## **CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## To all members of the Council, you are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of Cholsey Parish Council on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.15pm to be held at The Pavilion, Cholsey for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members of the public and press are invited to attend all Council meetings.

12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Claire Bird, Clerk to the Council

# AGENDA

- 1. To receive apologies for absence
- 2. Public participation session: to hear questions or comments from members of the public (max. 15 mins)
- 3. To receive Declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interest for any agenda items (note, this does not preclude later declarations)
- 4. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2025 (Appendix A) and receive update on any Minute items
- 5. To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors
- 6. To note Clerk's report (verbal), in particular:
  - a) To receive update on the transfer of Cholsey Meadows play area to the Parish Council, further to the resolution made at the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Council meeting
  - b) To share feedback from the Annual Community Meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> June
  - c) To note upcoming Parish Council events
- 7. To note Estate Manager's report (Appendix B)
- 8. To review progress on the Strategic Action Plan adopted at the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Council meeting
- 9. To receive an update on Skate Park development proposals (Cllr Finch)
- 10. To receive update from the Transport Committee (Cllr Collins)
- 11. Finance
  - a) To discuss and agree whether to receive an anonymous donation to be used to reimburse the costs incurred by a resident group of holding a Skate Park competition in Summer 2025
  - b) To agree response to grant request from Cholsey Horticultural Society towards entertainment at the Cholsey Village Show in August 2025 (decision deferred from16th April 2025 Council meeting)
  - c) To agree response to donation request from Home Start Southern Oxfordshire
  - d) To discuss future funding of the CIC Happy Hub (Cllr Bamford)
  - e) To approve new payments and note payments received (Appendix C)

12. To consider new planning applications and planning amendments at 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025

P25/S1490/HH Extension to integral garage to front of property. The Paddock, 45 West End

13. To note South Oxfordshire District Council planning decisions as at 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025

P25/S1176/HH	First floor rear extension and new outbuilding to replace existing. 8 Cross Road Granted
	by SODC

- 14. Items for report or inclusion on next agenda
- 15. To confirm the date of next Full Council meeting Wednesday 16th July 2025, 7.15pm, Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey

# Minutes of the Annual meeting of Cholsey Parish Council duly convened and held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at 7.15pm at The Pavilion, Cholsey

**Present were** Cllr D. Bamford, Cllr J. Collins, Cllr J. Finch, Cllr P. Jenkins, Cllr G. Herbert, Cllr J. Hope-Smith (as Parish Councillor and County Councillor), Cllr L. Nixon (Chair), Cllr K. Pomlett, and Cllr S. Schäfer

Also present were C. Bird (Clerk)

Start time: 7.20pm End time: 9.20pm

**1.** To elect a Chair for the year ahead and to receive their Declaration of Acceptance of Office It was unanimously **resolved** to elect Cllr Lis Nixon as Chair of the Council. Proposer: Cllr Bamford; Seconder: Cllr Jenkins. Cllr Nixon signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Clerk.

2. To elect a Vice Chair for the year ahead and to receive their Declaration of Acceptance of Office It was unanimously **resolved** to elect Cllr Jenny Finch as Vice Chair of the Council. Proposer: Cllr Nixon; Seconder: Cllr Pomlett. Cllr Finch signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the Clerk.

# 3. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr K. Ofield and Cllr M. Smith.

4. Public participation session: to hear questions or comments from members of the public (max. 15 mins)

There were none

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

There were none

6. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2025 (Appendix A) and receive update on any Minute items

It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2025 and they were signed by Cllr Nixon.

# 7. To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors

County Cllr Hope-Smith's verbal report as Cholsey's newly elected County Councillor was noted with thanks. Cllr Hope-Smith is looking into improving pedestrian walkway markings on the Bunk Line bridge. He reported that there is a year-long funded programme to clean and empty every gulley in Oxfordshire. Cholsey's work is scheduled for August/September.

District Cllr Simpson's written report was noted with thanks.

8. To receive the minutes and recommendations from the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Appendix B), in particular:

# a) To agree transfers to Ear-marked and General Reserves

Cllr Bamford, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the Parish Council's surplus of approximately £32k in 2024/2025, due to underspend, deferred action, and intended reserve building. The transfers to Earmarked and General Reserves detailed in Minute F30 of the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Finance Committee meeting were noted and agreed. The RFO will make the necessary bank transfers.

# b) To agree amendments to the Internal Controls Policy (Appendix C)

Minor amendments as outlined in Minute F31 of the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Finance Committee meeting were noted and agreed. The Clerk will update the Policy.

The draft Minutes of the 7th May 2025 Finance Committee meeting were noted.

9. To receive the minutes from the last meeting of the Staffing Committee, held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Appendix D)

The draft Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Staffing Committee meeting were noted.

# 10. To approve Terms of References for the following Committees/Working Groups:

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# a) Finance Committee (Appendix E)

# b) Staffing Committee (Appendix F)

# c) Transport Committee (Appendix G)

The Committee Terms of Reference were approved with no amendments. The Clerk will arrange the review of Working Group Terms of Reference.

# 11. To appoint members to serve on the following Committees/Working Groups:

## a) Finance Committee Previously: DB, JC, PJ, MS

It was **resolved** that Cllr Bamford, Cllr Collins, Cllr Jenkins and Cllr Smith continue to serve on the Finance Committee.

# b) Staffing Committee Previously: VB, GH, KO

It was **resolved** that Cllr Herbert and Cllr Ofield continue to serve on the Staffing Committee. Cllr Bolt has recently resigned from the Council. It was **resolved** to appoint Cllr Schäfer to the Staffing Committee as the third member.

## c) Transport Committee Previously: JC, JF, SS

It was **resolved** that Cllr Collins, Cllr Finch and Cllr Schäfer continue to serve on the Transport Committee.

## d) Planning Lead(s) Previously: PJ, MS

It was resolved that Cllr Jenkins and Cllr Smith continue to act as Planning Leads for the Council.

## 12. To approve and adopt the following

a) Draft revised Standing Orders based on the NALC model, updated 2025 (Appendix H) It was resolved to adopt the revised Standing Orders. The Clerk will update the website.

- b) Financial Regulations (Appendix I) *last reviewed February 2025*
- c) Code of Conduct (Appendix J) last reviewed May 2024
- d) Scheme of Delegation (Appendix K) last reviewed June 2024
- e) Complaints procedure (Appendix L) *last reviewed May 2024*
- f) Publication scheme (Appendix M) *last reviewed December 2024*
- g) GDPR Data Protection Policy (Appendix N) last reviewed May 2024
- h) Employment policies and procedures

# i. To approve delegating this item to the Staffing Committee

It was **resolved** to approve and adopt the above Council policies and procedures.

It was **resolved** to delegate approval of the Employment policies to the Staffing Committee. It was noted that the Employee Handbook has been reviewed by GAP HR Consultants in 2025, with no changes recommended at this time.

## 13. To confirm Parish Council Representatives to:

## a) Pavilion Trust Previously: VB, JF

It was previously agreed (April 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 Full Council meeting) that Cllr Nixon and the Clerk will meet with the Pavilion Trust Chair on a quarterly basis. An initial meeting was held in April and the Pavilion Trust Chair was happy with this arrangement going forward.

# b) Cholsey 1000 Plus Previously: VB

It was agreed not to appoint a representative at this time, but to continue with existing less formal connections with Cholsey 1000 Plus representatives.

## c) CCDT Previously: JC

It was **resolved** that Cllr Collins will continue in this role.

# d) Grundon Previously: DB

It was **resolved** that Cllr Bamford will continue in this role.

e) Defibrillator checking Previously: JF

It was **resolved** that Cllr Finch will continue in this role.

## 14. To review arrangements with other local authories, not-for-profit bodies and businesses

- a) Grass cutting (J. Drewe) and verge cutting (Tactical Facilities Management)
  - b) Waste services (Shield Group; Grundon)
  - c) HR consultant (GAP HR)

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- d) IT support (ASAP Computer Services)
- e) Payroll accountants (Power Team accountants)
- f) Office rental (Cholsey Pavilion Trust)
- g) Finance and allotment software (Rialtas)
- h) Internal auditor (Mulberry Local Authority Services)
- i) Phone and Broadband (Virgin Media)
- j) HCl gov.uk domain

The above arrangements were reviewed and approved to continue.

# 15. To note that this Council has adopted the General Power of Competence as of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

The Council's GPC status was noted.

# 16. To review Council's expenditure in 2024/2025 incurred under S137 of the Local Government Act (Appendix O)

The Council's Section 137 expenditure, prior to adoption of the General Power of Competence, was noted.

# 17. To review the Council's asset register (Appendix P)

# Noted – valuations need to be done e.g. for Pavilion. Add Papist Way telephone box.

The Council's asset register was reviewed. The RFO continues to review and amend insurance replacement values e.g. for the Pavilion.

## 18. To agree arrangements for the Council's insurance cover

It was **resolved** to continue insurance cover with Zurich; this will be the second year of a three-year agreement.

## 19. To review Council and/or staff memberships to other bodies

- a) OALC: £1027 inc. VAT
- b) SLCC (Clerk's membership): £288
- c) Information Commissioners Office: £52
- d) Community First Oxfordshire: £70
- e) Parish Online: £192 inc. VAT
- f) Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management: £100 inc. VAT
- g) National Allotment Society: £84 inc. VAT
- h) Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plans Alliance: £50

The above arrangements were reviewed and approved to continue.

20. To agree dates of ordinary meetings of the Full Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council: on the third Wednesday of the Month at 7.15pm, except for August 2025 (no meeting)

It was agreed to continue with monthly Full Council meetings on the third Wednesday of the Month.

# 21. To note Clerk's report (verbal) including:

## a) Annual Community meeting preparation

Preparations for the Annual Community Meeting at the Pavilion on 7<sup>th</sup> June were discussed.

# b) To receive an update on the St Mary's old churchyard closure process

St Mary's old churchyard is now formally closed and the transfer of responsibility to South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) is underway. The newer cemetery adjoining the old churchyard remains open for burials, and will continue to be owned and managed by the Parish Council as burial authority.

The Clerk had sought advice via SLCC from a member of the Ministry of Justice Burial and Cremations Advisory Group. The Parish Council's position is that it is not legally responsible or liable for repairs to the old churchyard, but does have powers at its discretion to contribute public money towards maintaining a place of interment. SODC has provided the Church Fabrics Committee with a list of defects to be corrected before transfer and the Church is working through these. It has been discussed with the Church that it can formally request Parish Council support for the more significant repairs if necessary.

## c) To receive an update on the Tennis Club lease

The Clerk reported continued difficulties obtaining a response from the solicitor working on the lease. The Tennis Club's comments on the initial draft have been passed to the solicitor. The Council expressed its

support in principle for a lease term of 25 years. The lease will be brought to Council for approval as soon as possible.

# d) To receive an update on the Community Allotment

The Clerk reported that a Community Allotment Events Coordinator has now been appointed, funded by SODC Councillor grants. Work is underway on the polytunnel and raised beds.

# 22. To receive an update from the Rule 6 team on the White Cross Farm gravel pit inquiry (Cllr Pomlett)

Cllr Pomlett reported that the Parish Council's Rule 6 Party application has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate. The Rule 6 group submitted its Statement of Case on 14<sup>th</sup> May; this was prepared by representatives of Cholsey Parish Council, Crowmarsh Parish Council, Wallingford Town Council and other interested residents. Cllr Pomlett, B.Guiver and W.Tobitt then attended the Case Management Conference held by the Inspector on 21<sup>st</sup> May. The public inquiry will be held at the Cholsey Pavilion from 15<sup>th</sup> July for three days. Interested members of public can also attend to speak at the inquiry on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

## 23. Finance

## a) To note the 2024/2025 year-end accounts (Appendix Q)

The 2024-2025 year-end accounts were noted, including the surplus and movements to reserves (see also Minute 8). The Council expressed thanks to the Finance Committee, RFO and Clerk for strong financial management and reporting.

b) To note the reconciled bank balances as at 31st March 2025 (Appendix R) The reconciled bank balances were noted.

c) To confirm cheque and banking signatories *At present: DB, VB, JC, LN* It was resolved that Cllr Jenkins will become a banking signatory in place of Cllr Bolt. The RFO will make this change.

# d) To approve new payments and note payments received (Appendix S)

The payments were approved and signed by Cllrs Finch and Schäfer.

The Clerk reported unanticipated expenditure on the project to install new swings in the younger children's Recreation Ground play area. Upon excavation a thick concrete base was found under the play matting of the existing swings. The swing installers quoted £3000 to remove the concrete. Instead the work is being carried out by the Parish Council maintenance person and a local contractor, for an estimated cost of £1200 (including ~£400 skip hire). Turf and topsoil were also required for the project to be completed; ~£700 costs were approved by the Chair and Finance Committee Chair.

## e) To agree whether to transfer £750 from the Burial Ground Ear-marked Reserves to St Mary's Church Parochial Church Council towards the repair of the churchyard tarmac path

It was resolved to transfer £750 from the Burial Ground Ear-marked Reserves to St Mary's Church Parochial Church Council towards the repair of the churchyard tarmac path. This was the sum of money transferred to the Parish Council by the Church in 2021 from filming fees received.

### 24. Audit 2024/2025: to consider the 2024/2025 AGAR submission to the External Auditor a) To receive and review the report from the Internal Auditor for 2024/2025

The report was noted with thanks to the RFO and Clerk. The Internal Auditor's opinion is that the systems and internal procedures at Cholsey Parish Council are well established and followed.

## b) To agree the Annual Governance Statement for 2024/2025

It was unanimously **resolved** to agree the Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2024/2025 and it was signed by the Clerk and the Chair.

## c) To agree the Accounting Statement for 2024/2025

It was unanimously **resolved** to agree the Council's Accounting Statement for 2024/2025 and it was signed by the Chair.

## d) To consider the draft Statement of Variance

The Statement of Variance was noted. Key variances included the receipt of less CIL money and the spending of CIL reserves on projects e.g. playground equipment repairs, car park renovation.

# e) To agree dates for the Notice of Public Rights

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The dates for the Notice of Public Rights were agreed, commencing on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and ending on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The Clerk will publish the notice on the Council website and notice boards.

## 25. To consider planning applications as at 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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P25/S1176/HH	First floor rear extension and new outbuilding to replace existing, 8 Cross Road It was <b>resolved</b> to comment that the extension will add to the previous extensions to this property and has increased the overall footprint of the property. Policies to address: CNP H7 – including requirement for EV charging point for side extension, CNP para 149
P25/S1143/FUL	Change of use of equestrian paddock land to become a cricket ground, associated buildings, access and parking, Land adj. Elizabeth House, Wallingford Rd It was <b>resolved</b> to comment that the Parish Council has concerns about safe access to the site from the Wallingford Road. The entrance point will need to be sufficiently wide to allow easy access and deter vehicles from pulling up along the roadside to drop off/pick up. The Council would also like clarification of the funding sources for a proposed 'pedestrian crossing arrangement' referenced in the planning application's Transport Statement.
P25/S1313/LB	Reroofing and replacement of gutters, 4 Church Road It was <b>resolved</b> to support the application and maintenance of this listed building.

## 26. To note planning decisions as at 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

P25/S0590/HH	Demolition of garage. Two storey front extension, two storey side extension, second
	storey rear extension, 76 Station Road, Granted by SODC
P25/S0599/HH	Demolition of garden storage room. Side and rear extensions, ground and first floor.
	Rear garden outbuilding, 41 West End, Granted by SODC
P25/S0711/S73	Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) on planning application P24/S1858/HH to
	reduce the overall floor area; to allow retention of more of the existing building, 8
	Rowland Road, Granted by SODC

## 27. Items for report or inclusion on next agenda

Cllr Collins has been in touch with OCC officers to review the recent implementation of new parking restrictions. She has also asked for the road markings on the Bunk Line bridge to be revisited to help improve pedestrian safety.

Visit from GWR and Network Rail to discuss Cholsey Station improvements (Cllr Collins) Village gateway signs – the County Council is responsible for these signs; can we seek improvements?

Telephone box on the Forty (Cllr Jenkins) State of roads in village (Cllr Jenkins)

Wallingford Road speed indicator device – needs updating with new speed limit (Cllr Collins to follow up) Concerns re. carpet toxicology when used as weed suppressants (Cllr Schäfer continuing to seek advice) Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (Cllr Finch to share maps from recent meeting) Strategic Action plan

# 28. To confirm the date of the next Full Council meeting – Wednesday 18th June, 7.15pm, Cholsey Pavilion

# Date of meeting....21/05/2025.... Signatures of authorising councillors:

Payments made between meetings			
Amazon	Maintenance equipment and stationery	£17.30	Inc VAT. Authorised by Clerk on 10/04/2025
Amazon	Laminating sheets	£8.95	Inc VAT. Authorised by Clerk on 11/04/2025
Amazon	Signage	£14.99	Inc VAT. Authorised by Clerk on 10/04/2025
Amazon	Trim for allotment noticeboards	£23.98	Inc VAT. Authorised by Clerk on 22/04/2025
Castle Water	Burial Ground water	£9.57	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 23/04/2025
Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plan Assoc.	Annual membership fee	£50.00	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 23/04/2025
Colliers	Fence posts for allotment noticeboards	£95.40	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 23/04/2025
Cholsey 1000 Plus	Grant for VE Day event	£204.25	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 23/04/2025
Youngs	Treework carried out in 2024/25	£1,284.00	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 23/04/2025
Castle Water	Allotment water	£8.42	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 23/04/2025
Swift	Quarterly printer rental and printing charges.	£139.69	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 23/04/2025
Screwfix	Maintenance items	£78.02	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 23/04/2025
Winterbrook Nurseries	From Chairperson's allowance	£20.00	Approved by Clerk on 01/05/2025
ALS	Mend the Gap equipment	£217.00	Approved by Clerk on 01/05/2025
NHBS	Mend the Gap equipment	£493.51	Approved by Clerk on 01/05/2025
Watdon	Mend the Gap equipment	£10.68	Approved by Clerk on 01/05/2025
Castle Water	Burial Ground water	£8.14	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 06/05/2025
Power Team	Monthly payroll	£59.40	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 06/05/2025
Hawthorn	Monthly pest control	£168.00	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 06/05/2025
ASAP	Monthly IT support and email provision	£227.52	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 06/05/2025
Shield	Monthly general and dog waste collections	£265.19	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 06/05/2025
The Happy Hub	Room hire	£15.00	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 06/05/2025
Amazon	Printer paper	£19.78	Inc VAT. Authorised by Clerk on 13/05/2025
Expenses	Community Allotment event	£20.00	Approved by Clerk on 14/05/2025
Expenses	Community Allotment event	£11.32	Approved by Clerk on 14/05/2025
Expenses	Fuel for maintenance equipment	£15.13	Approved by Clerk on 14/05/2025
J.Drewe	April grass cutting	£1,374.00	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 15/05/2025

Chinnor Turf & Paving	Turf and topsoil for playground project	£852.84	Inc VAT. Approved by Finance Committee via email on 15/05/2025
		£5,712.08	
		Automatic paym	ents
Grundon	Burial Ground waste removal	£97.94	
Virgin Media	Monthly telephone & broadband	£55.16	
HMRC	Jan - Mar 2025 NI and PAYE	£2,656.23	
Staff wages	Apr-25	£4,805.65	
Nest	Staff pensions	£156.67	
Gap HR	Monthly HR support	£56.40	
	TOTAL	£7,828.05	
	Р	ayments for agree	ement
	TOTAL	£0.00	
		Income receive	<u>ed</u>
HMRC	Jan - Mar 2025 VAT return	£12,260.34	
SODC	Grant for rural verge cutting	£1,525.75	
Vendor	Vendor hire	£40.00	
SODC	First half of precept	£105,986.50	
Burial fees	Mid Apr - Mid May	£2,824.75	
	TOTAL	£122,637.34	
		Income expected	
	TOTAL	£0.00	

### Estate Manager's Report to Parish Council June 2025

### **Allotments**

The 6-monthly inspection of the allotment plots will take place during the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025. My thanks to councillors who have offered help with this task.

At the time of writing this report, only 1 small plot is available on the Cholsey Meadows site with Ilges Lane and Station Road site all plots are taken.

I have had a few enquiries about allotment plots and the waiting lists for each site are as follows:

Cholsey Meadows – 7 Ilges Lane – 6 Station Road – 9

Reminders for rent arrears have been sent out to tenants who have not paid the annual rent.

#### Ilges Lane site

Regarding the request made by a tenant on the Ilges Lane site for another tap. The plumber has completed this and there is now a new tap installed near plot no. IL41b.

There was also a request from a couple of tenants to erect posts around the triangle at the Rothwells Close entrance. It was agreed for this to happen, and the tenants donated and installed the posts along with a bench under the cherry tree. This triangle is tended by volunteer tenants and neighbour.

#### Station Road site

The carpet and a lot of rubbish has been removed from plot no. SR02 and the maintenance person has picked up as much degrading carpet as he could.

We are now waiting for a soil sample to be taken and a decision made, once we have the results from the testing, to let this plot out.

Cholsey Community Orchards

No update.

### The Forty

No update.

#### **Growing Better Together**

#### Community Allotment

There are now 4 raised beds built on the Community Allotment and I am arranging a suitable date, with the help of volunteers, to finish constructing the poly tunnel.

The new Events Coordinator has run 2 evening sessions with the local cubs, which were a big success. We are discussing with the Events Coordinator future events.

#### **Recreation Grounds and Play Areas**

The maintenance person continues with the visual checks of all the play equipment and completes litter picks when necessary.

The grass cutting contractors continue to cut in the Recreation Ground, Whitehead Meadow, Jubilee Field and the play areas including the Cholsey Meadows play area.

### Cholsey Meadows Play Area

### No update

### Recreation Ground Play Area.

The new swings have now been erected and the new grass is growing well. The heras fencing will be removed soon.

The area where the concrete slab had to be removed is awaiting top soil, which has been donated by Grundon, and seeding. This will happen from 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025. In the meantime, this area will have barriers in the form of a temporary wire fencing, with notices explaining the risks and what will be happening, to reduce risks.

The grass tiles have also been put in place around the bund on the skatepark and by the goal wall.

### Maintenance Person

Our maintenance person continues to be committed and enjoys the variety of work that is necessary for the smooth running of the estate.

There have been a number of projects that have taken place over the past couple of months, with some unforeseen issues, it has meant that he has worked more than his allotted hours. We have asked him to keep a log of times spent on the various tasks with a discussion about the allotted hours to be had on the outcome of this log.

### <u>Hedges</u>

Wallingford Green Gym meeting to be arranged for the building of the dead hedge in the corner of the recreation ground.

### Trees

No update

### <u>Verges</u>

There have been a few teething problems with the new contractor and the requirements we set out for them.

The verge cutting and collection began the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> April. It was noticed that on a number of the verges the grass had not been collected.

It was arranged with the contractor for this grass to be collected from the noted verges on 28<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately the machine broke down and was re-scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Pavilion Car Park**

The car park has now been completed.

The maintenance person will erect some round wooden bollards along the front edge and side near the entrance on the right side as you enter the car park to match the other side. There will then be some planting in that small area.

	Payments made between meetings			
NHBS	Mend the Gap equipment	£366.49	Authorised by Clerk on 19.05.2025. Grant used.	
Amazon	Sticky labels	£2.99	Authorised by Clerk on 20.05.2025	
Scane & Son	Pavilion car park (phase 2)	£55,080.00	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 21.05.2025. CIL used.	
Staff expenses	Mend the Gap travel expenses	£9.30	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 21.05.2025	
Staff expenses	Mend the Gap travel expenses	£18.00	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 21.05.2025	
Mulberry	Internal audit	£179.90	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 21.05.2025	
Village Van Services	Maintenance work - playground	£250.00	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 21.05.2025	
Swift	Quarterly printing charge	£6.00	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 21.05.2025	
CJ Wildlife	Mend the Gap equipment	£15.96	Authorised by Clerk on 29.05.2025	
Amazon	Command strips for ACM	£16.90	Authorised by Clerk on 29.05.2025	
Amazon	Community Allotment supplies	£19.32	Authorised by Clerk on 29.05.2025. Grant used.	
Amazon	Mend the Gap equipment	£25.26	Authorised by Clerk on 29.05.2025. Grant used.	
Amazon	Community Allotment supplies	£66.42	Authorised by Clerk on 29.05.2025. Grant used.	
Field studies	Mend the Gap equipment	£39.00	Authorised by Clerk on 29.05.2025. Grant used.	
Oxford Skip Hire	Skip hire for playground project waste clearance	£384.00	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 29.05.2025	
Power Team	Monthly payroll	£59.40	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 29.05.2025	
Village Van Services	Maintenance work - playground	£100.00	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 29.05.2025	
ICCM	Annual membership	£105.00	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 29.05.2025	
Shield	Monthly general and dog waste collections	£265.19	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 29.05.2025	
LB Plumbing	New tap fitting at allotment site	£678.00	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 29.05.2025	
Tactical (Bibby)	Verge cutting	£1,260.00	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 29.05.2025	
Sovereign Design	Playground and Recreation Ground works	£10,385.53	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 29.05.2025. CIL used.	

Hawthorn	Monthly pest control	£168.00	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 02.06.2025
ASAP	Monthly IT support and email provision	£227.52	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 02.06.2025
Zurich	2025/26 insurance	£3,037.23	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 02.06.2025
Amazon	Community Allotment supplies	£14.99	Authorised by Clerk on 01.06.2025. Grant used.
Amazon	Felt tips for ACM	£6.78	Authorised by Clerk on 04.06.2025
Amazon	Rolls of paper for ACM	£14.50	Authorised by Clerk on 04.06.2025
Amazon	Display boards	£259.98	£129.99 x2. Authorised by Clerk on 04.06.2025
Busy Baskets	Plants for carpark	£29.85	Authorised by Clerk on 05.06.2025
Winterbrook Nurseries	Plants for carpark	£47.50	Authorised by Clerk on 05.06.2025
Castle Water	Water for Burial Ground	£10.91	
Cholsey Hort Soc	Community Allotment supplies	£19.20	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 05.06.2025
Village Van Services	Maintenance work - playground	£100.00	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 05.06.2025
St Marys Church	Transfer of funds	£750.00	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 05.06.2025
Castle Water	Allotment water	£7.43	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 05.06.2025
Castle Water	Allotment water	£77.72	Inc. VAT. Authorised by Finance Committee via email on 05.06.2025
Amazon	Laminating pouches	£6.71	Authorised by Clerk on 11.06.2025
		£74,110.98	
		Automatic par	yments
Virgin media	Monthly phone & broadband	£46.79	Inc. VAT
Grundon	Monthly waste collection - Burial Ground	£40.02	Inc. VAT
Staff wages	May-25	£4,805.94	
Nest	Staff pensions	£156.67	
Gap HR	Monthly HR support	£56.40	Inc. VAT
	TOTAL	£5,105.82	
Payments for agreement			
	TOTAL	£0.00	

	Income received			
Allotment rents received.	1st April - 11th June	£7,816.00		
Burial fees	Received since last meeting	£1,832.00		
Sole Luna	Vendor hire	£60.00		
Cholsey Bluebirds	Buildings insurance cover	£112.00		
	TOTAL	£9,820.00		
Income expected				
	TOTAL	£0.00		