

Minutes of THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BURCOT & CLIFTON HAMPDEN PARISH COUNCIL held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025, at 7:00 PM at Clifton Hampden C of E Primary School, High Street, Clifton Hampden, OX14 3EE.

Present were Cllrs S Casey-Rerhaye (Chair), R. Bennet and S. James-Lawrie.

In attendance: L. Dalby (Acting Clerk) and three members of the public.

All councillors signed the declaration of acceptance of office in the presence of the clerk.

1. **To elect the Chair of the Council and to receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**  
It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Casey-Rerhaye as Chair. Cllr Casey-Rerhaye signed the declaration of acceptance of office as Chair in the presence of the clerk.
2. **To receive any declarations of pecuniary interest and/or requests for dispensations from Members regarding any item on this agenda.**  
There were none.
3. **Public Participation. Members of the public may raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda. This session is limited to 15 minutes (3 minutes per person).**  
There was none.
4. **To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Burcot & Clifton Hampden PC on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**  
It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting with one amendment.  
The reference to the signing of the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> April was removed as the minutes had not been available.
5. **To receive the Locum Parish Clerk's Report.**

My name is Gill Peacock, and I was engaged as the Locum Clerk for BACH on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025, following the resignation of the two previous Clerk's.

Since taking over the administration of the Parish, I have been working closely with OALC and SODC. SODC have appointed three District Cllrs, under a Temporary Order to continue the work of the PC and to deal with any emergencies which may arise until the Election of a new PC on 3<sup>rd</sup> July – an Election Notice will be posted as soon as I have received one from the Elections Office at SODC.

I will continue as Locum Clerk until a new Clerk is employed on a part time basis, so that there will be some kind of continuity for the Parish. I will be producing an advertisement for the new Clerk in the next few weeks and anticipate that this will include the

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recruitment process, so if there is anyone out there who would like to become the new Clerk, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

I will also be submitting the Internal and External Audits for the PC, in accordance with the deadlines prescribed by current legislation and the Auditors. In addition, I will also be liaising with the new website providers, Parish Online, so that the new BACH website is compliant with accessibility and legislative requirements, which includes producing all of the policies that should be available on the website.

**I have received a communication from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) regarding a consultation – A4074 & Adjacent roads (Oxford to Caversham) proposed 40mph & 50mph speed limits.**

*OCC are asking for your views on the proposal to introduce new 40mph & 50mph speed limits on the A4074 between the Heyford Hill roundabout at Oxford to the north and Caversham at the south, mostly replacing existing National Speed Limits in the process. Additionally, speed limits on roads adjacent to & along the A4074 corridor will also be reduced, including 40mph speed limits on parts of the Eastern & Southern bypass at Oxford, Church Lane at Ipsden, the B471 Oxford Road at Woodcote, and the new 50mph speed limits on the A4130 Wallingford bypass, Exlade Street & Main Street at Checkendon, and Reading Road at Woodcote. **Noted***

I have also received planning applications:

- (P25/S1506/S37) – 18 Balfour Cottages, Burcot for a Variation of conditions 2 (Approved plans) & 3 (Materials) on planning application P24/S2132/HH - to modify the roof form to pitched to prevent build-up of dead leaves from overhead trees. (Retrospective application for a boundary wall to highway frontage. Proposed erection of an open car port with EV charging point).

**Responses to be received by 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

It was **resolved** to defer this item to the next meeting.

- Details pursuant to Condition No. 28 (Archaeological Investigation) of planning permission no. R3.0138/21 at A linear site comprising a corridor between the A34 Milton Interchange and the B4015 north of Clifton Hampden including part of the A4130 east of the A34 Milton Interchange, land between Didcot and the former Didcot A Power Station and the Great Western Mainline, land to the north of Didcot where it crosses a private railway sidings and the River Thames to the west of Appleford-on Thames before joining the A415 west of Culham Station, land to the south of Culham Science Centre through to a connection with the B4015 north of Clifton Hampden
- The above has been submitted to this Council for determination. Members of the public are able to make comments on the application via the council's planning applications website as set out in the county council's publicity for the application. **Responses to be received by 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025.** The council had no objection.

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• **NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL PUBLIC INQUIRY DATE**

Location : Land to the north of the Culham Science Centre Thame Lane near Clifton Hampden OX14 3GY Proposed development : The development of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), comprising a 500 megawatt (MW) battery storage facility with associated infrastructure, access and landscaping, with a connection into the Culham Jet National Grid substation.(A hard copy of the Environmental Statement can be viewed at South Oxfordshire District Council, Abbey House Abbey Close Abingdon OX14 3JE). Appellants name : Culham Storage Limited Appeal reference number : APP/Q3115/W/24/3358132 Appeal start date: 6th March 2025. This inquiry will be heard at a public inquiry on **10/11/12/13 & 17/18 June 2025**.

The inquiry will be held at The Great Hall, Fair Mile, Cholsey, OX10 9GW at 10.00 am. Please be advised that only water will be provided for refreshment at the inquiry.

It was **resolved** to support the comments of Culham Parish Council.

6. **To approve the new Burcot & Clifton Hampden PC Cllrs undertake Council training and for the new Chair to undertake Chair's training with OALC.**

It was **resolved** that the new council would undertake training once elected.

7. **To authorise the following signatories on the Burcot & Clifton Hampden PC Bank Account with Unity Trust Bank: SODC Cllrs Sam Casey-Rerhaye, Robin Bennett, Sam James-Lawrie and Locum Clerk, Gill Peacock.**

It was **resolved** to remove the existing signatories – Mabel Anne Davies, Christine McCulloch, Marc Juffkins, Suzanne Neave and Nick Fielding. It was also **resolved** to authorise new signatories on the account – SODC Cllrs Sam Casey-Rerhaye, Robin Bennett, Sam James-Lawrie and Locum Clerk, Gill Peacock.

8. **It was resolved to authorise the following payments:**

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| • Gill Peacock, Locum Clerk for administration of the Parish Council<br>From 17 <sup>th</sup> April to 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 | £840.00 |
| • Gill Peacock – Expenses (Printer Cartridges X 4)   | £ 98.77 |
| • Creative Badger – Managed website hosting & SSL Certificate  | £410.00 |

Signed .....  .....

Dated ..... 16/6/25 .....