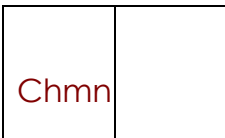


**Minutes of North Moreton Parish Council Meeting  
held North Moreton Village Hall on Tuesday 10 March 2026**

Present: Cllr. V. Gibbs (Chair), Cllr. C.I. Shipton (Vice-Chair), Cllr. D. Tebworth, Mr. A. Wise (Clerk), Cllr. C. Topping and 2 members of the public.

	VG opened the meeting at 7:30 pm	
26/3413 Apologies	Cllr. K Howat (Holiday), Cllr. S.C. Harrison (Sickness)	
26/3414 Elect a new Chair and vice-chair for 2025/26	It was proposed by DT, seconded by CIS, that Veronica Gibbs be elected as Chair until May 2027 It was proposed by DT, seconded by CIS, that Ian Shipton be elected as Vice-Chair until May 2027 <b>The next scheduled parish council elections will be held on Thursday 6 May 2027.</b>	
26/3415 Agree Councillor Responsibilities for 26/27	VG - Chair CIS - Vice Chair & Recreation Ground & Website SH - Finance KH - Transport & Cricket Club DT - Pinboard, Cobbs Clay Club and External Affairs	
26/3416 Report on OCC and SODC activities	<b>SODC Report</b> – Reviewed– attachment 6 <b>OCC Report</b> – Reviewed– attachment 7	
26/3417 Hear representations from members of the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A member of the public asked and reported on the following:</li> <li>She asked the chair if she had managed to report the posters on the lane leading up to Cobbs Clay Club and the Chair responded that she had referred the matter to SODC and it's now up to them to investigate.</li> <li>She asked about the current practice by the cricket club of leaving the new covers up at the top of the Rec ground instead of down at the bottom of the Rec next to the cricket nets. Chair said that she had been in correspondence with the cricket club on this matter and that the nets would not be stored there permanently. It was also noted that they should be moved for grass cutting</li> <li>The chair of the Village Hall committee reported that they had submitted a planning application to cover the refurbishment of the toilet block. Clerk will circulate the planning application to the councillor's once received.</li> <li>After a short discussion about the possibility of where to site a second defib machine in the village, it was decided that the chair would informally approach the owners of North Moreton House about the possibility of using their electricity supply to charge the machine (the running costs of which would be covered by the PC). North Moreton House barn is adjacent to the bus shelter which would be a good position to place the machine . Another possibility would be the church porch.</li> </ul>	VG  CLERK  VG
26/3418 Defibrillator Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to add "Defib Process" to the July agenda for decisions on volunteers for rota and whether to sign up for <b>The Circuit</b>, the national defibrillator network, which sends automated alerts to the device "Guardian" when a defibrillator is used.</li> <li>Clerk reported to the meeting that when a part need replacing then an order can be made, then the clerk will receive an invoice and then finally upon receipt of payment from Clerk the spare part will be despatched to</li> </ul>	CLERK

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	the village hall or guardian. It was proposed that this might become part of the PC responsibility.	
26/3419 Village Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair asked Clerk to review current PC pages on North Moreton village website against other local PC websites to ensure that it is up to date and compliant. Clerk to send any additional documentation that is missing to CIS for uploading if sent as PDFs.</li> </ul>	CLERK / CIS
26/3420 Village Emails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair reported that the new village email service is working well with Ian, Kathy and Veronica sharing duties. Clerk to continue to forward incoming emails that will be of interest for the village to NMoretonmail@gmail.com.</li> </ul>	
26/3421 Councillors Email Addresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ian to set up 5 email address as Chair, Vice-Chair, Cllr1, Cllr 2 and Cllr 3 using Gmail to save the PC £500.00 annually compared to the cost of using the email service from the website provider. Clerk will then set up a PC email distribution group to use for sending out emails to all 5 councillors.</li> </ul>	CIS/AW
26/3422 Councillors Refreshers Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair explained that Kathy and herself had recently given up a Saturday morning to attend a councillor's refresher training course. She will implement the lessons learnt over the coming meetings but will start straight away by asking clerk to undertake a review of the current website and for Ian to set up proper councillor email addresses.</li> </ul>	
26/ Approve the minutes of the meeting of 10.03.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was proposed by VG, seconded by DT, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.</li> </ul>	
26/ Consider matters, not taken elsewhere, arising from the minutes of the meeting of 10.03.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All actions completed</li> </ul>	
26/ Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
26/3405 Financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2025/26 Annual Accounts. It was proposed VG, seconded CIS, and carried that the annual accounts be approved.</li> <li>Chair and clerk to sign off the accounts and clerk to submit to external auditor.</li> <li>Clerk to write to NW co-ordinator about his request for the PC to fund the Neighbourhood Watch activities and say that the PC will make provision for an annual budget of £170 in its budget for 2027/28. A reminder will also be sent that any changes in recording details or procedures should be cleared with the Parish Council.</li> <li>Approval of payments. It was proposed VG, seconded CIS, and carried that the following invoices be paid: Parish Clerk's Salary, Expenses, PAYE, Community Heartbeat, Open Spaces, Insurance Policy Renewal, Zip Wire Maintenance, OALC and OPFA Membership renewals, Tree Pollarding Report, Parish Online, Internal Auditors Fee and donations x 5 - attachments 2 &amp; 3.</li> <li>CIS to change payment system for website hosting and domain name from a credit card to annual or bi-annual Direct Debit payments from the PCs bank account that the clerk can then monitor</li> <li>All donations for 2027/28 to be reviewed in November when clerk presents draft budget.</li> </ul>	CLERK CHAIR  CIS

26/3406 Planning since meeting of 10.03.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AW presented the current planning application situation – attachment 4</li> </ul>	
26/3407 Highways, Transport and Footpaths	<p><i>Footpath Report – Bob Price</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Oxfordshire County Council has decided not to run the Footpath Wardens annual meeting this year.</li> <li>Two footpaths, which are not in the Parish, but are used by locals have been upgraded. 287/18/10 running from the Ladygrove estate to the top of Sires Hill and 283/6/10 from Sires Hill to the Earth Trust have been upgraded and now have a surface of self-binding gravel. I'm not sure whether this has been undertaken as part of the 'Didcot Local Cycling And Walking infrastructure Plan' and whether its status will be changed to shared usage (cycles and pedestrians). I will find out.</li> <li>No progress has been made to improvements to the village footpath 314/6/10. Difficulties with styles etc. have been registered on the County's 'interactive countryside access map'. The status of the Parishes objection to the ownership of Carriageway 4 has some bearing on this problem and I would be grateful if the Parish could comment on progress.” Parish Council have received no updates from the Land Registry</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk to write to Highways Engagement to report that the grass verge needs cutting back on the junction of Long Wittenham Road and the A4130 as it is currently impeding driver's ability to see oncoming traffic from the Wallingford end.</li> <li>Clerk explained that he had reported the water leak from outside Childwall House on the Thames Water website but as of the time of the meeting had not received a response from TW.</li> </ul>	CLERK
26/3408 Recreation and Playground matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CIS reported that the Zip Wire inspection recently took place</li> <li>CIS reported that he has now received Tim O'Connor's tree plan report (£540:00) and has asked for a quote as likely to be in the region of £2.5K for the removal of 6 trees.</li> <li>Clerk reported that he had written to Jonny Yaxley requesting that he cut the grass under the trees on the Rushcroft going forward.</li> </ul>	CIS
26/3409 Risk assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed– attachment 5</li> </ul>	
26/3410 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
26/3411 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
26/3412 Extra items for July's Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Defib process, rota and whether to join the Circuit</li> <li>Review current positioning of the Cricket Clubs Mobile Covers in between matches</li> </ul>	

26/3413 Date of Next Meeting	• Tuesday 7 July 2026 at 7:30pm	
Closure	• VG declared the meeting closed at 9:00pm	

Signed:

Date:

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Financial Statements
3. Expenditure against Budget 2025-2026
4. Planning Applications
5. Risk assessment checklist
6. SODC Report

<b>Title</b>	District Councillors' Report
<b>Councillors</b>	Cllr Anne-Marie Simpson & Cllr Crispin Topping
<b>Parish</b>	North Moreton Parish Council
<b>Date</b>	12 May 2026

[Booking link](#) for planning surgeries for town and parish councils

**South News** a monthly resident newsletter packed with the latest news, events, and consultations happening across South Oxfordshire.

## Livestreaming of Full Council Meetings

We're making it even easier for everyone to follow local decision making. While both councils already livestream a wide range of meetings - from Cabinet and Scrutiny to Planning and Licensing - we will now, for the first time, be able to livestream full Council meetings.

Previously this wasn't possible due to space and technical limitations, as full Council meetings had to be held offsite. Thanks to newly available space at Abbey House, the councils can now host full Council meetings in a location equipped for livestreaming. 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 first livestreamed full council meetings will take place on:

- [Vale of White Horse – 13 May](#)
- [South Oxfordshire – 14 May](#)

The meetings will be recorded using Microsoft Teams and appear on the councils' [Committee Meetings YouTube channel](#).

This upgrade strengthens openness, accountability and public engagement - ensuring more people can stay connected to the democratic process. Please help us promote the new live

streaming by sharing our social media posts and spreading the word.

## **BinDays Web App**

We are pleased to confirm the launch of BinDays, our new web app for residents to find out when their bins will be emptied for their next two scheduled waste and recycling collections.

BinDays has been provided by our IT team to replace Binzone which we are no longer able to support, due to updated internet security standards. BinDays will provide a more reliable and easier to manage system going forward.

If people are using a smartphone, once they enter their postcode and select the 'install instructions' button, they will be able to add the app to their mobile for easy access next time.

Residents can access the service at [southoxon.gov.uk/BinDays](https://southoxon.gov.uk/BinDays)

Please help us spread the word and share our social media posts later this week, and please do let us know if you have any feedback on BinDays. Please note, the BinDays web app does not collect any user data.

## **Joint Local Plan latest**

**24 April 2026** – The Inspectors have written to South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils regarding the examination process moving forward. This letter is now available in the Examination Library ([ID16](#)).

**8 April 2026** – The following documents have been added to the Examination Library.

- Note on Maintaining Effective Cooperation ([LPA42](#))
- Habitats Regulations Assessment for the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Joint Local Plan: Atmospheric Pollution Appropriate Assessment Addendum ([LPA43](#))
- South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Addendum ([LPA44](#))
- South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Update ([LPA45](#))
- South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Water Cycle Study Detailed Report ([LPA46](#))
- Statement of Common Ground between South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils and Natural England (Revised February 2026) ([LPA47](#))
- Councils' Response to Key Issues ([LPA48](#))
- AS1 AS13 Statement of Common Ground for Berinsfield ([LPA49](#))
- AS2 Statement of Common Ground for Land adjacent to Culham Campus ([LPA50](#))
- AS3 Statement of Common Ground for Land South of Grenoble Road ([LPA51](#))
- AS4 Statement of Common Ground for Land at Northfield ([LPA52](#))
- AS5 Statement of Common Ground for Land at Bayswater Brook ([LPA53](#))
- AS6 Statement of Common Ground for Rich's Sidings and Broadway ([LPA54](#))
- AS7 Statement of Common Ground for Land at Didcot Gateway ([LPA55](#))
- AS8 Statement of Common Ground for North West of Grove ([LPA56](#))
- AS9 Statement of Common Ground for North West of Valley Park (Milton Fields) ([LPA57](#))
- AS10 Statement of Common Ground for AS14 Dalton Barracks ([LPA58](#))
- AS11 Statement of Common Ground for Culham Campus ([LPA59](#))

- AS15 Statement of Common Ground for Harcourt Hill Campus – Westminster College Oxford Trust ([LPA60A](#))
- AS15 Statement of Common Ground for Harcourt Hill Campus – Oxford Brookes University ([LPA60B](#))
- AS16 Statement of Common Ground for Vauxhall Barracks ([LPA61](#))

## **Artweeks Takeover at Cornerstones**

Cornerstone Arts Centre will host its first Artweeks Takeover this May, bringing a programme of exhibitions, installations and events to Didcot.

From Friday 1 May to Saturday 30 May, art will appear not only in the centre's gallery but across the building, including its public spaces.

This year's theme, "Stories of Arrival and Belonging", brings together artists from across the county. Working in painting, sculpture, film, photography, ceramics, textiles and mixed media. They explore ideas of home, identity and connection through a range of personal and shared perspectives.

The main gallery exhibition will feature artists Amanda Benstead, Catherine Rye, Sue Chamberlin and Lin Dewsnap, offering a quieter, more reflective contrast to the activity elsewhere. For one week, the auditorium will be taken over by SCRAPS, a queer art collective presenting its debut exhibition, reimagining fragments and overlooked materials into something unexpected and expressive.

Cornerstone Arts Centre has worked with Oxfordshire Artweeks for more than 15 years, supporting artists and offering free exhibitions throughout the year. This is the first time it has hosted multiple exhibitions on this scale.

### **Key dates include:**

- **29 April, 7pm** - Launch event and exhibition opening
- **2 May, 2-5pm** - Cyanotype demonstration in the study (free)
- **2 May, 4-7pm** - SCRAPS private view
- **30 May** - Artweeks exhibition closes

The exhibitions are free to view during Cornerstone's opening hours. For more information and opening times, [visit the Cornerstone website](#).

## **New Biodiversity Report reveals South Oxfordshire's natural wealth**

South Oxfordshire District Council has published a new biodiversity report. For the first time the council has created a report which brings together information about the district's natural environment with details of how the council is helping nature recovery.

### **Some highlights from the report**

Sites in the district identified as being significant, locally, nationally and internationally:

- Four special areas of conservation – Aston Rowant, Chilterns Beechwoods, Hartslock Wood, Little Wittenham
- 38 SSSIs (sites of special scientific interest) covering 1,550 hectares



- A national nature reserve at Aston Rowant renowned for its flower-rich chalk grassland, beech woodland and juniper scrub
- Four local nature reserves - Cuttle Brook, Ewelme Watercress Beds, Mowbray Fields (pictured above), Watlington Chalk Pits.

The report includes details of how the council is working to prioritise biodiversity on its own land for example, the council is actively managing more than 40 per cent of its land for the benefit of nature. The report also details all the council's plans and policies that are designed to promote nature recovery and to protect our most important habitats and species from damage in the planning system.

The council plays an active role in helping to protect and restore its rich natural heritage by supporting several key partnerships, including the Local Nature Partnership, the National Landscapes, Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC) and the Local Wildlife Sites Project.

The Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) oversees the council's biodiversity grant scheme. This scheme gives £50,000 per year using funds from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) paid by developer contributions. To date, £85,624 has been awarded in grants to 13 projects across South Oxfordshire.

South Oxfordshire's biodiversity duty report is a requirement of the Environment Act (2021) which requires all local authorities to consider their "biodiversity duty" - in other words - the measures they have taken and plan to take to protect nature over a five-year period.

The new [2026 South Oxfordshire biodiversity duty report can be downloaded here](#)

## **Additional information on council's nature recovery work**

More information on the council's nature recovery work including meadow areas, countryside sites, tree planting, partnership work, nature reports, rivers and planning is available on the [nature recovery page](#) on our website.

The council's planning team, including several ecologists, considers how nature development interact and the council has pioneered 'Biodiversity Net Gain' - where the development of land will lead to losses of biodiversity, developers can pay to create habitat of equal or greater value to wildlife. Between 2013 and 2021 the council has raised more than £850,000 towards off-site biodiversity gains in addition to increased biodiversity achieved on development sites.

Biodiversity and planning at South Oxfordshire District Council is on [this page](#)

The council included nature recovery as one of its key priorities in its council plan and achieves much through partnership work with lots of wonderful local organisations and communities who share this goal. And to that end we are delighted to announce that we are launching our **new Climate Action Fund** later this year for projects which support climate action and nature recovery. This will add to our existing funding to help biodiversity in the district.

## **2026 Waste & Street Cleaning Survey**

Residents across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are being encouraged to share



their views on how rubbish, recycling and street cleaning services are run in their area, via an annual survey.

Whether you think things are working well or could be improved, your feedback will play a vital role in shaping the future of waste and street cleaning services across both districts.

Last year, more than 2,100 people took part in the 2025 survey, with more than 81 percent of respondents indicating they were satisfied or very satisfied with the waste collection service. As a result of the feedback, staff received extra training to help ensure bins are returned correctly after emptying, further checks were put in place around litter bin emptying and measures put in place ensure street cleaning standards across the area. There has also been increased communication on which items go in which bin, especially around food waste.

A new survey has now launched for 2026 giving residents another opportunity to have their say on everything from household waste and recycling collections to street cleaning and local waste reduction initiatives.

## Take part in the 2026 Waste and Street Cleaning Survey now

at: [southandvale.gov.uk/WasteSurvey](https://southandvale.gov.uk/WasteSurvey)

The survey is open until 4 June 2026.

If you have any questions or need the survey in an alternative format (including large print, Braille, audio, Easy Read or other languages), please email [waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422146.

This survey focuses on services provided by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils. It does not cover any questions relating to Household Waste Recycling Centres as these services managed separately by Oxfordshire County Council.

## Social media links for South Oxfordshire District Council

### South

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Threads](#)
- [Bluesky](#)
- [Nextdoor](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)

### Joint with Vale

- [LinkedIn](#)

## 7. OCC Report

Title	County Councillor's Report
Author	Cllr Johnny Hope-Smith
Parishes	North Moreton

Date	May 2026
Contact Details	<a href="mailto:johnny.hope-smith@oxfordshire.gov.uk">johnny.hope-smith@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a>

Dear Parish Councillors and Residents,

Here are some updates and news I have gathered for you. Please provide any feedback; or if its too much or not enough and of course any more information on a specific topic I can help with. I have put in **BOLD** the items which I think may be specifically appropriate for the Parish Councils to consider advertising or acting upon.

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## 1,500 New Public EV Charge Points Planned Across Oxfordshire

### Key Details

- Oxfordshire County Council will deliver around 1,500 new public electric vehicle (EV) charge points as part of the Local EV Infrastructure (LEVI) programme.
- The programme is backed by over £4 million of Department for Transport funding.
- It is aimed at supporting the estimated 30% of households without off-street parking.
- Two operators, Connected Kerb and EZ-Charge, have been appointed to install, operate and maintain the chargers.
- Charger locations are being informed by data mapping, consultation, local demand and electrical capacity.
- Residents who park on-street outside their home can alternatively apply for a subsidised EV charging cable channel at a cost of £300.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/climate-action/electric-vehicles/ev-cable-channel>

### What Parishes Can Do

- Encourage residents to log demand using the EV charger and car club demand tracker to influence where chargers are installed.
- Share information locally with residents who do not have driveways and are considering switching to an EV.
- Feed in local knowledge on suitable locations or constraints (e.g. village centres, parking pressures).
- Promote the cable-channel option as a practical alternative where public chargers are not suitable.

## Household Waste Recycling Centres – Cleaning & Repairs Programme

### Key Details

- Oxfordshire County Council will carry out a programme of cleaning and essential repairs at household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) across the county.

- Works include deep cleaning, safety improvements and repairs to keep sites operating safely and efficiently.
- Some centres may have short, temporary closures while work is completed.
- The programme is planned to minimise disruption, with advance notice provided where closures are required.
- **Oakley Wood, near Wallingford: Thursday 7 and Friday 8 May**

## What Parishes Can Do

- Share information locally so residents are aware of possible short-term closures.
- Encourage residents to check the HWRC website before travelling, especially during the works period.
- Promote alternative nearby sites where appropriate.
- Reassure residents that the works are intended to improve safety and reliability of recycling centres in the long term.

## INFO - SEND Services – Government Recognises Improvement in Oxfordshire

### Key Details

The government has formally recognised ongoing improvements in services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Oxfordshire.

- This follows monitoring by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission, which found effective action has been taken since the 2023 inspection.
- Improvements include stronger leadership and governance, better partnership working, and increased involvement of children, young people and families.
- Progress has been noted in areas such as EHCP timeliness, communication, and quality assurance of SEND provision.
- Inspectors acknowledged that while progress is clear, further work is still required to ensure consistency across all services.

### What Parishes Can Do

- Share reassurance locally that SEND services are improving, while acknowledging that challenges remain.
- Encourage families to continue engaging with SEND forums, consultations and feedback opportunities.
- Signpost residents to county-level SEND support and information where appropriate.
- Feedback any local SEND concerns to me so they can be raised with officers.

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/Improvement-notice-lifted-on-Oxfordshires-SEND-services/64231>

## INFO - Clifton Hampden Bypass – New Milestone Reached

### Key Details

- Oxfordshire County Council has reached a new milestone in the long-running work to deliver a bypass for Clifton Hampden.

- The update marks further progress in the agreed process, following many years of work to address traffic impacts through the village.
- The milestone reflects completion of a defined next step, allowing the project to move forward to the following stage.
- The bypass remains intended to reduce through-traffic, improve safety, and enhance quality of life for local residents.

<https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/new-milestone-in-plans-to-build-clifton-hampden-bypass/>

## **REMINDER: Councillor Priority Fund – Supporting Local Projects – OVER HALF NOW ALLOCATED**

The Councillor Priority Fund has reopened, offering each Oxfordshire County Councillor £10,000 to support community projects within their division. This funding is designed to help deliver local priorities and strengthen community initiatives.

Parish councils, community groups, and local organisations are encouraged to apply for funding to support projects that benefit residents. Examples might include:

- Improvements to community facilities
- Local environmental initiatives
- Activities that promote wellbeing or inclusion
- Smaller-scale projects are especially encouraged, as the fund is modest and intended to support a wide range of communities across Oxfordshire

Key details:

- Applications must be submitted by 30 November **2026**
- Grants are typically paid within 28 days of approval
- Applicants must register for an account to apply and track progress
- Monitoring and reporting are required for successful projects

To ensure your project meets the funding criteria, please read the guidance document before applying.

### **What Parishes Can Do**

- **Identify local projects that could benefit from modest funding**
- **Collaborate with community groups to develop proposals**
- **Submit applications early to allow time for review and payment**

Keep records and be prepared to report on outcomes

For more information or to apply, visit the Councillor Priority Fund page.

<https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/councillorpriorityfund>