

HINTON WALDRIST PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Hinton Waldrist Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on the 3rd March 2026 at 7pm

In attendance: Councillors Martin Taylor (Chair), Justin Davenport (Vice Chair), Andrew Bloomfield (AB), Peter Evans (PE), Melvyn Smith (MS), Stephanie Stott (SS)

Present: Joanne Broughton (Clerk), Lee Evans (County Councillor), Mark Coleman (District Councillor)

25/94: Apologies for absence: None.

25/95: Declarations of Interest: None.

25/96: Public questions and statements: One member of the public was present.

25/97: Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of the 8th January 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record.

25/98: 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.

District Cllr Coleman advised HWPC to have a Neighbourhood Plan. Chair to email Vale of White Horse planning department about the process. **Action: Chair.**

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

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

- Timescales for highways repairs are not being adhered to and repairs that have been carried out are failing. Will continue to chase these up.
- Will continue to lobby for reversal of recycling centre changes which are deemed unnecessary.
- A lot of work was carried out on drains last year – public to advise County Cllr Evans if any have been missed as there are funds available in the budget for drainage infrastructure.
- Urged the public to complete the Local Government Reorganisation survey.
- Ten Foot Bridge – Repairs will be carried out in the early part of this year.
- A420 changes should happen this year – re-design of road and average speed cameras being considered.

25/99: Councillor Vacancy: One Councillor vacancy is still available and a resident who attended the meeting will email the Clerk to advise if they would like to join HWPC.

25/100: Actions: The Council considered actions from the previous meeting not otherwise on the agenda.

- Noticeboard – The deposit has been paid for the noticeboard and it should be delivered within the next few days.
- Cllr Smith met with OCC Highways for a village walkaround to identify areas of concern. Drains and gulleys were highlighted.

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25/101: Finance:

a. Payments and receipts:

Payments authorised

| Date | Payee | Amount | Item |
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| 30/01/26 | Parish Online | £336.00 | Annual website fee |
| 03/03/26 | HW Village Hall | £20.00 | Room hire |
| 21/01/26 | Signs of Cheshire Ltd | £642.00 | 50% deposit for noticeboard |
| 16/01/26 | Stephanie Stott | £42.75 | Flowers for Allison Leigh - PAID |

Receipts since the last meeting:

| Date | Payee | Amount | Item |
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| 21/01/26 | OCC | £500.00 | Contribution towards noticeboard |

b. Bank Reconciliation: Clerk to circulate the bank reconciliation for consideration. **Action: Clerk.**

25/102: Training: The Clerk advised there are no new Councillor training courses in the near future. Clerk to send Cllr Bloomfield a copy of the Good Councillor's Guide. **Action: Clerk.**

25/103: Planning:

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| MW.0021/26 | Application by Severn Trent Green Power Limited, The Stables, Radford, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 4EB for: Non Material amendment to permission MW.0025/24 (P24/V0526/CM), to substitute the Site Plan - HOWC001 H001 in place of Approved Site Plan - JB58826 P002, to reflect the erection of a micro wind turbine and solar panel on the existing welfare cabin, and small oil storage shed situated adjacent to the cabin at the Western corner of the site at Glebe Farm (Hinton) Composting Site, off the B4508, Hinton Waldrist. No objection - Previously agreed by HWPC due to deadline constraints. |
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25/104: Publications and correspondence: The Council considered the correspondence.

- Agenda from OCC for Parish Transport Representative Meeting on 10th March.
- Invitation from South & Vale to Neighbourhood planning event on 28th January in Didcot.
- Grant request from Oxfordshire Mind.
- Information from First & Last Mile regarding new bus services – 63 service is unaffected.
- Invite from South & Vale to online Local Government Reorganisation session on 9th February.
- Email from resident enquiring about councillor vacancy.
- Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation running from 16th February to 30th March.
- Local Government Reorganisation report and video from South & Vale's session on 9th February.
- South & Vale newsletter containing information on free compost and litter picks.

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- Road Closure Notice from OCC for Stanford in the Vale, Faringdon Road, from 17th to 19th March.
- West Oxfordshire Lowlands Movement and Place (MAP) Plan from OCC. Feedback requested by 27th March.
- Confirmation from OCC that the planning application for Glebe Farm has been approved.
- Internal audit question sheet from Jane Olds.
- Road Closure Notice from OCC for Buckland, Hinton Waldrist, A420, from 16th to 17th May.
- West Oxfordshire Lowlands Movement and Place (MAP) Plan – Invite from OCC to Teams briefing on 5th March.
- Invitation from OCC to Local Government Reorganisation briefing sessions.
- OALC February Newsletter.
- Notification from OCC of temporary extension to footpath closure at Chimney, footbridge between Rushey and Shifford lock, near the Chimney Meadows from 19th September 2025 to 18th September 2026.
- Road Closure Notice from OCC for Stanford in the Vale, A417 Faringdon Road (from High Street to Goosey Lane) from 11th to 15th May.

25/105: Allotments: No response has been received from Savills following Cllr Taylor's email proposal for the allotments space.

25/106: The Big Lunch: It was agreed to hold The Big Lunch on Sunday 7th June. Clerk to check with the Village Hall, apply for a road closure and advertise on Facebook and the website. **Action: Clerk.** Cllr Davenport to book the same Juggler as last year. **Action: JD.**

25/107: Litter Pick: It was agreed to hold a litter pick on Saturday 14th March at 10am. Clerk to arrange equipment. **Action: Clerk.**

25/108: Matters for report: Cllr Smith agreed to be a FixMyStreet Super User. **Action: Clerk.**

25/109: Date of the next meetings:

Annual Parish meeting - 5th May 2026 from 6-7pm in the Village Hall.

Annual Parish Council meeting – 5th May 2026 7-8pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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Attachment 1

Vale District Council – Member for Thames Ward Report to the Hinton Waldrist Parish Council – 3 March 2026

Neighbourhood Planning Event – 28 January

I attended the Neighbourhood Planning event on 28 January. Officers emphasised the importance of neighbourhood plans and ensuring they are kept up to date. Specifically, they said Neighbourhood plans remain a powerful tool to guide sustainable, locally informed development. Whilst government funding for work on neighbourhood plans is no longer available, the Vale of White Horse DC can provide support and fund some aspects of the writing and review of neighbourhood plans. The Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plans Alliance presented at the event and provided this advice: *'The present Government is determined to build, build, build and is making it more difficult for local communities to object to inappropriate development. The Government is altering the planning system to make it much easier for developers to get approval for developments. Having a Neighbourhood Plan will be even more important in the future to ensure that local communities have some control over development.'*

Local Government Reorganisation

The government's Local Government Reorganisation consultation is now open and closes at 11:59pm on 26 March 2026. They are seeking views on the three proposals put forward to reorganise local government in Oxfordshire and West Berkshire. This will help them understand what residents, businesses and other stakeholders think about the changes, so they can make a final decision on which option is best for our area. Policy and programme updates may be found on the governments webpage here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-government-reorganisation-policy-and-programme-updates>. Details about the proposals for reorganisation in Oxfordshire and West Berkshire may be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-oxfordshire>. There is also a link to the online survey on that webpage.

New Garden Waste Permits

Existing garden waste permits will expire on 31 March. To continue receiving fortnightly collections from 1 April and to avoid any interruption to their service, residents will need to buy a new permit. Sales for the new permits will open mid-February. The vast majority of the Vale's 69,000+ customers will be able to buy their permit via their 'MyAccount' or by visiting <https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/garden-waste-permit/>. Residents who need assistance, should call the Customer Services team on 01235 422422.

Free Compost this March

The Vales is inviting residents to collect free, nutrient-rich compost at special giveaway events this March:

- **Saturday 7 March**, 9am to 11am - Howbery Business Park, Benson Lane, Wallingford, OX10 8BA
- **Sunday 8 March** at 9am to 11am - White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre, Abingdon, OX14 3PJ

Residents should use their own bags and spade and can collect up to three bags per household while supplies last. The council's Waste and Recycling team will be on hand to share composting tips and answer questions.