

TACKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 July 2026 at Tackley Village Hall

Councillors Present: Councillors Liz Marshall (LM) (Chair), Andrew Lines (AL) (Vice-Chair), Angus Paxton (AP), Richard Holland-Oakes (RHO), Sue Lygo (SL), John Gibbins (JG), Karen Snow (KS),

In Attendance: Andy Graham CCllr (OCC)
Genny Early DCllr (WODC)
Tim Sumner DCllr (WODC)
Cherie Carruthers (Clerk to the Council)

Members of the Public: 2

26/024 Public Participation:

- i. **Julie Farren** updated on Village Hall progress:
 - A fund-raising Sub Committee has been formed and has started to fill in grant applications.
 - The draft application for the S106 money was submitted to WODC, they have come back with some minor amendments and WODC have agreed to supply a letter of approval in principle for larger grants.
 - First phase of national lottery grant, preliminary outline has been reviewed.
 - Oxfordshire Playing Field Association (OPFA) will come and give funding advice, but the PC needs to subscribe to the organization. They give advice on how to get grants for maintenance and upkeep of the field.
 - The World Cup has been good for business, increasing takings at the Pop-up Pub.
 - Julie Farren is in the middle of writing personal letters, asking for donations from people in the village.
 - Young Entrepreneur's Scheme is going well; one entry is up to £600, which is positive.

26/025 Apologies of Absence: None

26/026 Declaration of Interest: LM in item 12.ii – a family member is a recipient of a payment.

26/027 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **8 June 2026** meeting were **approved** as a true and fair record.
Proposer AL, Seconder RHO.

26/028 Clerks Report / Actions Register.

- **Sandbag Store:** Agreed that volunteers would help erect the shed, CC to order and get delivered to corner of car park.
- **Parking under Oak Tree:** the residents have been written to and responded, CC has submitted a works request to SSE for the tree branches to be cut back near the electricity wires. CC to source costs for rocks to be put along the edge of the grass.
- **Crecy Hill:** The PC advised OCC that it does not have the facility to undertake the maintenance, OCC said they would take the area back with immediate effect, we asked for reassurance they will maintain as a local wildlife site and ensure biodiversity, they have confirmed they are unable to guarantee this, the council advised we would like to negotiate lease further, we have been invited to put in a bid for the area.

26/029 To consider District Council matters:

GE updated on the following:

WEST OXFORDSHIRE PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 2043

The current Local Plan is more than 5 years old.

Work on a replacement Local Plan has been ongoing for some time, with four separate public consultations undertaken in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Key themes from consultation feedback include:

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- Infrastructure and phasing of developments
- A40 congestion
- Importance of ‘good growth’ - right amount in right place
- Protecting intrinsic quality and characteristics of the district and identity of existing towns and villages
- Brownfield first

The focus of the next round of consultation is to ensure soundness and that the policies are legally compliant. The Plan must be shown to be:

- Positively prepared
- Justified
- Effective

The draft version of the plan that is currently being worked on is available at

<https://meetings.westoxon.gov.uk/documents/g2762/Public%20reports%20pack%2008th-Jul-2026%2017.30%20Overview%20and%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=10>

Housing target numbers (numbers taken from Draft Local Plan 2025-43)

- We currently have 48,000 homes in West Oxfordshire, and the local plan has a target of 18,318 additional homes - growth of 38%.
- However, the population in 2024 was 121,000, projections suggesting an increase to over 14,000 by 2045. An increase of 15.7%.
- The standard method for calculating the housing needs per year has changed, effectively doubling the number of dwellings that West Oxfordshire is tasked with delivering, by central government.

Questions I have raised:

Policy SP3

RA5 Land at Rousham Road Tackley

Development must be proportionate and appropriate in scale, form, and character to its location, considering the potential cumulative impact of development in the locality.

- Please explain how the cumulative development in Tackley has been calculated (provide evidence), yet has been deemed acceptable, allowing the promotion of RA5 land allocation?
- Local consultation provided significant evidence of existing flooding issues – please provide the strategic flood risk assessment evidence, and how the flood risk (which will likely increase due to climate change) will be mitigated. This allocation is contrary to CP1 point 1 para e.
- Sewerage infrastructure:
 - Is there existing capacity at Tackley sewage works?
 - Are network upgrades required?
 - Has Thames Water agreed delivery timing?
 - Does the local sewerage network require reinforcement?
 - What evidence demonstrates that Tackley can accommodate additional development without requiring significant wastewater infrastructure upgrades?
- Sustainable transport (generally and in relation to RA5)
 - The draft local plan CP8 para 5 says ‘In rural areas, development will not be required to meet the same modal expectations where genuine sustainable transport choices cannot reasonably be achieved but must demonstrate that opportunities have been maximised.’ But this isn’t specific and isn’t going to enforce developers to make efforts to improve active travel. There should be S106 payments to fund bus services to improve bus frequency to every half hour during commuter times, i.e. 7-9 am and 1630-1830. Train services may meet some specific transport needs but not all.

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She advised the Council to focus responses to the next round of consultation on planning policy, is the proposal legally sound and compliant. compliant
Public consultation starts Mid-August to end of September 2026.

TS: Ongoing things

- GWR / NR reminder that Callum Miller got a reply from Minister of State for Rail, Malcolm Riddout emails to Callum Miller.
- Friends of the Earth report; will resend to new address, gives a good overview of new area.
- Arts Grants – very keen to help arts in any way through funding KS – does it apply to mosaic, yes, he believes it does.
- Bunkers Hill, Gibraltar Point; Tim pushing it through WODC to see what can be done.

KL asked GE the scoring for the development scoping was very arbitrary, how do we petition to have the classification downsized, the status of the settlement hierarchy is misinformed. GE advised pulling together the evidence for what Tackley does and does not have to offer, protecting yourself from development means offering yourself up for development, ensure you include current infrastructure or lack of it. AL noted that Tackley is being penalised for saying yes to development earlier.

The grounds for challenge is around cumulative development; Tackley accepted development earlier, the school is full, flooding issues, etc. AG advised that the PC should respond as part of the consultation.

AL highlighted his annoyances regarding the consultation process, WODC issued areas of the plan asking for feedback, the PC and people gave feedback, not noted within this different document, then sending another consultation for feedback, being told that responses must reply on planning grounds. Then goes to council with final modifications end September early October, goes to inspector in December 2026, and then adopted February 2027 next year.

26/030 To consider County Council matters: AG updated:

- **OCC website** – 50 to 40 speed reduction consultation, Gibraltar Point included in this consultation, push this through the website. LM is there going to be any changes to the white lining on the roads, AG not at present.
- **Moving from County Hall office in December**; Speedwell House will be the new relocation
- **LGR determination announcement by 16th July 2026.**
- Assets and transfer of assets is not frozen at WODC – PCs are encouraged to start conversations.
- Potholes improving

26/031 Planning:

Erection of a two-storey side extension together with a loft conversion and associated roof alterations to include the addition of rear dormer

80 Rousham Road Tackley Kidlington Oxfordshire OX5 3AN

Ref. No: 26/01401/HHD

Comment: changing from a 3-bed house to a 5-bed house, where is the provision for parking.

26/032 An update on Area U following a meeting with Wild Oxfordshire: This meeting was attended by LM, AL and KS. KS advised that the PC need a hydro engineers report to say that the area will still flood. LM advised that we have a Catchment Area Study from OCC. There is recovery potential and the area could be to widen the green corrido. A nature recovery plan, needs permission from the landowner, which is OCC. The cost for a hydro engineer is well beyond the budget of the PC.

KS asked that if the catchment study proves flooding mitigation is required, and this is on record and is not being done, do we file legal action to say there is this technical evidence, and no one is listening to it.

CC is to ask WODC as part of the local plan process to see the strategic flood risk assessment report on Area U, she is to also reach out to local solicitors and ask for pro bona legal advice.

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26/033 Network Rail/Tackley Estate new bridleway & discussion on potentially extinguishing existing footpath rights: AP updated that:

- He has tried contacting Tackley Estate, through their land agent, tried resending and not heard back. Could we offer a sweetener to get away from hardcore and suggest getting rid of the diagonal footpath through the lower field by Whitehill and go around the edge as the current permitted path of local riders currently use. We will do as much as we can to extinguish the PROW, this is rather tricky, but easiest way is that we do not enforce them.
- Ede Holdings, own the land where the official right of way goes along the end of Lime Kiln Road, not Tackley Estate. The current hedgerow as subset scrub is beneficial to keep, is an established part of the rural landscape, valuable habitat and also shields housing from walkers and riders.
- Ruth Plucknett has written to the Department of Transport also on behalf of Karen Ward, as residents have not had chance to comment on the removal of the hedge to add a 4m wide bridleway.
- Nethercote road mobility issue: SL writing to NR about what happens to their cars when large loads will be delivered.
- Minibus facility in the morning has been lodged with the Transport Focus Ombudsman and taken it to senior level

26/034 Parish amenities:

- i. **Footpath Fortnight:** SL – this week and next week – report to Sept meeting
- ii. **Fly Tipping:** SL – Roman Place waste dumping, happy to pop something out on mail out. Asked that CC write to Hatwells re leaving rubbish next to field bin and not taking it away with them – **Agreed.**
- iii. **Foxhill Junction:** KS – propose a dedicated right hand turn lane from Banbury Road into Foxhill road. Email AG and request this is passed onto Highways
- iv. **New Inclusive Roundabout:** a quotation had been received for £11,500; this is for the removal and replacement. This is far more than expected costings. Await to hear back from the 2 other companies.

26/035 To consider matters of Finance and Policies:

- i. **Quarter 1 Finance Report for 2026-27 was received and Approved Proposer: AL Second: SL – all in favour**
It noted the following payments made Between 1 April 2026 and 30 June 2026.

Tackley Parish Council 2026/27												
PAYMENTS												
Date Paid	BACS	Details	Payment	VAT element	Staff	Loan interest	Purchases	General Expend	Grants Donations	Heath	Subs	Maint.
09-Apr-26												
15-Apr-26												
15-Apr-26		Clerks Salary March	£ 916.07		£ 916.07							
15-Apr-26		B Marshall - Bin Emptying	£ 60.00									£ 60.00
15-Apr-26		Green Scythe - Maintenance	£ 937.69	£ 156.28								£ 781.41
15-Apr-26		Playground Facilities - Inspection	£ 84.00	£ 14.00								£ 70.00
30-Apr-26		Parish online - Website	£ 300.00	£ 50.00				£ 250.00				
13-May-26		OCV - Crecy Hill	£ 320.00									£ 320.00
13-May-26		Service Charge	£ 7.00					£ 7.00				
13-May-26		Clerks Salary April	£ 916.07		£ 916.07							
13-May-26		Green Scythe - Maintenance	£ 937.69	£ 156.28								£ 781.41
14-May-26		B Marshall - Bin Emptying	£ 60.00									£ 60.00
28-May-26		Tackley VH - Room Hire	£ 80.00					£ 80.00				
11-Jun-26		Service Charge	£ 7.00					£ 7.00				
11-Jun-26		Clerks Salary May	£ 916.07		£ 916.07							
11-Jun-26		Playground Facilities - Inspection	£ 84.00	£ 14.00								£ 70.00
11-Jun-26		B Marshall - Bin Emptying	£ 60.00									£ 60.00
11-Jun-26		Green Scythe - Maintenance	£ 937.69	£ 156.28								£ 781.41
11-Jun-26		Kirsty Buttle Int Auditor	£ 200.00					£ 200.00				
11-Jun-26		OCC - Allotment rent	£ 50.00									£ 50.00
11-Jun-26		Clear Councils - Insurance	£ 643.45					£ 643.45				
30-Jun-26		Service Charge	£ 7.00					£ 7.00				
			£ 7,523.73	£ 546.84	£ 2,748.21	£ -	£ -	£ 1,194.45	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,034.23
		Balance C/F	£ 32,244.77							£		4,775.52

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Receipts and Payments report showing Budget V Actual spend as at 30 June 2026

EXPENDITURE	Budget	ACTUAL	Forecast	Budget
Administration				
Salaries, PAYE, Pension	11,500	2,748		
Room Hire - Meetings	400	80		
Insurance	650	643		
Training	200	-		
Subscriptions	300	-		
Elections	50	-		
Internal & External Audit	500	200		
Legal/Planning Professional costs	1,000	-		
Expenses / Reports	150	-		
IT & Website	400	250		
RBL Donation	100	-		
Grants	1,000	-		
Bank Charges	100	21		
Misc / Contingency	500	-		
VAT		547		
Total Administration Costs	16,850	4,490	-	-
Open Spaces				
Allotment Rent & Maintenance	200	50		
Playground Maintenance & Inspections	2,000	140		
Open Spaces & Grass Cutting & Benches	10,000	2,524		
Trees & Hedges	2,000			
Crecy Hill Rent & Maintenance	500	320		
Heath Maintenance	2,000			
Sandbag Store	-			
Dog Bin Emptying	500			
Total Open Spaces	17,200	3,034	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	34,050	7,524	-	-
INCOME	26/27 Budget	26/27 ACTUAL	26/27 Forecast	27/28 Agreed Budget
Precept	32,637	16,319		
OCC grass cutting grant	500	-		
Allotments	100	-		
Events Income (Hatwells / Horse Fair)	100	-		
Bank Int	-	-		
Other Income - S106 Int		-		
VAT Refund	-	12,877		
TOTAL INCOME	33,337	29,196	-	-
	26/27 Budget	26/27 ACTUAL	26/27 Forecast	27/28 Agreed Budget
INCOME minus EXPENDITURE	- 713	21,672	-	-
Plus / Minus EMR Transfers				
ADJUSTED BOTTOM LINE	- 713	21,672	-	

Bank Reconciliation as at 30 June 2026

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ii. Ratification of Payments – all are paid via bank transfer P: Rho: S: AL

Gross (£)	VAT (£)	Payee	Details
£916.07		Clerks Pay	Feb Salary
£60.00		B Marshall	Feb bin emptying
978.95	163.16	Green Scythe Ltd	June green space maintenance
82.52	13.75	Green Scythe Ltd	Difference on Apr & May Inv's
60.00		Tackley Village Hall	Meeting Room Hire

26/036 Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Response to Local Plan consultation,
- Footpath fortnight report to note
- Neighbourhood Plan for Reg 14.
- RHO Innova Ltd quotation for Toilet Block; they are prepared to do some drawings and full quote for September's meeting

Next Meeting Date: 14 September 2026

Closed: 21:15

Signed as a true record of the Tackley Parish Council Meeting held on 13 July 2026.

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