

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee of Cholsey Parish Council duly convened and held on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Cholsey

Present were Cllr J. Collins (Chair), Cllr J. August, D. Whelan, T. Bedeman (from 7.45pm)

Officers present were C. Bird (Clerk), V. Beardall Richards (Environment Coordinator)

Start time: 7.40pm

End time: 9.10pm

T18. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr J. Hope Smith, Cllr S. Schäfer, and R. Schmucki. R. Ford has stepped down from the Committee.

T19. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2025 (Appendix A) and receive update on any Minute items

It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2025 and they were signed by Cllr Collins.

T20. To receive Declarations of Personal and Pecuniary Interest for any agenda items (*note, this does not preclude later declarations*)

There were none.

T21. To hear questions or comments from members of the public concerning topics on the agenda (limited to 10 mins)

There were none.

T22. To discuss Cholsey Station accessibility, refurbishment, gardening, parking provision and public transport links following a meeting with GWR and OCC representatives on 22nd January 2026

Cllr Collins reported a positive meeting on 22nd January 2026 with GWR (Z. Bailey) and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) representatives (P. Brunskill and B. Evans). Cllr Collins, Cllr August and Cllr Hope Smith attended for the Parish Council.

- Upgrade activities including redecoration will be completed within weeks. The need for anti-slip matting for the underpass was raised again.
- Car park signage will be reviewed.
- Funding is being explored for welcoming signage and artwork.
- Cllr Collins has applied on behalf of the Parish Council to GWR's Community Investment Fund for improved cycle parking. This is a competitive fund and we should know the result in April.
- Car parking provision was reviewed. Cllr Collins shared her survey which has shown the car park is often at capacity on weekdays. The potential of extending the car park is now being actively pursued by GWR.
- Medium- to long-term improvements were discussed including forecourt and pedestrian walkway improvements and a step-free access funding bid.

The lack of accessibility was emphasised but the difficulty here is funding the major costs involved with providing two lifts in a listed Victorian building.

The Station Gardening team continues to be active with monthly meetings.

T23. To discuss proposal to replace the five existing village gateways

Cllr Nixon and the Clerk have recently met with OCC to discuss replacing the existing gateways which are showing signs of age and disrepair. The Committee agreed to request signage on the new gateways, 'Please drive slowly'. OCC will next provide a quote to be discussed by full Council.

T24. To receive invitation to 'Action Travel Workshop In and Around Wallingford', 4th March, facilitated by Living Streets (T. Bedeman)

The Committee thanked T. Bedeman for the invitation to the Living Streets workshop, which

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aims to bring together different groups representing walking and cycling, and councillor representatives. Cllr Collins and Cllr August hope to attend.

T25. To discuss and receive updates on the following topics:

a. A329 puffin crossing

The Parish Council undertook an informal community survey in November 2025 which showed significant support (98% of 132 responses) for a pedestrian crossing on the A329. As a result a formal consultation will launch in the next few days; the Clerk and Environment Officer will advertise this.

b. All-weather Recreation Ground path

Cllr Collins, the Clerk and Estate Manager met with a South Oxfordshire District Council Planning officer on site in December and now await their pre-planning advice. Project management support is also being sought for the potential project.

c. Ancient pathway between Cholsey and Moulsoford

R. Ford had put together an initial proposal to potentially reestablish an ancient pathway between Cholsey and Moulsoford. In principle this had the Parish Council's support. Most recently Robert has come across records from the 1850s which state that the path was officially closed and therefore a new right of way would need to be applied for. This is not something that the Council will take forward at this time.

d. Community Speedwatch

The volunteer team is now active, with eleven approved sites. The Environment Coordinator is providing support including to recruit further volunteers.

e. EV chargers in Pavilion car park

The Clerk will attend a kick-off meeting on 24th February on behalf of the Council, with OCC, the charger provider, and representatives of other pilot sites.

f. Local cycling and walking infrastructure (LCWIP) Wallingford and area

The consultation closed on 19th December and so it is assumed that the OCC LCWIP team are compiling the results.

g. Street parking review

This continues to be a topic of concern on local social media pages. The Council is in active discussions with OCC officers responsible for the parking review to ensure they are aware of the issues and to discuss next steps.

h. Winterbrook Bus stop development Formal County Level Complaint COM/22256 (T. Bedeman)

T. Bedeman and Cllr J. Collins had previously submitted complaints to OCC, expressing concern about changes to the planned bus stop infrastructure, which were made subsequent to a positive consultation process in 2022. However deadlines for responses in December and January have passed, and T. Bedeman has now submitted a formal complaint to the national ombudsman.

T26. Items for report or inclusion on next agenda

Changes in 136 bus timetables to better align with train timetables – Cllr Collins to forward to P. Brunskill

Hithercroft roadworks– Cllr Collins has confirmed that cyclists and walkers are still able to use this route

Cycling Without Age – D. Whelan suggested that the Council speak with Mick Heath about possibilities in Cholsey.

T27. To agree next meeting date

23rd June 2026, 7.30pm, Cholsey Pavilion