

MINUTES of the meeting of Oaksey Parish Council held

Thursday 16th April 2026. (Draft)

Present

Cllr Becky Robinson, Cllr Roger Squance, Cllr Emily Cameron, Cllr Will Stebbing, Cllr Liz Dodds. Also present: Janey Berry (Clerk) Wiltshire Councillor Chuck Berry.

Public Question Time

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Chuck Berry

Councillor Berry reported that there is a new policy that will be more permissive of 20 MPH speed limits within villages. He also reported that LFIG funding has been cut.

Meeting started at 7.03

01/04/26 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council – Jonny Cooper and Martin Davies

02/04/26 Parish Council Vacancies - None

03/04/26 Declaration(s) of Interest. None

04/04/26 Minutes

Minutes from the meeting, held on 12th March 2026, were circulated previously, and agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by Becky Robinson

05/04/26 Planning

To consider or note planning matters received after the last Parish Council meeting.

Applications forwarded for observation. None

Please see agenda for details of undetermined applications.

Other issues arising from planning discussions. None

06/04/26 Report from Chairman. Nothing to report.

07/04/26 Finance and Administration

Received and accepted internal auditors report

Discussed Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2025/2026

Discussed and approve Annual Government Statement (section 1) which was signed/dated by Chair and Clerk. Proposed by Becky Robinson, seconded by Liz Dodds and unanimously agreed.

Certificate of Exemption received and signed/dated by Chair and Clerk. Proposed by Becky Robinson,

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seconded by Liz Dodds and unanimously agreed
 Discuss and agree Accounting Statement – (section 2) which was signed/dated by Chair and Clerk.
 Proposed by Becky Robinson, seconded by Liz Dodds and unanimously agreed.
 Received and accepted Annual Internal Audit report (page 4)
 Received Financial statement – previously circulated to all Councillors. Proposed by Becky Robinson,
 seconded by Liz Dodds and unanimously agreed. Signed by Chairman.
 Received fixed assets -proposed by Becky Robinson, seconded by Liz Dodds and unanimously agreed.
 Signed/dated by Chair
 Received bank reconciliation- proposed by Becky Robinon, seconded by Liz Dodds and unanimously
 agreed. Signed/dated by Chair
 Received variances and signed/dated by Chair
 Agreed dates for confirmation of the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights date to be
 Wednesday 3rd June 2025 to Tuesday 14th July 2026. Proposed by Becky Robinson, seconded by Liz
 Dodds and unanimously agreed.
 It was proposed by Becky Robinson and seconded by Roger Squance that the May Parish Meeting would
 start at 6.30 and Annual Meeting of the Parish would start at 7.00pm. Becky Robinson proposed a
 budget of £100 for refreshment costs. This was seconded by Will Stebbing and unanimously agreed.
 Received and accepted letter of engagement from auditor

Schedule of payments below agreed. (Proposed by Becky Robinson, seconded by Will Stebbing and unanimously
 agreed.)

Bank Balance Opening 28/2/26 Unity Trust £41,123.17

Receipts

Payments (schedule below to be agreed)

06/3/26 Pet Waste Solutions	£134.40 Bin emptying
27/3/26 Sarah Squance	£ 52.00 Well Garden Inv 4
27/3/26 Roger Squance	£ 52.00 Well Garden Inv 4
27/3/26 Pet Waste	£134.40 Bin emptying
27/3/26 HMRC	£136.91
27/3/26 Janey Berry	£488.41
30/3/26 Roger Squance	£ 52.00 Well Garden Inv 7
30/3/26 Roger Squance	£ 52.00 Well Garden Inv 6
30/3/26 Roger Squance	£ 52.00 Well Garden Inv5
30/3/26 Sarah Squance	£ 52.00 Well Garden Inv 7
30/3/26 Sarah Squance	£ 52.00 Well Garden Inv 6
30/3/26 Sarah Squance	£ 52.00 Well Garden Inv 5
30/3/26 Countrywide	£547.63 Grass cutting
31/3/26 Smith of Derby	£216.00 clock maintenance
31/3/26 Unity Bank	£ 6.00 Service charge

Closing Balance 31/3/26 Unity Trust £39,042.42

Upcoming payments approved. (Proposed by Becky Robinson, seconded by Will Stebbing and unanimously agreed.)

£577.61 - Clerk's salary for April
 £104 - Well Garden for April
 £264.50 WALK subscription
 £75.00 auditor (in vouchers)

8/04/26 Officer reports/ Parish matters

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- a) **Bins, Roads, traffic & footpaths to include working with the Parish Steward and traffic calming.**
Becky Robinson has had a request from volunteers for primer and paint for the post box and telephone box. Roger Squance proposed a budget of £125.00 which was seconded by Becky Robinson and unanimously agreed. The Clerk will order.
- b) **Playing Fields** – Nothing to report.
- c) **Playground**—It was proposed by Roger Squance that Bark Mulch would be ordered for the playground at a cost of £385. This was seconded by Becky Robinson and unanimously agreed. Councillors will help Roger Squance with work required.
- d) **Defibrillator**- Liz Dodds has checked the defibrillator on 10th April and put the details on the circuit.
- e) **Grant applications received** - None
- f) **Events for coming year**-Fete 4th July 2026
- g) **Communication to Clerk** – police report received.
- h) **Village Hall**- Nothing to report
- i) **Pub** – Becky Robinson has had communication from villages about the pub being for sale. She will contact Stonegate.
- j) **Golf Course**- Have kindly offered event space for fundraising activities.

09/04/26 Matters for the next meeting

10/04/26 Date of next meeting- Next meetings will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 14th May 2026. The parish meeting will start at 6.30 pm and the annual meeting of the parish will start at 7.00pm

The meeting finished at 8.13

Signed.....

Chair Oaksey Parish Council

OAKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Oaksey, Wiltshire