

**TADMARTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026 AT 7PM  
IN TADMARTON VILLAGE HALL, MAIN STREET**

**Councillors Present**

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

Christine Coles (Parish Clerk)

**26/01. Apologies**

Cllr Higley (personal)

**26/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**

No interests were declared.

**26/03. Public participation session**

No matters were raised.

**26/04. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

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

**26/05. To receive an update on progress from previous minutes (for report only)**

- *Repair of damaged village gate.* The damaged gate in Lower Tadmarton has been repaired.

**26/06. Village Matters**

- *To note the checking of the three village defibrillators.* All defibrillators have been checked. The one outside the village hall has been decommissioned temporarily as it requires a replacement battery. A new one has been ordered.
- *To receive an update on Bridleway 12.* There was no update.
- *To nominate Helen Yeomans to continue as a trustee on Tadmarton Charities.* Helen Yeomans was nominated to continue as a trustee for a further four years.
- *To discuss a village bus coalition with Swalcliffe.* Both the Chair and Cllr Fitzpatrick met representatives from Swalcliffe Parish Council to discuss the idea. A draft leaflet has been written which will be circulated and a loose leaflet will be included in the next Link.  
*Action: Cllr Fitzpatrick to circulate the draft leaflet.*
- *To discuss a dark skies policy.* A document has been drafted by Cllr Fitzpatrick. Light pollution is being considered and how to mitigate it. Excess lighting has a huge impact on the environment.  
*Action: Cllr Fitzpatrick to circulate the policy.*
- *To discuss a light for the defibrillator in Lower Tadmarton.* The current cabinet cannot be seen at night and requires a light. The housing case has been hit a few times by delivery drivers.  
*Action: Cllr Doust to get prices for a light.*
- *To discuss how or if we can support the pub to stay open.* A note will be circulated to the village to gauge interest about registering the pub as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) and an article will be put in the Link.  
*Action: Cllr Fitzpatrick to speak to the owners once more.*
- *To review community assets.* Assets include The Pound and village orchard in Lower Tadmarton.  
*Action: The Parish Clerk to look for paperwork relating to their ownership.*

- *To discuss including planning application information in the Link newsletter.* The Parish Council are a consultee and get 21 days to respond. The newsletter is bi-monthly and it will not be practical to include details of each application in the newsletter. The link to the planning portal will be put in the newsletter instead.  
*Action: Cllr Fitzpatrick to forward the planning portal link to the newsletter editors.*

#### **26/07. Maintenance and grass cutting matters**

- *To discuss maintenance of the bus stops in relation to proposed enhancement work.* OCC have notified the Parish Council that they will be enhancing the bus stops. The bus stop shelter on Swalcliffe Road needs to be revarnished.  
*Action: Cllr Doust to get a quote for the bus stop shelters to be cleaned.*
- *To discuss the car park behind Brookfield Rise and how to maximise car park spaces.* This is a big area that could be improved to accommodate more cars. The land is owned by Cherwell District Council and leased to the Parish Council on an annual basis. It includes an allotment area which is leased to a villager.  
*Action: The Parish Clerk to look for the lease paperwork for the car park and allotment area.*
- *To discuss the rewilding of verges.* 4<sup>th</sup> Corner Landscaping did not quote for the rewilding of verges. The work should be done in February/March time.  
*Action: Cllr Doust to get another quote.*
- *To review the current grass cutting contract and look at areas that are not included.* The sloped verge outside Bank House Farm in Lower Tadmarton was previously cut under a separate contract. The verge is not cut now. It was agreed to ask Nigel Prickett to include it in his contract.  
*Action: The Parish Clerk to contact Nigel Prickett.*

#### **26/08. Finance Report**

*The following payments were approved under statutory powers:*

- £300.00 to Tadmarton Village Hall (village Christmas tree). An artificial tree will be on display next year and sponsored.
- £650.00 to Trinity Oak (maintenance of agreed areas). Trinity Oak have carried out work as per their quotation. The Parish Council to consider other areas that require maintenance.

*To discuss a maintenance fund to look after street furniture*

It was agreed to set aside £1000.00 to wash the two sets of village gate twice a year and to clean the noticeboards and bus shelters.

#### **26/09. To set the precept for 2026/27**

A draft income and expenditure sheet had been circulated. Draft expenditure for the coming year is £13.4K. The Parish Council will continue to keep the village tidy and try to resolve parking issues. It was agreed to increase the precept by 5% and set it at £11,935.00.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to notify CDC and look at high interest accounts.*

#### **26/10. To receive an update on planning**

New

- *25/03307/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. There is no report from an arboriculturist. T3 does not belong to Tadmarton Grange and T4 and T5 do not overhang the tennis courts.*  
*Action: The Parish Clerk to respond to CDC noting these points.*

#### Older

- 25/02500/F, Replacement thatched roof with slate and insulate roof to current building regulations at Bank House Farm, Hollow Road. Refused by CDC.
- 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. Granted by CDC.
- 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. Granted by CDC.

#### **26/11. The following correspondence was circulated**

- OCC, New booking system at Household Waste Recycling Sites. A new booking system is being introduced from 14<sup>th</sup> January. Residents can book 30 minutes before their time (subject to availability) or up to two weeks in advance and will need to show ID when they arrive. The detail is on the website.
- Bloxham PC, Modified Neighbourhood Plan. Noted.

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

An allotment meeting is being arranged to discuss vacant plots and the new planting season.

A parishioner had emailed about speeds of vans in The Old Glebe. This is a side road but falls under Highways.

Action: The Chair to respond.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.32pm.