Minutes of the Little Coxwell Parish Council Meeting
Held in Little Coxwell Village Hall on Monday 10th October 2026

1. Present: G Yarwood (Chairman), Tabitha Huxley, Dave New, A Whiteford (Councillors), C Weston (Clerk), Cllr Viral Patel (VWHDC), Cllr Emma Markham (OCC), A Benford (PPW)
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N J Mattingley, Cllr Katherine Foxhall (VWHDC)
3. Declarations of interest. None
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th June 2026 were approved.
5. Frances Woodd resigned as Councillor in June 2026. The vacancy was advertised as required but no requests for an election were received and the Vale confirmed we were able to co-opt a new member. We welcome Tabitha Huxley as our new Councillor.
6. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

6.1. Roads and Highways

6.1.1. The improved 50mph signage has been implemented. Action closed.

6.1.2. A420 sightline ditch clearance. This remains a serious issue with shrubs and saplings blocking the sightline for traffic turning right out of Fernham Road onto the A420. Emma has been unable to get any agreement from the Council to address this issue, she suspects budget is the issue. There have been accidents at this junction since the last meeting. It was agreed to continue pushing the council for a site meeting to demonstrate the risks.

Action Emma/Glen

6.1.3. Andy Whiteford has completed the FMS Superuser training. However he needs to make a report every 6 weeks or loses his SuperUser status. Emma said Andy can email highways or report something in another village to keep his status live.

6.2. Speed detector sign. The speed camera location has been agreed with Highways and the closest residents. The camera and solar panel have been purchased. The installation should be complete by Wednesday 14th October. In addition a grant application has been submitted to the TVP Community Fund for a second speed detector device for the Fernham Road 40mph limit.

6.3. Faded Signs. A number of village signs such as dog fouling and neighbourhood watch are old and faded. These can probably be replaced quite cheaply. When walking around the village report them to Caroline so a list can be collated.

Action: All

6.4. Drains. Blocked drains were investigated on 5th June 2026. The gully was found to be non-operational and requires further investigation. Emma has chased in July and September but is still waiting for a date.

Action: Emma

6.5. Eagle Pub as Community Asset. Glen has been investigating and found useful material specifically relating to pubs as Community Assets. He will forward the material/link to the group. Note that if successful this status would not stop any planning application or change of use but slows down the process and gives the community the opportunity for action.

Action: Glen

7. County & District Councillors reports. Note that items are covered elsewhere. The most recent County Councillor and District Council monthly reports were distributed in advance of the meeting.

   7.1. The local government reorganisation has been paused by central government. There are no new timescales. The District Council elections in May 2027 are expected to continue as normal.

   7.2. The Shrivenham Golf Course development planning enquiry is currently taking place and nearing conclusion of the public sessions. This is for another 200 homes. Viral said it remains unclear which way the decision will go.

8. Planning
   8.1. Completed – **P26/V1088/HH** 1 West Green Rear Extension – APPROVED
   8.2. The following applications are still in progress:
      8.2.1. **MW.0151/23 Wicklesham Quarry**. The formal approval of the outline planning as decided at the Planning Committee has been issued. It is unclear whether the next stage of Reserved Matters applications will go the Vale or County for assessment.
      8.2.2. **P26/V2314/HH** Pear Tree Cottage Home EV Charger installation. There are no objections from the village however the highways officer has concerns that it is creating a private parking space. Andy B will show Viral the location as Viral may be able to assist.

9. Finance
   9.1. Account Status. The Actual vs Budget YTD detail was distributed in advance of the meeting. Total bank balance stands at £7,263. Note: £2,500 reserved for the Playing Field costs.
      - Income since last meeting- £650 precept
      - Expenditure since last meeting - £3,354
        - £196 Insurance,
        - £47 ICO Data Protection,
        - £2,830 Speed Detector Sign,
        - £144 Defibrillator battery,
        - £124 CCTV maintenance,
        - £4.25 per month bank charges
      - Income due before next meeting – None
      - The following expenditure is expected before next meeting (excl VAT):
        - None

   All known and estimated costs above are approved.

10. Playing Field
    The required valuation has taken place and Gabriel is now waiting for the Valuers report. The proposed lease is 125 years at £1 per year.

11. Faringdon Quarry. Nothing to report.

12. CCTV. The annual service is booked for 28th October.

13. Parish Path Warden. Nothing to report.

14. Sundry Items
    14.1. Access to the playing field is limited and full access is controlled through a padlocked gate. The keys to this gate are held by Philip Bathe and Caroline Weston.

It was agreed to provide an additional key to Glen so there is more flexibility if access is required at short notice.

Action: Caroline

14.2. Waste Bin. A request will be submitted for a waste bin at the opposite end of the village to the current one. Various locations were discussed – by the bus stop, at the end of Sandy Lane and at the end of the church path by Fernham Road. The bin needs to be sited on Highways Land and easily accessible for emptying. There also needs to be demonstrable need for the bin. It was agreed the request should be for the end of the church path by Fernham Road. Glen will submit the request to VWHDC on the same basis as the previous request and copy Viral.

Action: Glen

14.3. Highways have requested feedback on the 20mph implementation. While this has provided some speed reduction there are still vehicles exceeding the limit, especially delivery vehicles, school minibuses and some residents. It is hoped the speed camera will provide improvements.

Action: Caroline

14.4. The village hall want to put up a Christmas Tree again and requested the Parish Council to provide half the funding. This funding was agreed.

14.5. Village Hall car park. There has been some misunderstanding on proposed work for the car park surface. Dave New is prepared to put down about 1.5 tons of gravel which will cover some of the worst areas in the car park but not fully cover it. It is hoped to obtain the gravel free of charge from the quarry. Andy W to explain this to the Village Hall Committee.

Action: Andy W

The next meeting is:

- Tuesday 8th December 2026 at 6.00pm in the Village Hall.