



Chairman: Matthew Walker

Agenda Item 7.1 Planning, Environment and Highway Minutes

Clerk to the Council
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee held on 11th May 2026 in Charvil Village Hall at 8.05pm

Present Lee Cripps (Chair), Mark A'Bear, Pat Sutlieff, Katrin Harding, and Alan Simpson.

Apologies

Absent Narinder Ryatt and Stephen Lucas

26/362 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR
PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED BY
THE CLERK**

None

26/363 **OPEN FORUM**

There were no residents

26/364 **To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th March 2026**

These were approved and signed

26/365 **Highways**

To note the Speed Indicator Device data

This was noted. There was no data from Old Bath Road because the batteries were flat. Councillor A'Bear reported that he will be collecting the equipment for Speed Watch this week and can showcase it at the Community Connect event.

26/366 **Environment**

To consider the recent hedge cutting in The Hawthorns, and to decide whether the Parish Council needs to contact the Borough formally to ensure proper communication happens before this type of work is carried out

The issue regarding the "slurry" resurfacing at The Hawthorns, Thornbers Way and Old Bath Road without any communications to residents, either about the need to cut vegetation back from the paths or the process itself was discussed at some length. There seems to be some confusion about what is happening when, and there are grave concerns that residents will not know it is happening, even though the paths cannot be driven across for three hours after the slurry surface has been laid. Councillor Simpson is waiting to hear back from Volker Highways regarding the final details of what is happening when, but it may fall to the Parish Council to try to convey vital information regarding the timings and implications on residents.

To consider pursuing a date for the resurfacing of the Old Bath Road that was promised last year

After many complaints at the quality of the surface dressing of the Old Bath Road last summer, it had been agreed that it would be done again properly this summer, with holes being filled in first as should have been done last year. Unfortunately, no date has yet been provided, nor has a commitment to ensuring the work is done to the required standard been forthcoming. It was agreed that the clerk would write to Highways to push for a date and the required commitment to the work being carried out to the correct standard this time.

To note the two applications for a takeaway licence on Milestone Avenue and to decide whether the Parish would like to comment on these

These were noted, and there was no Parish Council comment

26/367 **Planning**

a) **The following Planning Application approvals were noted**

260358 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO-0266-1984 T1,
Beech Tree - in the back garden boundary neighbouring 2 Foxes Walk. The Crown is

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- trespassing into 2 Foxes walk. To Reduce trespassing crown only, by approximately 15%, equivalent to removing from lower crown (previously reduced branches) approximately 1m from branch length, removing from upper crown approximately 2.5m branch length. Thin leafing volume area of remaining crown evenly by approximately 15%. Raise crown by removing secondary growth only. T2, multi stemmed Catalpa Indian Bean Tree – in the Front garden RH side of driveway. One Decay in unions at ground level. Reduce crown by approximately 20%, equivalent to removing approximately 2-2.5m from height and side growth. T3, Back Garden Purple Plumb Tree, with large dead stem. Fell leaving a low stump at 1, Foxes Walk
- 260645 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO PROTECTED TREE(S) TPO 122/1977, T17 and T19 T1, Maple (T19 on TPO) – Section fell to just above ground level. T2, Oak (T17 on TPO) – Crown lift to approx. 5.5m by removing 1 no. primary stem and secondary growth only; reduce 1 no. branch growing over the garden by 1.5-2m at 2, Gingells Farm Road
- 260466 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension at 38, Charvil House Road
- b) To note the result of the Referendum**
The resounding yes vote in the Referendum was noted.
- 26/368 Items for the next Full Council Meeting** – The Bellway application.

The meeting ended at 8.58pm