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Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Planning Committees of Charvil Parish Council held on 10th August 2026 at Charvil Village Hall

Present Katrin Harding, Matt Walker, Mark A'Bear, Lee Cripps, Alan Simpson and Pat Sutlieff

Apologies for Absence

Absent Jane Hartley

26/8933 Open Forum

Two residents attended to raise their concerns about the proposed parking charges at Ashenbury Park. They were concerned about the lack of consultation, and the lack of evidence that the costs will be covered by the parking charges, although Councillor Harding explained that the costs are spread over twenty years. They explained that 150 people had attended a demonstration against the charges, and the proposed changes to the park. They felt there was a lack of consultation on the path improvements and the change of categorisation to a country park. They felt that the grace period for school pick-ups and drop-offs is too short, particularly for those attending Willowbank. They also felt the charge is likely to have a negative effect on nearby streets as people will park on them rather than pay the charge. They also wondered why the decision was made to put the surfaced paths in Ashenbury Park when so many of the paths in the Charvil Country Park are poor. They thanked the Chair and left at 8.30pm

26/8934 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Cripps has an interest in 253071, Reserved Matters on land west of Park Lane.

26/8935 To note the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 20th July 2026

These were noted and will be approved at the September meeting.

26/8936 Environment

To consider the current issues around Ashenbury Park, and whether to oppose the introduction of a parking charge at the car park there

The clerk was asked to write to the relevant people to ask for an explanation of the lack of consultation and whether this is the thin end of a long wedge. It was agreed that the clerk would object to the Traffic Regulation Order consultation on the grounds that it could lead to more pressure on the East Park Farm car park and sports pitches from professional dog walkers, and more unsuitable parking at

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the Beggars Hill Road end of Ashenbury Park. Also the council will raise the concern about the grace period being too short.

Finance

26/8937 To receive and approve the financial reports

It was resolved to approve these which was passed unanimously.

26/8938 Authorisation of Payments

It was resolved to recommend approval of the payments of invoices, which was carried unanimously.
£14.50 to A1 Locksmiths
£56.94 to the Assistant Clerk
£1739.81 to Berkshire Pension Fund
£173.44 to Bowak Ltd
£116.97 to Cathedral Leasing
£388.69 to Everflow
£94.04 to Grundon
£36 to the Media Assistant
£358.89 to the clerk
£1145.61 to Prime Water Solutions
£ 260.82 to Smartest Energy
£1610.56 to Sunshine Commercial Services Ltd
£1302.91 to Tactical Cleaning and Hygiene Services Ltd
£191.78 to Tactical Facilities Management Ltd
£19.80to Taurus Elite Security
£22.60 to Unity Bank
£ 5010.15 in Payroll

Planning

26/8939 To consider the following planning applications

261616 Householder application for the proposed demolition of the existing single storey rear extension, erection of a replacement single storey rear extension, alterations to the front porch including the installation of an access ramp, alterations to the driveway, and associated external alterations to facilitate disabled access at 56, Park View Drive North – no Parish Council comment

261754 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO 1137/2006, T3 and T4 T1, Beech (T3 on TPO) - Crown lift to approx. 4.5-5m over the garden of no. 64 Park View Drive North; crown reduction on south side only by1-1.5m, leaving a finished crown spread on this side of approx. 4.5- 5.5m. T2, Cedar (T4 on TPO) - Crown lift to approx. 4.5-5m over the garden of no. 64 Park View Drive North; crown reduction on north side only by1-1.25m, leaving a finished crown spread on this side of approx. 4- 4.5m at 64 and 66 Park View Drive North (for information only)

251752 Consultation from Oxfordshire County Council for the following proposal: Planning application for the winning and working of mineral as a southern and eastern extension to Sonning Quarry using existing consented ancillary facilities, office, weighbridge, welfare, wheelwash facilities and internal access roads within Phase C, existing site access points onto Playhatch Road, and the A4155; together with retention and operation of plant site and ancillary facilities, to include the concrete block making operations and ready mixed concrete plant situated south of Playhatch Road along with retention and use of field conveyor including bridges over Playhatch Road and Spring Lane and an unnamed watercourse parallel to Spring Lane; together with retention of existing crossing points over Berry Brook and other watercourses; with progressive restoration using indigenous and

imported materials to agricultural land and nature conservation habitat at Sonning Quarry – updated information – no additional Parish Council comment

26/8940 To note the following planning approvals

252649 Householder application for the proposed erection of a two-storey front extension, part first floor side and rear extension and changes to fenestration at 121, The Hawthorns

261423 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed loft conversion to create habitable accommodation at 46, East Park Farm Drive

26/8941 To note the planning enforcement issues on Beggars Hill Road

The clerk reported that there is an ongoing planning enforcement issue on Beggars Hill Road where a fence and gate have been erected to give road access to a plot of land adjacent to Lands End House. The landowner is claiming they uncovered an old gate access onto the road, but other residents believe that this is untrue. It is up to the landowner to prove that there was an existing access, otherwise they can either remove the gate and fence, or put in a planning application.

26/8942 To consider and approve who should represent the Parish Council at the Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday 12th August

It was agreed that Councillor Simpson would speak on the Parish Council's behalf

26/8943 To approve the points that should be taken to this meeting

The main points are that the Council feels that the likely approval of this plan should have some extra conditions, and that these specific conditions should be explained explicitly at the planning meeting. It was also agreed that reference should be made to the fact that the Neighbourhood Plan has largely been ignored in this application. Councillor Simpson will share his final version of the speech before the meeting.

26/8944 To consider the consultation on CIL payments and to decide whether the Parish Council would like to respond

It was agreed that there was no need to respond to this consultation broadly the Parish Council is in agreement with the approach, and the responses are likely to be highly technical.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm

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