

**TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 8th DECEMBER 2025 AT 7PM
IN TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL, MAIN STREET**

Councillors Present

Tim Turner (Chairperson), Paul Doust and Barbara Hall

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

25/87. Apologies

Cllr Fitzpatrick (personal) and Cllr Higley (personal)

25/88. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

No interests were declared.

25/89. Public participation session

No matters were raised.

25/90. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd November 2025

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

25/91. To receive an update on progress from previous minutes (for report only)

- *Repair of damaged village gate in Lower Tadmarton.* The gate will be repaired in the next week or so.

25/92. Village Matters

- *To note the checking of the three village defibrillators.* All have been checked.
- *To receive an update on Bridleway 12.* There is no update.
- *To receive an update on the roadside hedge at the allotment area.* The hedge was cut harshly after it was reported to the landowner. There are sycamore trees and treelets which will require further attention in the future.
Action: The Parish Clerk to thank Mr Seel for dealing with the matter so quickly.
- *To discuss the upkeep of the bus shelter on Swalcliffe Road.* The bus shelter is the responsibility of the Parish Council and in a poor state of repair.
Action: Cllr's Hall and Doust to get quotes for repair work.

25/93. Governance

- *To discuss and review Assertion 10 requirements.* This demonstrates digital and data compliance as part of the annual governance return. An IT Policy has been adopted, and the Parish Clerk and Councillors have council-owned domain names for official emails. The website is accessible. The Parish Council are fully compliant.

25/94. Finance Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:
£301.20 to N Prickett (grass cutting)

To consider a donation request from Citizens Advice West Northants and Cherwell
It was agreed not to support the donation request.

25/95. To receive an update on planning

- 25/03054/LB, Removal of modern float glass from double doors approved under 17/01398/LB and replace with Heritage Drawn 4.5 glass at Tadmarton Grange, Main Street. It was agreed to support.
- 25/03080/LB, Variation of Condition 2 (plans) of 25/01739/LB - Condition No 2 contains a typographical error and reference is made to Window W9 instead of Window W10 at Tadmarton Grange, Main Street. It was agreed to support.

Older

- 25/0196/F New detached one bedroom dwelling with associated parking/periola, gardens/cycle and bin storage. Includes new attached garage to Lantern Cottage, Main Street. Granted by CDC.

25/96. The following correspondence was circulated

- CDC, Budget Consultation 2026-27. The deadline to respond is 19th December.
- CDC, Update on Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) Two unitary proposal. CDC voted in favour of supporting a proposal to create two new councils covering Oxfordshire and Berkshire. All five councils, Cherwell, Oxfordshire, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Berkshire have backed the proposal. The proposal was submitted to government at the end of November.
- CDC, Update on Thames Valley Devolution plans. This work sits alongside the LGR proposals. Devolution is about securing extra powers and funding from central government so that decisions on things like transport, infrastructure, skills and housing can be made locally. Devolution and LGR are separate but connected. LGR is how local councils are organized and how local services are delivered. Devolution is about bringing more powers and funding down from Whitehall to the region as a whole. An expression of interest in devolution was taken through council meetings across the Thames Valley during November and December.

25/97. To receive Councillors Reports

More maintenance work will take place soon including the clearing of the footpath behind Old Glebe and the path by Home Farm.

A new noticeboard at Highlands to replace the old one was discussed.

Action: The Parish Clerk to take this forward and consult with the residents at Highlands.

25/98. To note meeting dates for 2026

19th January 2nd March, 20th April (Annual Parish Meeting), 21st May, 6th July, 21st September and 9th November.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm.