OAKSEY PARISH COUNCIL
Oaksey, Wiltshire

MINUTES of the meeting of Oaksey Parish Council held

Thursday 18th November 2026 (Draft)

Present

Cllr Becky Robinson, Cllr Liz Dodds, Cllr Jonny Cooper, Cllr Martin Davies, Cllr Emily Cameron.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Chuck Berry

No report

Public Question – no one present

Meeting started at 7.00pm

01/11/26. Apologies for absence - Apologies were accepted by the Council for Janey Berry, Chuck Berry, Will Stebbing and Roger Squance being absent.

02/11/26. Parish Council Vacancies - None

03/11/26. Declaration(s) of Interest - None

04/11/26. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting, held on 8th October 2026, were circulated previously and agreed as a true record of the meeting. This was proposed by Martin Davies, seconded by Becky Robinson and unanimously agreed.

05/11/26. Planning

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

a) Applications forwarded for observation

Application No: PL/2026/06098 Application Type: Full planning permission Proposal: Replacement visitor centre and w.c's for Wiltshire Wildlife Site Address: Visitor Centre, Lower Moor Farm, Oaksey, Malmesbury, SN16 9TW Officer's Name: Brook Bishop – comment by 19th November 2026
The Parish Council supports the application

PL/2026/06863-- Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area Proposal: 2 x Ash trees with die-back - fell Site Location: CHURCH FARM, WHEATSHEAF LANE, OAKSEY, MALMESBURY, SN16 9TB Applicant Name**:** Holly Stebbing
The Parish Council supports the application

Application No: PL/2026/07202 Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Proposal: T1 Twisted Willow - Weight reduction of crown up to 20%. T2 Silver birch - Crown reduction 30%. T3 Cherry - Crown reduction up to 10% and shaping. Site Address: GABLE HOUSE, THE STREET, OAKSEY, SN16 9TQ Officer's Name: Caroline Gamble
The Parish Council supports the application

b) Determined applications

Please see agenda for details of undetermined applications.

Other issues arising from planning discussions. None

06/11/26 Report from Chairman-

- **Condolences**: Our heartfelt condolences go to the Woodhouse family following the sad passing of Michael Woodhouse, husband of Vanessa. Michael was a much-loved member of our community, always willing to lend a hand wherever possible, particularly helping behind the bar at our village fete. He will be greatly missed
- **Community Litter Pick:** A big thank you to our hardy litter pickers who braved the rain on Sunday 15th November to help keep our village looking its best. Your efforts and community spirit are very much appreciated
- **Festive Wishes:** I would like to wish everyone a wonderful festive period and a very happy, healthy New Year

07/11/26 Finance and Administration

- The updated Insurance quote of £1,602.70 was received by Council and it was proposed by Becky Robinson to accept it. This was seconded by Martin Davies and unanimously agreed
- Precept: A 3% increase to the Parish precept was proposed to help cover inflation-related cost increases and ongoing maintenance of village facilities. Proposed by Martin Davies, seconded by Jonny Cooper and unanimously agreed
- ROSPA report was received

Payments (schedule below agreed. Proposed by Liz Dodds, seconded by Emily Cameron and unanimously agreed)

Bank Balance Opening 30/09/26 Unity Trust £44,889.62

09/10/26 ARD playgrounds	£	3,301.80 Playground repairs
20/10/26 Playsafety Ltd	£	138.00 ROSPA inspection
20/10/26 Allbuild	£	36.00 Bins emptied
26/10/26 Playdale Playgrounds	£	1,762.58 Toddler swing replacement
26/10/26 HMRC	£	119.96
28/10/26 Janey Berry	£	503.77
31/10/26 Unity Bank	£	7.00 service charge

Receipts

Closing Balance 31/10/26 Unity Trust £39,020.51

Upcoming payments approved. (Proposed by Becky Robinson, seconded by Martin Davies and unanimously agreed)
£596.77 - Clerk's salary for November
£104 - Well Garden for November
£1,602.70 Hiscox Insurance
£158.00 SLCC membership

08/11/26 Officer reports/ Parish matters

a) Bins, Roads, traffic & footpaths to include working with the Parish Steward and traffic calming.
- **Speed Indicator Device (SID):** Becky Robinson to seek Wiltshire Council approval for a SID location within the 20 mph zone at the western entrance to the village
- Permissive Path: Becky Robinson to contact landowner to establish whether they would be willing to reinstate the permissive route opposite the village hall, between Orchard Flats and Orchard Lea
- **Traffic Data:** Data has been submitted to Wiltshire Council. Becky Robinson to clarify how the data

will be used and confirm next steps

b) Playing Fields -

c) Playground -

d) Defibrillator - Liz Dodds checked the defibrillator on 4th November 2026 and put details on the circuit

e) Grant applications received - None

f) Communication to the Clerk- Job Jar: Several villagers have expressed interest in supporting the existing Job Jar initiative and volunteering their time. Further opportunities will be introduced in the new year to enable more residents to get involved and help with occasional jobs around the village

g) Events for coming year –

h) Village Hall - Nothing to report

i) Pub - Nothing to report

j) Golf Course - Nothing to report

09/11/26 Matters for the next meeting

- Wiltshire Connect bus service

10/11/26 Date of next meeting and future meeting dates - Next meeting will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 14th January 2027. The parish meeting will start at 7.00pm

Further meeting dates for 2027:

- Thursday 11th March 2027
- Thursday 15th April 2027

The meeting finished at 7.54pm.

Signed..... Chair Oaksey Parish Council