South Hinksey Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of South Hinksey Parish Council held at 19.00pm on Thursday the 27th August 2026 in the South Hinksey Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Goodhead, Morrison R, P Jones and Maitland, Cllr Denby
In Attendance: Prof Dudley Goodhead, E Smith, Mr and Mrs Chater

26/074. Apologies for absence: Cllr Peacock

26/075. Declarations of Interest:
Declarations of Interest were received from Councillors relating to weight limit, and flood alleviation. Cllr Maitland also declared an interest in P26/V1162/1A.

26/076. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Approval:

Minutes for 13rd July were approved

26/077. Public Participation - questions, comments, or representations:

C Chater presented the case for the 20mph speed limit.

26/078. Reports from County and District Councillors

Presented their report and took questions

26/079. Review of Actions from the Minutes: Report on progress of outstanding items which do not require further decision.

26/080. Clerk's Report Paper 1

Nothing to report

COUNCIL MATTERS (Total 60 minutes)

26/081. Planning applications

i) Planning applications related to P26/V1162/1A was discussed. Cllr Maitland declared an interest in P26/V1162/1A and left the meeting for this part.

	Address	Description	Consultation End
P26/V1162/1A	Heverlee Hinksey Hill Oxford OX1 5BE	Two single storey rear extensions (including removal of existing rear conservatory). Depth 8.00m Height 4.00m Height to eaves 2.97m	22 August 2026 Submitted

26/082. Finance:

a) Payments were approved

26/083. Permission for Chilswell Valley Volunteers to clear the section of land above the cottages –

Approved the Clerk to sign the licence agreement to allow volunteer work on the Chilswell Path Land, and the risk assessment is noted. Public Access to be considered as part of the longer-term plan. Tighten the language on indemnification.

26.084. Woodland work

Approved the planned work by ODS on the woodland

26/085. Hill Speed limit

Approved that the Council would support this measure. The Parish will write a letter to apply for a 20 mph to the County Council.

26/086. To agree an approach on our response to the plans for the new local government re-organisation

It was felt that the Government would not listen to any change to the boundaries, but there was some discussion on the likely warding as a result of the change, and we might have an opinion on warding being planned.

26/087. To invite Oxford Greenways to the next available Parish Council to discuss options for cycle routes

Approved – invite to the appropriate next meeting.

26/088. Meeting Structure

It was agreed to move to a two monthly tempo for council meetings going forward

26/089. Reports from Working Groups

a) Cycle/Footpath
b) Woodland
c) Hinksey Hill Weight Limit – planned for October

Date of the next meeting 5th October 2026

26/070. Permission for Chilswell Valley Volunteers to clear the section of land above the cottages (on left of lane as you walk up)

The Council was positive to this approach but wanted to have a site visit to fully understand what was being proposed. Cllr Maitland to arrange.

26.071. Renewal of Annual Auditor

Approved to renew contract

26/072. Reports from Working Groups

d) Cycle/Footpath
e) Flood Alleviation Scheme – check that we have responded as a council
f) Woodland – approved to consult with the parish
g) A34 Noise – nothing to report
h) Hinksey Hill Weight Limit – awaiting next steps

Date of the next meeting – to be agreed for September

It is Resolved that in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted.

The Chair of the staffing committee gave an update on current status of staffing for the Council, and the Council agreed a way forward.