward for our districts.”

Councillor Bethia Thomas, Leader of Vale of White Horse District Council:
“This unexpected announcement [yesterday] has come as a shock to us all at Vale and completely disregards the huge amount of time, money and effort we have put in so far to follow what has been asked of us.

“We will be seeking further clarity from the government on how this will affect the Local Government Reorganisation timeline in our area. We hope the government will provide the detail required urgently given the impact this announcement may have for us.

“In the face of such confusion created in Westminster, our priority remains to secure the best possible future outcome for our communities.”

New signage to boost walking, cycling and connectivity across Didcot

New information and visitor signage is being installed across Didcot to improve awareness on walking and cycling routes to connect communities across the town.

The new signs aim to help residents and visitors find their way around Didcot more easily, as well as encourage sustainable travel and strengthen connections between neighbourhoods, facilities and open spaces.

A total of forty-nine wayfinding signs will be installed, with the first thirty going in from this week, 7 to 22 September. The signs will be placed across the town including locations across Ladygrove, Great Western Park, and the Jubilee roundabout.

Three types of signage will be installed:

- Totems (tall, freestanding structures with maps of town and local areas)
- Fingerposts (traditional directional signposts)
- Waymarkers (small directional markers placed along public paths)

The new signs will all be made from sustainable and recycled materials and where possible, any signage being replaced will be recycled.

The Didcot Garden Town team have been working with Oxfordshire County Council's highways department and Great Western Railway to identify the best locations and the most suitable signage before installation.

The new wayfinding project for Didcot has been funded by £50,000 CIL (developer contributions) from Oxfordshire County Council and government funding allocated to the Didcot Garden Town

programme.

The idea for the signage came from the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils Didcot Garden Town programme's "Wayfinding Strategy", which was set up to create a coordinated approach to signage, mapping and navigation across the town.

The councils are working alongside local housing developers and Milton Park to continue the signage as areas develop. Oxfordshire County Council will use the designs from these signs on the routes that will be part of the HIF1 improvements so that there is a lasting legacy to project across the area.

Further notes:

- The Didcot Garden Town Wayfinding Strategy was adopted by South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council in 2024.

- The study area covers the Didcot Garden Town boundary, including the town centre, existing neighbourhoods and future growth areas.

- The strategy supports the wider Didcot Garden Town vision and Delivery Plan

- You can find out more about Didcot Garden Town on the South Oxfordshire District Council website.

Residents urged to prevent waste before it starts

People across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are being encouraged to discover how preventing waste can be easier than they think as **Zero Waste Week** gets underway.

As part of the councils' **Waste Less. Clean Spaces. Better Places campaign**, this week's focus is on preventing waste before it's created.

That could mean planning meals to reduce food waste, borrowing instead of buying, repairing broken items, refilling household products or donating unwanted belongings.
Throughout the week, the councils will be highlighting local refill shops, Libraries of Things and practical ideas that make it easier for residents to waste less without changing their lifestyle.

To find out more,
visit southoxon.gov.uk/Reduce&Reuse / whitehorsedc.gov.uk/Reduce&Reuse, or pop along to one of the upcoming town markets where members of the councils' Waste Team will be on hand to answer your questions:

- 12 September – **Didcot** – 9am-2pm
- 16 September – **Wantage** – 8am-3pm
- 25 September – **Wallingford** – 9am-2pm
- 6 October – **Faringdon** – 8:30am-1pm
- 13 October – **Thame** – 8am-2.30pm
- 22 October – **Henley** – 9am-2pm

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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	September 2026
Contact Details	johnny.hope-smith@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Dear Parish Councillors and Residents,
Here are some updates and news I have gathered for you. Please provide any feedback; or if its too much or not enough and of course any more information on a specific topic I can help with. I have put in **BOLD** the items which I think may be specifically appropriate for the Parish Councils to consider advertising or acting upon

Best wishes,
Johnny

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Free Electric Blanket Checks – Book Early for Winter Safety

Key Details

- Oxfordshire County Council is once again offering free electric blanket safety checks to help residents stay safe and warm this winter.
- Last year, more than a third of blankets tested failed safety checks, highlighting the importance of regular testing. Faulty electric blankets can present a risk of fire or injury.
- Testing sessions will be held across Oxfordshire during September and October, including nearby locations in Didcot on the 5th October
- Appointments are expected to be popular and should be booked in advance.

What Parishes Can Do

- **Share the opportunity with residents, particularly older people and vulnerable households who may rely on electric blankets during the winter.**
- **Encourage residents to have blankets tested even if they appear to be in good condition.**
- **Direct residents to the OCC booking page to arrange or manage an appointment:**

Site for further details: https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/blankettesting

Temporary Restrictions on Fridge & Freezer Disposal

Key Details

- A national shortage of specialist facilities for recycling fridges and freezers has led Oxfordshire County Council to introduce temporary restrictions at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs).
- Residents can now only see fridge and freezer booking availability up to one week in advance rather than the usual two weeks.
- Households are limited to one fridge or freezer booking every three months, although up to two appliances can be taken per booking.
- OCC reports that national treatment capacity has fallen by around one third, creating a significant backlog across the country.
- Residents are encouraged to use retailer take back schemes, or to sell or donate working appliances where possible.

What Parishes Can Do

- **Share the temporary restrictions with residents who may be planning to dispose of fridges or freezers.**
- **Encourage residents to book early and check availability before travelling to an HWRC.**
- **Promote retailer take back services and reuse options for working appliances.**
- **Remind residents that proof of Oxfordshire residency is required when attending an HWRC and that visitors from outside the county are charged £15.**

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Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) – Government Review Announced

Key Details

- The government has announced it will review its Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) decisions across England following legal advice, including the previously announced proposals affecting Oxfordshire and West Berkshire.
- As a result, the government's earlier “minded to” decision for Oxfordshire has been paused while the underlying evidence and advice are reviewed.
- OCC has stated that significant preparation work has already been undertaken for LGR and is now seeking further clarification from government on the implications for the programme.
- Questions remain about the future timetable, including how this may affect local elections scheduled for May and the overall implementation timeline.

What Parishes Can Do

- **Keep residents informed that no final decision has yet been made on future council structures in Oxfordshire.**
- **Continue to engage with existing county and district councils as normal, as current governance arrangements remain unchanged.**
- **Monitor future updates from government and Oxfordshire County Council, as further announcements are expected on timescales, elections and implementation.**

Botley Road Reopening – Expected This Month

Key Details

- Network Rail and its contractors are currently working towards reopening Botley Road to traffic on 20 September 2026, following more than three years of closure associated with the Oxford Station expansion project. The road has been closed since April 2023 and has experienced several delayed reopening dates during that period.
- The most recent delay was announced in July after gas leaks were discovered during excavation works. Gas network operator SGN has since confirmed its work was completed on 3 August.

What Parishes Can Do

- **Continue to advise residents that the current target date for reopening is 20 September 2026, whilst recognising that previous reopening dates have been postponed.**
- **Share updates with residents who regularly travel to Oxford, particularly commuters and those accessing the city centre and rail station.**
- **Monitor Network Rail announcements for confirmation that the reopening date remains on track as September progresses.**

- **Be aware that traffic patterns around Oxford may continue to evolve even after the road reopens as wider station improvement works continue.**

  Site for updates: https://www.networkrail.co.uk/our-work/our-routes/western/oxfordshire/

REMINDER: Councillor Priority Fund – Supporting Local Projects – DEADLINE NOVEMBER 2026

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

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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.

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