

HINTON WALDRIST PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft 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.

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- Pothole repairs – The quality and expense of failed pothole repairs is an ongoing concern.
- 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 – 1 st 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

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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.

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Attachment 1.

Vale District Council – Member for Thames Ward Report to the Hinton Waldrist Parish Council – 5 May 2026

Nature and Climate Action Fund

The Vale of White Horse District Council has opened the latest round for organisations to apply for financial support through the Nature and Climate Action Fund, formerly the Climate Action Fund.

Local 'not for profit' organisations and town/parish councils can apply for a share of the £100,000 Fund, with up to £10,000 on offer for individual projects (minimum request of £250). The funding is aimed at community projects that help to address climate change and support nature recovery, alongside educating and inspiring others to get involved.

The fund has previously supported projects such as the installation of public electric vehicle charging points, solar panel installation, reuse and repair workshops, energy audits and implementation of recommendations for community buildings, restoration of a community woodland, installation of a boardwalk at a nature site to allow visitors access without damaging important habitats and a tree giveaway to encourage garden planting.

Full details of the Nature and Climate Action Fund and how to apply are available on the Vale's website here: <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/community-support/grants/climate-action-fund/>. The 2026/27 Fund guidelines are available here: <https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/app/uploads/sites/3/2026/04/Nature-and-Climate-Action-Fund-Policy-Guidance-2026-27.pdf>. Applications will close at midday on Monday 29 June.

Organisations are welcome to contact the Climate and Biodiversity Team at climateaction@southandvale.gov.uk or the Community Enablement Team at grants@southandvale.gov.uk if they have any questions about the scheme and/or their project.

Introduction of Full Council Livestreaming

The Vale livestreams a wide range of meetings but previously was unable to do so for Full Council meetings which had to be held off-site because of space and technical limitations. However, with effect from 13 May, Full Council meetings will be held in newly available space in Abbey House, Abingdon, which will enable the meetings to be livestreamed. This means people will be able to watch the discussions and decisions that matter most to our communities live or catch up later at their convenience. The stream will be available via the 'Live' tab on the Vale's YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@SouthandValeCommitteeMeetings/streams>

The meetings will be recorded using Microsoft Teams and appear on the council's Committee Meetings YouTube Channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTj2pCic8vzucpzlaSWE3UQ>

Renters' Rights Act

The Renters' Rights Act came into effect on 1 May. This brings about the most significant changes to the private renting sector in nearly 40 years.

The Act introduces new powers for councils and new standards required for landlords and their properties. The Vale of White Horse District Council will have a statutory duty to enforce the new landlord legislation and is anticipating an increase in demand for housing needs services from May.

The Vale has done everything it can to prepare for the changes and the impact it will have on housing services – including raising awareness of the new legislation amongst private sector landlords and helping them to implement the changes – as well as raising awareness with private sector renters in the district.

More information about the changes is available on the Vale's website here www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/renters-rights-act and at gov.uk/rentingischanging

If residents have any questions about the Renters' Rights Act, they can email housing@southandvale.gov.uk.

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Review of the Off-Street Parking Orders

The Vale is currently reviewing Off-Street Parking Orders for council owned car parks across the district. As part of this process, there are proposed updates to several car parks including a move to ticketless parking, meaning displaying a physical ticket in a vehicle would no longer be required. People would still be able to pay with coins.

A full vehicle registration number would still have to be entered at the machine to obtain either the free one-hour parking period or to pay for the duration of a stay with coins or contactless card or by using the PayByPhone app as normal.

The consultation on these changes runs until **Friday 8 May 2026**. The consultation may be accessed via the following link: <https://theconversation.southandvale.gov.uk/development-and-corporate-landlord/off-street-parking-order-in-south-oxfordshire-2026/>

Yours,
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