

BODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL 2026
AT 7.15PM AT CHURCH HOUSE, CHURCH STREET, BODICOTE

PRESENT: Cllrs. J. Washburn (Chairperson), A. Conley, K. Corrigan, C. Elmitt, P. Jackson, R. Pattenden and J. Sacha

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public

26/46. To receive apologies

Cllr Slade (unwell), Cllr Hingley (personal) and District Cllr Blakeway (personal)

26/47. Public session (*Members of the public are invited to address the council. The session will last for a maximum of ten minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes*)

No matters were raised.

26/48. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda (*Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business*)

No interests were declared.

26/49. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th March 2026

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting.

26/50. Update on progress from the previous minutes (for information only)

Clearance of items on the Weeping Cross Memorial - The date on the sign will be amended to give people more time to clear the items.

26/51. County Council and District Council matters

- *To receive reports from County and District Councillors*

Cllr Pattenden spoke about sewage which is overflowing from Bloxham Brook in to Sorbrook. In the last 12 months this has happened 71 times. Cllr Pattenden is speaking to the Environment Agency about it. The normal frequency is 25-20 occasions and there were 61 occasions in the previous year.

- *CDC, Invitation to Planning Support for Town and Parish Councils on 21st April 2026.* Cllr Slade and Cllr Corrigan to attend.
- *OCC, Cherwell Street (Banbury) Improvements – Update.* The update is on the website.

26/52. To receive an update on work on the Neighbourhood Plan

Work is continuing on the Local Green Spaces. The Parish Clerk has written to the landowners of Cotefield Farm, Kingsfield, Banbury Cricket Club, Seedling Road and Cotefield Drive to ask if their green spaces can be included in the plan.

26/53. To receive an update on the transfer of land south of Blackwood Place and Molyneux Drive and north west of Cotefield Farm

There is no update.

Action: The Parish Clerk to forward the last email to Cllr Pattenden.

26/54a. Planning matters; New applications

- 26/00616/DISC, Discharge of condition 4 (lighting) of 22/01581/REM at Wykham Park Farm Cottages, Wykham Lane. It was agreed to support.
Action: The Parish Clerk to respond.

26/54b. Planning matters; Determined

- 26/00143/F, Single storey rear extension at 21 Broad Gap. Granted by CDC.

26/54c. Other planning/tree matters

- CDC, Tree Preservation order No 27/2025, One oak tree located on land at Deerfield Farm, Canal Lane. Noted and the paperwork will be filed.

26/55. Financial report

a) To note up to date bank balances

Total	£94,547.12 (excluding Bodfest a/c)
Business Premium Account	£20,825.26
Community Account	£200.00
Business Premium Account	£73,521.86
Business Premium Account (Bodfest)	£8,180.92

- b) To discuss ideas for S106 money from the sale of Bodicote House. Councillors to think of ideas for future spend. One idea is a replacement shelter in the cemetery.

26/56. Passing of invoices for payment

The Chair proposed that the following accounts be approved for payment, seconded by Cllr Jackson and carried unanimously. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that these payments be made:

- £739.07 to Thomas Fox Landscaping (1st grass cut)
- £126.42 to Microshade Business Consultants (emails April)
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- £101.25 to Mrs P Evett (litter picking March)
- £103.50 to Vision ICT (website April)
- £3000.00 to Troy Planning (NP work)
- £250.00 to South Central Ambulance Charity (donation from training)
- £70.00 to Community First (membership)
- £984.98 to Cherwell District Council (dog bin emptying)

26/57. Village matters

- To receive an update on the consultation for new bus shelters on White Post Road and Weeping Cross. The two closest neighbours to the bus stop on White Post Road were contacted and are happy for a bus shelter to be installed. There are no properties near to the stop on Weeping Cross. The shelters can have a green top which is an extra £700.00. Oxfordshire County Council are to provide prices and designs and ask Highways if 'Bus Stop' can be painted on the road.
- To discuss grass cutting and blocked dains. A villager has complained about grass cutting and grass blocking the drains. They are two separate issues. The drains should be cleared by Highways. The grass contractor would sweep the grass if a footpath was slippery.
Action: The Parish Clerk to respond.
- To consider the purchase of bedding plants for the flower bed on Wykham Lane. It was agreed the Chair could order the plants and spend £72.00.

26/58. To receive the following correspondence

- *Villager, Parking issues near to Goose Lane and the High Street.* Parking remains a serious concern in this part of the village. The Parish Council are trying to arrange a meeting with Highways to consider what action can be taken on the nearby roads.

26/59. Matters for consideration at the next meeting

- Preparing a village plan to include a forecast for the next two to five years
- The placement of a plaque on the flower bed on Wykham Lane and oak tree on Kingsfield

26/60. To note next meeting date and time

20th May 2026 at 7.15pm.

There being no other business the meeting finished at 7.50pm

Signed

Dated 20th May 2026

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