

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington
Parish Council held on 11th November
2025 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr G Antosiewicz (Chair)
Cllr H Vale
Cllr M Reilly
Cllr M Waters
Cllr Shults

Cllr Kathy Gibbon Bucks Unitary Councillor (for item 4)

Cllr Julie Ward Unitary Councillors (for item 4)

In attendance: Mr M Joy (Clerk) and two members of the public

A member of the public thanked the Unitary Councillors for the recent road repairs on the Wing and Stewkley Roads

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16th September 2025 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interest

None

4. Reports

There had been a lot of HGV lorry movements into and out of the Red Brick Farm recycling unit which was felt to be in excess of the conditions of use. Cllr Ward had reported this matter to Bucks Enforcement.

Cllr Gibbon asked if we had a contingency plan in place and referred us to Buckinghamshire Council website Community Emergency Plan for a template and guidance. Cllr Reilly thought there was plan, and he was the point of contact. There is an opportunity unlock funds where there is a resilient plan in place. In the next few weeks, Buckinghamshire Council will publish its

first-ever Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), which will set out a clear vision and priorities for restoring and enhancing nature across the county.

Safety/Highway Officers had responded to our enquiry about putting up 20mph signage. It is illegal to put up signs of 20mph in a 30mph area. The officers stated 'I think if signs were being put up on private land that would be a different case as long as they matched the posted speed limit. Anyone putting them up on private land would have to source them personally. The only intervention we would take would be if they did not match the posted speed limit'.

5.1 To approve payments since last meeting.

The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st September to 31st October 2025:

8/9/25 PKF Littlejohn LLP £252.00 – audit fee

8/9/25 M Joy Exp £87.10 – gifts to Pippa Cheetham and staff for work

12/9/25 DPS Property Maintenance £567.72 – installation of bins and materials

29/9/25 M Joy Exp £99.00 – Gifts to our three ex Unitary Councillors

29/9/25 M Joy Exp £42.50 – refreshments for Best Kept Village presentation

29/9/25 PAYE £53.00 – tax for September

29/9/25 Clerk Salary £211.55 – September salary

20/10/25 Mainly Mowing £200 – mowing costs.

27/10/25 SSE £547.34 – Sept costs + standing charges since February 25. In dispute

31/10/25 Clerk Salary £211.75 – October salary

31/10/25 PAYE £52.80 – tax for October

5.2 To consider the accounting statement to 31st October 2025

M Joy presented the accounts to 31st October 2025 and forecast of the year ending 31st March 2026. There was a surplus of £334.66 for the period to 31st

October and a surplus is forecast to 31st March 2026 of £62.91. It was noted £2,414.45 has been expended this year date relating to traffic calming. The cash balance on 31st October 2025 was £21,687.15.

6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report

The fortnightly drinks evenings are well attended and now expanded into food from vendors fortnightly. Survey will be carried out on Cublington Life about how regular food is offered. AGM 19th November, Cabaret Evening 15th November. North Field volunteers meeting fortnightly to complete maintenance work. The grant application to Fairview for container and mower for up to £10,000 was turned down but they are happy for another application for the footpath from the pavilion to the playground. Grant application with Rothschilds more information requested, Luton Airport grants available for charities so we shall be able to apply. Cricket club look for funding with Government/Bucks Cricket initiative.

6.1 New Charity and lease

The charity has been registered, and the inaugural meeting will be held immediately after the OG AGM on 19th November. The trustees are Pippa Cheetham, Hugh Vale, Martyn Waters, Charlie Toosey, Colin Antosiewicz, Liz Smith, Jenny and Andy Brown.

Memorandum of understanding to be finalised between OG and the cricket club. Memorandum of understanding has been drafted between OG and the tennis club and needs to be signed off.

The charity has been set up to give more access for grant aid, and if CPC ceased to exist, for whatever reason, Orchard Ground would be gifted to the charity rather than the asset going to Buckinghamshire Council.

The lease is ready for signing but needs a clause added requiring the charity to report to CPC its activities for every council meeting.

7. Planning Permissions

7.1 25/01371/CPL Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single and two storey side and rear extensions, new front porch, two domestic outbuildings (swimming pool and double garage/workshop), to also include extended hardstanding to access garage, plus new PV array to front of main house | Ridings Cottage Ridings Way Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LW. The certificate has been granted by Buckinghamshire Council.

8. Village Matters

8.1 Traffic – calming.

Speedwatch There were four new volunteers. For the period 1st Jan – 11th November 2025 it was reported there were 12 cars with no MOTs, 14 with no tax, 5 should not have been on the road and there have been 358 letters sent from Thames Valley Police to drivers exceeding 35mph. The number of vehicles exceeding 30mph are being recorded. It is noticeable that vehicles parked on Wing Road has a dramatic effect on reducing the speed of vehicles entering the village.

Traffic Calming

The meeting thanked Claire Hemmings for the traffic report she produced for us. She recommended a speed camera, 20mph speed limit, priority passing and a speed table at the crossroads. This report was submitted to the Highway Design Team for it to be considered in their Feasibility Report to us which is due to be issued next week.

8.2 Granite sculpture

Some of the samples need to be rerun but there is a lot of pressure on machine time at the moment. As the work is being carried out voluntarily by Quartz Worktop Company we have to work to their schedule. There will be installation costs which need to be determined.

8.3 Appointment of Clerk

Alison Head has applied for the job of Parish Clerk, and the meeting was pleased to accept her appointment as clerk.

8.4 20mph signs

The meeting thanked Sue and Roger Bottle who have designed and sourced signs showing a red heart circling 20mph with the words Please Slow Down. This was discussed with our Unitary Councillors, and after considering the comments of the Road Safety/Highways office, it was agreed the wording should be '20's plenty'.

8.5 Best Kept Village

It was a good turnout to the presentation of the Gurney Cup. The meeting thanked Cllr Reilly for accepting the cup on our behalf and for his hard work. It was suggested that the certificate should be displayed in the village hall together with the Community Award certificate won in 2023.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed:

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