

**Minutes of the Little Coxwell Parish Council Annual Meeting
Held in Little Coxwell Village Hall on Monday 16th March 2026**

1. Present: G Yarwood (Chairman), Fra Woodd, N J Mattingley, Dave New, A Whiteford (Councillors), C Weston (Clerk), Cllr Katherine Foxhall (VWHDC), Cllr Emma Markham (OCC), A Benford (PPW)
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Viral Patel (VWHDC)
3. Declarations of interest. Dave New declared interest in the planning application P26/V0354/HH
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th December 2025 were approved.
5. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.
 - 5.1. Roads and Highways – *various actions for Emma*
 - 5.1.1. Emma said that the speed limit on our stretch of the A420 is still expected to be reduced to 50mph but there is no date for the change to be implemented. Dates given previously have not been adhered to. *Emma to chase.*
 - 5.1.2. Similarly, the traffic lights at Great Coxwell junction are planned but with no known date. *Emma to chase.*
 - 5.1.3. A420 Flooding in the dip west of Watchfield. This remains a very dangerous problem despite a promised longer term solution by the end of the winter. *Emma to chase.*
 - 5.1.4. A420 sightline ditch clearance. It was agreed at an onsite meeting over a year ago that the ditches would be cleared of the shrubs and saplings which inhibit the sightline for traffic turning right out of Fernham Road onto the A420. Since then OCC claimed the ditch was owned by the adjacent field however this is NOT the case. Emma to escalate and try again to get these ditches cleared. *Emma to escalate*

Kat also suggested reporting on FixMyStreet as highly dangerous. *Andy W*
 - 5.1.5. Inappropriate Parking opposite Chieveley House. Having ascertained that the council are reluctant to add new yellow line restrictions *Emma to check* for any other appropriate measures.
 - 5.1.6. Fernham Longcot road. This stretch of road is in an extremely poor, and dangerous, condition. Emma and Kat have attempted to escalate this to Highways as high priority but have received little response. It is believed the road will eventually be resurfaced but this is not possible while there are SSEN traffic lights along to A420 as there would be no suitable diversion route.
 - 5.2. Speed detector sign. This project is being carried out by Andy W. Updated quotes have been obtained and costs have increased by around £200 so estimated total around £4,000. The councillors debated whether this was the best use of Parish Council funds. Other potential uses could be to improve the pathway alongside Fernham Road or retain as potential funds for Playing Field facilities. It is believed the main culprits of speeding on entry to the village are van delivery drivers. The issue is most apparent to the residents living near to the village entrance. It was decided to survey villagers whether they would support the installation of a speed

camera. This will be in the form of a survey posted through letterboxes. Four of the five councillors supported the installation of a camera with the other councillor happy to support the majority view.

Action: Andy W

5.3. Replacement of matting on West Green. This is scheduled for 7/8 April. Dave New will obtain the new matting and carry out the work with help from others. Andy B agreed to inform all West Green residents of the proposed date (this has since been done).

Action: Dave New and helpers

5.4. Church Path. This path has now been completely resurfaced. The surface is not entirely smooth and there will be puddles following rain. Nick raised a concern that in the case of heavy rainfall water may flow rapidly to the front door of Church Cottage with the possibility of flooding. Nick and Andy agreed to test out this concern using some buckets of water.

Action: Nick/Andy W

5.5. Faded Signs. A number of signs around the village 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

5.6. Drains. It remains unclear whether all the drains have been recently cleared. Glen agreed to report drains on FixMyStreet with locations entered using What3Words.

Action: Glen

5.7. Road Sweeper. Faringdon Quarry are still trying to obtain the road sweeper and will give us 2 days notice of carrying out the service for us.

5.8. Eagle Pub as Community Asset. Glen agreed to resurrect the Community Asset work done previously.

Action: Glen

5.9. IT Policy. A draft was circulated in advance of the meeting and was adopted.

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

7. Planning

7.1. Completed – None

7.2. The following applications are still in progress:

7.2.1. **MW.0151/23 Wicklesham Quarry**. The application was taken to Committee where Glen spoke to oppose the application. The committee passed a resolution to approve the application however the decision has not yet been confirmed and various appeals have been made.

7.2.2. **P26/V0354/HH**. Replacement Barn at Spring Barn – no objections.

8. Finance

8.1. Account Status. The Actual vs Budget YTD detail was distributed in advance of the meeting. Total bank balance stands at £10,767. Note: £2,500 reserved for the Playing Field costs.

- Income since last meeting- Nil

- Expenditure since last meeting
 - £4.25 per month bank charges
- Income due before next meeting – £650 precept
- The following expenditure is expected before next meeting (excl VAT):
 - Matting for West Green approx. £400
 - CPRE £36
 - Monthly bank charges of £4.25
 - Speed detector sign £3,800 - £4,200
 - Audit Fee £120

All known and estimated costs above are approved.

9. Playing Field

This work is now being progressed by Gabriel Mclaughlin at VWHDC. Following a face to face meeting with Glen Heads of Terms have been received. Gabriel is working with colleagues, including a representative from central government, to avoid the need for Secretary of State approval. Gabriel has suggested monthly update phone calls, the first of which took place on 3rd March. He believes it may be possible to complete the transfer in the Autumn this year.

10. Faringdon Quarry

Nothing to report.

11. CCTV. A resident asked Dave to review footage however any incident must be reported to the police before he can review due to data privacy requirements.

12. Parish Path Warden

Nothing to report.

13. Sundry Items

13.1. Council Reorganisation. The deadline for responses is 25th March. Glen to draft a response supporting Option 3 (the 3 council option for Oxfordshire). Kat offered to review the draft.

Action: Glen

13.2. FixMyStreet Superuser. Andy Whiteford offered to take on this role. Andy will respond to the invitation email.

Action: Andy W

13.3. Village Hall Car Park. It has been reported by villagers that the surface of this carpark is so poor that it is not being used and creating on street parking issues in the village. It was decided that the West Green work will be carried out first and the old matting assessed to determine if it could be reused in the Car Park. If this old matting is not adequate the issue will be discussed with the Village Hall Committee with a view to sharing the cost and effort. Caroline to inform the VH.

Action: Caroline/Dave

13.4. Impact of Allotment changes. There is no impact as yet.

13.5. Noticeboard. Fra said that she believes Dougie is still providing this.

Action: Fra

13.6. Drain outside new house by Gorse Farm. Large amounts of water have been flooding out by this drain. Andy W to report on FixMyStreet.

Action: Andy W

The next meeting is:

- Monday 8th June 2026 at 6.00pm in the Village Hall.