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Draft Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 8.00pm

Present:

Councillor Peter Gorman
Councillor Phil John (Chairman)
Councillor Sullivan
Councillor Tim Banister
Councillor Hackley
The Clerk
Residents and Public – 2

Welcome and introductions

Members are reminded that this is a meeting in public, not a public meeting, and all points, questions and comments should be addressed through the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Received from District Councillor Chris Brant and District Councillor Phil Chapman

Declarations of Interest *Members are asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.*

1236 Minutes of the meeting held 27th January 2026 (previously circulated) and Matters arising. The minutes had been circulated in advance of the Meeting. It was agreed that there were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda. It was noted that the reference to the road closure on Mollington Road (1234) was in Claydon, but may affect local traffic, hence it's inclusion.

1237 Clerks Report Financial Statement

The Clerk reported that 1 cheque had been raised in the period January and February 2026

826	SLCC	Subscription	116.00	In Budget
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There was £734.29 VAT outstanding which has been claimed but not yet received.

Taking the above into account, the expected bank balance is £24,797.43 which is reconciled to Bank statement at the 28th February 2026. This balance contains the remaining reserves of £2857.50 for Orchard Piece Community Play Area. The General Fund at the end of February 2026 stands at £21,892.23.

Resolved: To accept the financial report and approve payments

Review of Insurance Renewal

The insurance renewal proposal had previously been circulated. It was proposed to accept the three year term with Gallagher insurance.

Resolved: to accept the proposed insurance renewal

1238 Consultations

Hedges and Trees in Orchard Piece Play Area

Following a request from a resident in Chestnut Road, the boundary hedges and trees were inspected, and remedial work to cut back and tidy trees and hedges in Orchard Piece play area will be scheduled.

1239 Planning matters

Applications

- **26/00219/CLUE Ivy House, Ivy Lane OX17 1FF** Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Development for installation of solar panels, flue and air source heat pump
MPC have responded to the application, drawing attention to CDC's previous decision

Decisions

- **26/00211/TCA The Chestnuts, Main Street OX17 1BQ** Tree works *Application permitted*

1240 Councillors Reports

Councillor Banister

Councillor Banister provided the update on planning activity under the previous agenda item. For the next edition of Mollington Matters for issue early May, he reported that this would expect to cover the normal content as well as an article on the Fete and perhaps some topical issues, eg parking in the Village Hall carpark, any update to the play areas and a request for interest in looking after planters at the village entrances.

Councillor John

The parish precept request for Mollington for 2026/7 has been approved by Cherwell District Council.

The PC has now confirmed that 4th Corner Landscaping has been successful in their tender quote for grass cutting plus other activities for the next 3 years with an option for a further year if mutually agreed. They intend to start the grass cutting schedule in the first week of April. A total of 14 cuts is scheduled for 2026/7 financial year.

This company was awarded some minor tree cutting works on the village green, this has been completed.

Steps are being taken to purchase and renew play bark up to 6000l for the Chestnut Vale play area. It is expected that this will be delivered in the next 2 weeks and volunteers are asked to assist in the laying of the bark. A note will be put on the MPC website with dates.

Further correspondence has taken place regarding storm gulleys with Oxford Highways regarding the seriously damaged Lower Farm Lane, some clearance of the gulleys and drainpipes has taken place but much heavier pumping equipment is required, we await a revised timeline when works can recommence.

Further work is planned for Orchard Piece Playing Fields to increase tree canopy / reducing branches as well as some hedge cutting.

Some works in the village has taken place with pot holes repairs but as can be seen there is still extensive works need to be carried out. The PC will continue to hammer home the urgency to Oxford Highways.

Village Hall events have included Mollington Munch, Indoor bowls and a successful quiz night held 21st March

Councillor Gorman

Reports are continuing to be uploaded to FixMyStreet regarding potholes, blocked drains and storm gulleys and non working street lights.

Councillor Sullivan

In response to Councillor Hackley's reports of dog fouling near the Village Hall, Councillor Sullivan advised contacting the dog warden through CDC's website if the culprits are known.

1241 Councillors Points of Interest:

A new dog bin waste bin has been placed in Lower Farm Lane, as requested. This brings the total of dog waste bins in the village to 6. They are emptied by CDC on a weekly basis.

1242 Date of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 28th April 2026 Mollington Village Hall at 8.00pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 26th May 2026 Mollington Village Hall at 8.00pm

Parish Council meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman, Mollington Parish Council

Public Session

It was requested that when tree and hedge cutting work is done in Orchard Piece play area, that it includes the bramble and self seeded buddleia by the entrance gates. The contractor will be contacted, it is hoped that they may be able to complete this work soon.

The footpath at the back of the Village Hall leading to Shotteswell has become very rough and difficult to walk along. Councillor Sullivan has reported this to OCC, but they consider it to be a natural phenomenon and will not undertake any remedial work.

The road towards Warmington continues to break up due to the surface water, effectively making it a single track for cars. It is constantly reported, but more pressure can be put on OCC through our district councillors to inspect and rectify the situation.