HINTON WALDRIST PARISH COUNCIL
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Minutes of Hinton Waldrist Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 5th May 2026 at 7pm

In attendance: Councillors Martin Taylor (Chair), Justin Davenport (Vice Chair), Andrew Bloomfield (AB), Melvyn Smith (MS), Stephanie Stott (SS), Linda Mace (LM)

Present: Joanne Broughton (Clerk), Lee Evans (County Councillor), Mark Coleman (District Councillor), one member of the public

26/1: Election of Chair: It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Taylor as Chair.

26/2: Election of Vice Chair: It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Davenport as Vice Chair.

26/3: Co-option of new Councillor: Linda Mace was co-opted onto the parish council.

26/4: Signing of Declaration of Acceptance forms: The Chair, Vice Chair and LM signed the Declaration of Acceptance Forms.

26/5: Apologies for absence: None.

26/6: Declarations of Interest: None.

26/7: Public questions and statements: A member of the public spoke about the Longworth and District History Society, who are looking for new members to join.

26/8: Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of the 3rd March 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record.

26/9: Reports from County and District Councillors:

Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)

The District Councillor was in attendance and provided a report. See attachment 1.

- Up to £10,000 is available from the climate action fund which is open to local groups and organisations until 29th June. Clerk to put in Village Voices.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

The County Councillor was in attendance and gave a report with the main points being:

- Road closures – Cllr Evans asked OCC to be more strategic about the advertising of road closures. Some repairs have been carried out to the A420 and the next scheduled road closures are on 16th and 17th May.
- Speed limit reductions on the A420 near the Charney Road/Pinewoods Road junction should be in force by the summer. HWPC mentioned the lack of signage for who has priority crossing the junction and Cllr Evans will send information to the Clerk.
- Recycling centres – A motion was proposed at the last full council meeting at the end of March to scrap the new booking system, however the motion was lost. Data shows that usage is down by a third.
- Phone signal – Cllr Evans asked the full council meeting what can be done about phone signals, following £500,000 spent on a survey. He has requested mapping out of what is affecting the phone signal in villages such as trees.
- Pothole repairs – The quality and expense of failed pothole repairs is an ongoing concern.

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- School parking – Bollards and white line restrictions may soon be used to resolve parking issues at Bow Bank, Longworth.
- Flooding – More funds are available for drainage infrastructure and the public are urged to report any issues.
- Ten Foot Bridge – Cllr Evans has been chasing for repairs which are scheduled imminently.
- Hinton Hub – Cllr Evans visited the Hinton Hub and congratulated its successful opening.

26/10: Bank Signatories: The bank signatories were confirmed as Chair, Vice Chair and MS.

26/11: Asset Register and insurance cover:

- The Council agreed the Asset Register which now includes the noticeboard.
- The Council considered the insurance cover which it believes is adequate.

26/12: Risk Assessment: The Risk Assessment will be considered at the next meeting along with the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

26/13: Actions: The Council considered actions from the previous meeting not otherwise on the agenda.

- Chair to email Vale of White Horse planning department about the Neighbourhood Plan process.
- Chair to follow up with Savills regarding proposal for allotments space.

26/14: Finance:

a. **Payments and receipts:**

Payments authorised

Date	**Payee**	**Amount**	**Item**
5/05/26	HW Village Hall	£20.00	Room Hire
16/01/26	OALC	£78.00	Leading Your Council Course (Chair)
31/03/26	Information Commissioner's Office	£47.00	Membership fee - PAID

Receipts since the last meeting:

Date	**Payee**	**Amount**	**Item**
08/04/26	Vale of White Horse District Council	£5,250.00	Precept – 1st half

b. **Bank Reconciliation 2025/26:** The bank reconciliation for 2025/26 will be considered and signed at the next meeting.

26/15: Planning: There were no new planning applications.

26/16: Publications and correspondence: The Council considered the correspondence.

- OALC April Newsletter.
- Annual Waste and Street Cleaning Survey from South & Vale – Closes 4th June. Clerk to post on Facebook.
- Temporary Road Closure Notice from OCC for Stanford in the Vale, A417 Faringdon Road (between the A420 Rbt at Faringdon and the Ware Road Rbt) to facilitate the resurfacing of the carriageway and

subsequent reinstatement of all lines and road markings from 1st to 6th June between 20.00 and 06.00. Clerk to post on Facebook and website nearer the time.

- Temporary Road Closure Notice from OCC for Lower Bourton, A420 Acorn Bridge (Between junction of Townsend Rd and Acorn bridge) to facilitate emergency carriageway repairs from 29th to 30th April between 20.00 and 05.30.
- Notice of grant available from South & Vale for climate and nature recovery projects – Deadline 29th June. Clerk to post on Facebook and website.
- Town and Parish Council Forum update from South & Vale – Planning changes. Clerk to set up new account on planning portal.
- South & Vale Newsletter.
- OCC Community Transport Grant 2026-27 – Deadline 10th July. SS to send information to Cedar Club.
- OCC Minutes from March Parish Transport Representatives Meeting.
- Update from County Cllr Lee Evans – Still chasing OCC and Environment Agency about lack of repairs to Ten Foot Bridge.
- OALC Training Bulletin.
- First and Last Mile - Changes to bus routes. Thursday 402 service to Faringdon and then onto Witney will now serve Hinton Waldrist on request only. The request facility will also include Priors Lane and Church Road. The Monday 401 service to Wantage will no longer serve Hinton Waldrist as it is being rerouted to serve Southmoor due to no passengers from Hinton. Clerk to post on Facebook and website.

26/17: The Big Lunch: Plans for The Big Lunch on Sunday 7th June were discussed.

- Highways - The Clerk has applied to OCC for a temporary road closure and will arrange the sign hire.
- Advertising – JD to produce a poster and Clerk to advertise on Facebook, website and in Village Voices.
- Entertainment - JD confirmed that the children's entertainer has been booked.
- Refreshments - SS to purchase ice cream, LM to arrange Pimms and JD to arrange the bar.
- Other ideas considered were a cake competition and putting up bunting.

26/18: Matters for report: None.

26/19: Date of the next meeting: The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 14th July barring any issue with booking the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8pm.