

**TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2026 AT 7PM
IN TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL (ANNEX), MAIN STREET, TADMARTON**

Councillors Present

Tim Turner (Chairperson), Paul Doust, Jane Fitzpatrick and Barbara Hall

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

26/27. Apologies

County and District Councillor Chris Brant

26/28. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

Cllr Fitzpatrick declared an interest in the quote for maintenance work to the bus shelter.

26/29. Public participation session

No members of the public were present.

26/30. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd March 2026

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

26/31. To receive an update on progress from previous minutes (for report only)

Bus coalition with neighbouring villages – 10 responses were received. A note will be put in the Link to say this idea will not be progressed.

26/32. Village Matters

- *To note the checking of the three village defibrillators.* All defibrillators have been checked.
- *To receive an update on Bridleway 12.* The matter has been referred to the Planning Inspectorate to determine the matter. They have a large backlog of work and it will be looked at next year.
- *To consider two salt bins for Highlands.* There were two salt bins on Highlands but one is damaged. A new one could be placed on the bend near the entrance. It was agreed to purchase a salt bin for Tadmarton Heath Road. New bins cost £300.00 & VAT each and this covers supply, installation and first fill.
Action: The Chair to check if only one bin is needed for Highlands. The Parish Clerk to order two new bins.
- *To discuss the process for Speedwatch activity.* Two new people have come forward to carry out Speedwatch activity. They will have to be trained.
Action: The Parish Clerk to forward their details to another Speedwatch co-ordinator to arrange training.

26/33. Finance Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £228.00 to OALC (membership)
- £230.40 to M Yeomans (website plan)
- £300.00 to Mr C Seel (rent for allotment land)
- £377.52 to CDC (dog bin emptying)
- £25.00 to CDC (annual charge for land behind Brookfield Rise)

26/34. To receive an update on planning

Other matters

- Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No. 29/2025 – One Walnut Tree located on land at Beechfields, Main Street, Upper Tadmarton, Banbury, Oxon, OX15 5SJ - JE/JH11401.

26/35. The following correspondence was circulated

- *OCC, Flood Project Management, Expressions of Interest.* The deadline for responses is 4th May. The flooding problem in Lower Tadmarton has not been resolved. There was mention of a CCTV survey with landowner permission but the Parish Council are unsure if this has been done.
Action: The Parish Clerk to email Highways to ask for an update.
- *CDC, Invite to Planning Support for Town and Parish Councils.* The event will take place on 21st April in Bicester.

26/36. To receive Councillors Reports

Work on the allotments is going well considering the poor weather and another teams meeting with a few members and the Parish Clerk will be arranged soon. Take up has been good and we are waiting to see if one plot holder will commence work.

Works to the footpaths was discussed. It was hoped to get the bottom part of the long footpath and the path to the memorial cleared but the work will have to wait as it is bird nesting season.

Action: Cllr Doust to seek action to repair/replace the kissing gate.

Cllr Fitzpatrick did not take part in this discussion.

One quote has been received to clean the bus shelter but it may not cover all the work that is required. Tender documents were discussed and they would protect the Parish Council and contractor.

Action: Cllr Hall to meet the contractor to discuss what is required.

The maintenance work carried out on behalf of the Parish Council to clear the ivy around the notice-board and defibrillator (which are village assets) in Lower Tadmarton has been carried out. It has since come to light that there is further maintenance work needed above the garages but these are privately owned. It was agreed a letter should be sent to each garage owner to advise of the work that might be needed to prevent further damage to their properties.

Action: The Parish Clerk to write to each garage owner.

Highways have agreed to place roadside markers in front of the defibrillator in Lower Tadmarton to protect it. Work is still needed to sort out the electrics and put a light in.

The allotment behind Brookfield Rise was discussed. The Parish Clerk has not heard back from the CDC Legal Department. It was agreed to write a letter to the plot holder.

Action: The Parish Clerk to draft a letter.

A query has been received about the increase in precept. The precept was increased to pay for maintenance/cleaning of the village assets and to keep the three defibrillators working all the time. Pads and batteries have to be replaced periodically.

Village assets have been cleaned and the Parish Council are pleased with the result.

Cllr Doust has spoken to Nigel Prickett re the cutting of the high bank in Lower Tadmarton. It has been cut once by someone else.

It was noted that the Ramblers Association clear paths for free on private land.

26/37. To note next meeting date and time
Thursday 21st May 2026 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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