

1255 Clerks Report Financial Statement

The Clerk reported that 10 cheques had been raised in March and April 2026.

827	OALC	Subscription	228.00	In Budget
828	Clerk	Salary	803.24	In Budget
829	HMRC	PAYE	181.40	In Budget
830	Clerk	Expenses	60.10	In Budget
831	4 th Corner	Tree work	390.00	In Budget
832	AM Best	Village maintenance	250.00	In Budget
834	P John	Dandy's Play Bark	1357.56	In Budget
835	T Smith	Orchard Piece Hedges	220.00	In Budget
836	T Smith	Orchard Piece	275.00	In Budget
837	CDC	Dog Bins	377.52	In Budget

In March the VAT was claimed and in April we received the reclaimed VAT from HMRC for £772.29; during April we received the first payment of the Parish Precept of £8890. A further £354.18 VAT has yet to be claimed.

Taking the above into account, the expected bank balance is £30,093.63 which is reconciled to the Bank statement at 30th April 2026. This balance contains the remaining reserves of £2857.50 for Orchard Piece Community Play Area. The General Fund at the end of April stands at £29,889.09.

Overall, 2025-26 was a saving against the budget of £3,068.25.

The Parish Council had increased the budget to cover ongoing tree work, but only needed to complete maintenance work rather than any large projects – this year we have reduced the budget for any tree work, knowing that we can use reserves if needed in an emergency.

A large portion of our budget goes towards the upkeep of the two play areas – some work to tidy the Orchard Piece play area has been completed, and we are continuing to look at ways of keeping the costs of maintenance down, potentially using a safe surface here instead of the bark, whilst still providing a safe space for children.

The Chestnut Vale play area has play equipment that is over 15 years old and due to the fall height of some of the climbing frames, requires a minimum depth of bark. We recognise that ongoing maintenance and servicing of this equipment will make it last longer, and any funds not used in the Orchard Piece play area's budget could be used here if needed.

The budget for 2026-2027 reflects the need for more to be done to improve the overall appearance of the village, the essential grass and hedge cutting, as well as maintaining the ageing play area equipment.

Resolved: To accept the financial report and approve the payments

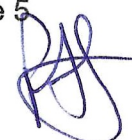
1256 Consultations

None reported

1257 Planning matters

Applications

- None reported



Decisions

- **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**
Application permitted
- **26/00790/F Single storey extension Browdene, Whiteway OX17 1DW Application**
permitted

1258 Councillors Responsibilities

It is proposed that responsibility in the Parish Council for the forthcoming term should be:

Councillor Banister – Planning, Mollington Matters

Councillor John – Trees and Grass maintenance, Village Hall representative

Councillor Gorman – Neighbourhood Watch, Police, Emergency and Neighbourhood Plans, Highways

Councillor Sullivan – Footpaths, Dogs, Village maintenance

Councillor Hackley – Play areas

1259 Councillors Reports

Councillor John

An onsite meeting with the grass cutting contractor was arranged to reinforce scope of works and levels of cutting.

Awaiting new schedules of road works from Oxfordshire Highways

The Village fete was very well attended and successful. Profits were distributed to both church fund and village hall fund. Councillor John thanked the tremendous effort by multiple villagers in organising and supporting the fete.

Councillor Gorman

Matter regarding highways had already been covered, and there was nothing further to report.

Councillor Sullivan

There were no issues regarding footpaths or dogs to report. The salt bin previously ordered for March Hill has still not been delivered.

Councillor Banister

Councillor Banister covered the update on the planning matters under the previous agenda point. He separately reported that the Spring edition of Mollington Matters was distributed to 207 houses at the beginning of May. This latest edition, in addition to the normal topics, was focussed on the village fete and an update on village maintenance.

1260 Councillors Points of Interest:

The next Parish Liaison meeting will be held on 10th June, in the evening, at the new Council Office at Castle Quay. The Clerk is planning to attend, and Councillors are also encouraged to, if possible.

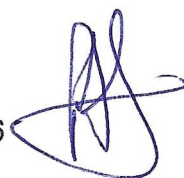
The RoSPA inspection of the two play areas and the equipment is scheduled for July.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28 July 2025 Mollington Village Hall at 8.00pm

Parish Council meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman, Mollington Parish Council

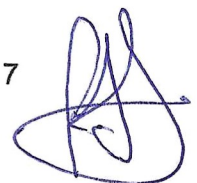


Public Participation Session

Councillor Sullivan added that the Fete had raised just under £4000, and thanked John Summers and Bob Wadsworth for their hard work. This was the first time the event was done as a collaboration between the Church and the Village Hall, and proved very successful.

It was reported that the broken piece of gym equipment in Orchard Piece was still to be repaired. The Parish Council are intending to have Wicksteed come to inspect and review all the play equipment (in both areas) and they will hopefully be able to advise on whether the replacement part is still available.

The councillors and Clerk were thanked for their continued work and it was commented that having local members was in the best interests of the village.

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