

**Minutes of Wendlebury Parish Council Meeting
Wendlebury Village Hall on Thursday, 24th September 2026 at 7 pm.**

Councillors Present: Doug Blake (Chairman), Adrian Redford, David Ford and John Miller.
In Attendance: Brian Inglis (Clerk and RFO), Cllr Laura Gordon (OCC) and 1 applicant for co-option.
Residents: None.

1. To receive Councillor Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs James Welch and James Daulton.

2. To Record Members' Declarations of Interest Regarding the Agenda Items.

Nothing was declared.

3. To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 23rd July 2026.

Councillors approved the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Public Participation

No public were present at the meeting.

5. Vacancy on the Parish Council

The Clerk noted an application from Sarah-Jane Curtis, who was present and is eligible. The applicant was proposed and seconded, and on signing a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Cllr Curtis was duly elected to the Parish Council. Cllr Curtis completed a Register of Interests form. Clerk to submit the ROI form to CDC.

6. To receive a report from the District/County Councillors

Cherwell District Council – Cllr Faltermeyer had submitted a written report covering various matters.

Oxfordshire County Council – Cllr Gordon gave a report on several matters, including the Quiet Lanes project. At Councillors' request, Cllr Gordon agreed to register Wendlebury PC as being interested in the pilot scheme. Cllr Gordon reported on Oxford city traffic filter trials, a proposed review of 20 MPH schemes and the Islip bridge.

7. Update on Progress from the previous Minutes

There was no update.

8. Finance

8.1 Invoices and Payments for September – Councillors approved the September payment schedule.

8.2 Budget Monitoring – Councillors approved the report, showing projections until the end of September.

8.3 Reconciliation of Bank Accounts – Councillors approved the report, showing detail until the end of August.

8.4 Banking Arrangements – Cllr Blake gave an update on the progress of the HSBC Savings Account, noting that he is currently going through an authentication process to reactivate this dormant account, with a telephone safeguarding review scheduled for 25th September.

9. Parish Matters

9.1 Tritax Planning Application – Cllr Blake gave an update on discussions with Tritax and CDC on the progress of the application and the implications for the Tritax Community Fund if the application is permitted.

9.2 Cherwell Local Plan Examination – New inspectors have been appointed. Dates for Phase 2 hearings are yet to be announced.

9.3 Local Government Reorganisation - This has been delayed. Cllr Gordon agreed to reinforce the Parish Council view within the OCC consultation response that Wendlebury does not belong in the proposed Greater Oxford unitary boundary.

9.4 MOD Site A Bicester, Proposed Asylum Centre – Cllr Gordon noted that OCC have objected to this plan, supporting the “Wrong Plan, Wrong Site” campaign.

10. Allotments

10.1 The Clerk reported that renewal notices have been sent to all allotment tenants, with annual rental fees due to be paid on or by 1st October. Plans are still in hand to carry out fencing work on the allotments.

11. Flood Mitigation Measures (OCC Grant Funded)

The shed has been ordered, and final arrangements for delivery and positioning have been agreed. Once the shed is in place, the ancillary items can be ordered. Cllrs Blake and Miller to progress.

12. Traffic and Highways

Cllr Blake continues to report extreme highways issues on Fix My Street, including the poor condition of Bicester Road and other local roads. Cllr Blake to forward photos and precise locations of the most severe issues to Cllr Gordon, who agreed to escalate directly within the OCC Highways team.

13. Community Speed Watch –

Cllr Ford reported that Speed Watch sessions are taking place regularly and outlined some of the statistics from these sessions. Cllr Ford also circulated a report from TVP which shows details covering the past 12 months.

14. Planning Applications – to consider all recent applications received from Cherwell District Council, detailed below, and any other planning applications submitted between the circulation of this Agenda and the meeting:

14.1 New Planning Applications: to agree Council's response to the following applications.

26/01539/F Siemens Healthcare Ltd. OS Parcel 5700 South West of Grange Farm, Little Chesterton.
PC Response: No objection, comments submitted.

14.2 Planning Applications Pending: to note

25/01210/F Elm Tree Farm, Main Street, Wendlebury, OX25 2QA
26/00996/F Land North of Stutchfield Close, Wendlebury
25/00284/F Os Parcel 3371, adjoining Wendlebury Parish Boundary, Chesterton. (TRITAX)

14.3 Planning Application Decisions: to note

26/01773/F 24 Rectory Close Wendlebury Oxfordshire OX25 2PG (Permitted)
26/01890/F 2 North End, Main Street, Wendlebury OX25 2PF (Permitted)

15. Date of next meeting – Thursday, 26th November 2026 at 7.00 pm - Wendlebury Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8:58 pm

Signed Date

The Parish Council meets every other month, usually on the 4th Thursday.
Meetings are held in Wendlebury Village Hall, starting at 7 pm. Residents are welcome to attend.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2026 are as follows –
24th September - 26th November