

**TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>Nd</sup> MARCH 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)

**26/14. Apologies**

None.

**26/15. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**

Cllr Fitzpatrick declared a financial interest in item 26/22a.

**26/16. Public participation session**

No matters were raised.

**26/17. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

**26/18. To receive an update on progress from previous minutes (for report only)**

*Bus coalition with neighbouring villages* – A flyer was included in the last newsletter. The Parish Council will wait to see the level of responses before deciding how to proceed.

*Car park behind Brookfield Rise* – Work is ongoing.

**26/19. Village Matters**

- *To note the checking of the three village defibrillators.* All defibrillators have been checked.
- *To receive an update on Bridleway 12.* There is no update.
- *To discuss the dark skies policy.* The proposed dark skies policy was forwarded to the Link Editor who had some concerns with the content. It was agreed not to take this further for the moment.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to forward a Dark Skies Policy from another parish to Cllr Fitzpatrick.*

**26/20. Governance Matters**

- *To receive an update on the forthcoming Parish Council elections*

The current term of office for all Councillors ends on 11<sup>th</sup> May. The Parish Clerk will receive the nomination papers to give out. The official election notice will be published on 30<sup>th</sup> March and the forms have to be completed and returned in person to the Cherwell District Council offices between 31<sup>st</sup> March and 4pm on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to post an election notice on the notice-board on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The Chair agreed to post the nomination notice on the board on 10<sup>th</sup> April.*

- *To receive an update on Local Government Re-organisation (LGR)*

The consultation has begun and there are three options to choose from. The deadline to respond is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 11.59pm. It will be an end to two tiers of local government and one unitary tier will be created to provide all of its services to residents. A decision will be made this summer and we expect to be notified of the Ministerial decision confirming which proposal will go ahead. There will be shadow authority elections in May 2027 and vesting day is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2028 when the new authorities will take over and replace the existing six councils.

## 26/21. Maintenance matters

- *To discuss the quote for future maintenance jobs (detail circulated).*

The footpath behind Austins Farm which is well used was discussed as the gate is in poor condition and has collapsed.

*Action: Cllr Fitzpatrick to speak to the landowner and Cllr Doust to get a quote to repair the gate.*

## 26/22. Finance Report

*The following payments were approved under statutory powers:*

- £228.00 to Nigel Prickett (repair of damaged village gate)
- £175.80 to Marsh Commercial (allotment insurance)
- £246.00 to the Parish Clerk (new battery for the defibrillator by the village hall)
- £118.00 to the Parish Clerk (two brown bin subscriptions for the allotment area)
- £862.45 To Parish Clerk (hours) and £215.60 to HMRC (tax)
- £57.36 To Parish Clerk (mileage)

Cllr Fitzpatrick left the room and did not take part in this discussion.

### a. *To discuss the quotes to clean and maintain the village assets.*

Two quotes were received and discussed. The quotes are to clean the village gates, noticeboards, bus shelters and the exterior of the village defibrillators twice a year. It was agreed to accept the quote from Josh Lovesey.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to contact both people who quoted.*

Cllr Fitzpatrick re-entered the room.

### b. *To discuss the costs to light the defibrillator in Lower Tadmarton.*

There has been some internal damage when the housing unit was knocked recently. More electrical work is needed to correct it. It was agreed to approve £150.00 for the work to be done.

*Action: Cllr Doust to liaise with the electrician.*

### c. *To discuss the new noticeboard for Highlands.*

The cost for a large 2 bay noticeboard with each side holding eight A4 pieces of paper will cost £880.70 & VAT. It was agreed to ask the management company of Highlands if they will pay half towards it.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to contact Foster Kemp who manage the estate at Highlands.*

## 26/23. To receive an update on planning

### Older

- 25/003308/TCA, G3 - Hornbeam group - Group crown raise and cut back to clear tennis court overhang by 2.5 metres at Tadmarton Grange, Main Street. No further comments or objections by CDC.
- 25/003307/TCA, G1 - Holly and strawberry tree - Fell T1 - Ginko - Fell T2 - Beech - Crown raise to 5.5 metres, reduce lower lateral branches by up to 2.5 metres to clear building. T3 - Holm oak - Crown raise to 5.5 metres over roadside. Reduce low lateral branches roadside by 2 metres to clear roadside. T4 - Ash - Crown raise to 4 metres reduce overhang tennis court side by 3 metres. T5 - Ash - Crown raise to 4 metres reduce overhang tennis court side by 3 metres. T1a - Apple - Re-Pollard back to previous pollard points by removing up to 4 metres. Crown raise to 4.5 (gutter height) Remove x3 low branches at Tadmarton Grange, Main Street. No further comments or objections by CDC.

## 26/11. The following correspondence was circulated

- CDC, Spring Clean 2026. A Spring Clean has been arranged to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026.
- Cllr C Brant, New Whatsapp Group. A new group has been set up by Cllr Brant which Councillors can join to share useful information.

**26/12. To receive Councillors Reports**

Cllr Doust reported on behalf of the Allotment group. A meeting was held recently. There is one half plot available and there is a new tenant who has taken on a full plot. Payment details will be sent to all tenants at the end of March.

**26/13. To note next meeting date and time**

Parish Council meeting at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 8.15pm in the main hall

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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