

CUBLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at Cublington Village Hall

Present: Councillors G Antosiewicz (Chair), H Vale (Vice Chair), M Waters, K Shults, and Clerk A Head.

Members of the Public: None in attendance

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1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor M Reilly.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Declarations of Interest – none received.

4. Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillors' Report

Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillors were unable to attend due to road closures in Berton and sent their apologies.

5. Local Plan Consultation

The Clerk reported that, after consultation, comments had been submitted on behalf of Cublington Parish Council regarding the Local Plan. These are attached. The major concerns expressed are regarding the infrastructure associated with this large development, particularly the amount of increased traffic through the village. Individual councillors had also responded as members of the public.

The Council expressed its grateful thanks to Pippa Cheetham for her information and advice regarding the consultation process.

6. Financial Matters

6.1 Accounts for Payment

The following invoices were approved for payment. It was noted that a credit note for £508.20 has now been received from SSE Energy in respect of overbilling on the previous contract. This will be set against the invoices for the next year.

28-Jan-26	Nexus Data Systems		123.00		Web hosting - cublington.com
30-Jan-26	Clerk Salary January		230.49		
30-Jan-26	PAYE January		57.60		
31-Jan-26	SSE Energy		773.40		Street lighting (old contract)
18-Feb-26	SSE Energy		97.76		Street lighting Jan 26
25-Feb-26	Clerk Salary February		230.49		
25-Feb-26	PAYE February		57.60		

6.2 Accounts to 31st March 2026

The Clerk presented the accounting statement to the end of March 2026. It was noted that the Council has earmarked reserves of £8,000 for traffic calming measures, to be supplemented by a further £4,000 agreed in the 2026/27 precept.

7. Orchard Ground and North Field

Events at Orchard Ground continued to be well supported, particularly the Pop-Up Pub on Friday evenings. The Trivia Quiz was reported to be nearly fully booked.

Work continues on improvements at Orchard Ground and North Field. The cricket club has obtained a grant from the ECB to enlarge the paved area in front of the Biggs Pavilion, with works scheduled for September. A grant has also been agreed in principle for improvements to the pond at the bottom of North Field as a wildlife resource.

At the request of Cllr Waters, on behalf of the Orchard Ground Association, the Council agreed to purchase a container to be used for storage on the North Field. Cllr Vale suggested a suitable supplier, and it was agreed to buy the container, to be brought on site as soon as ground conditions improve. Orchard Ground agreed to refund to the Council the cost of the container net of VAT.

7.1 The clerk reported that the Draft lease to COGA and the MoU with Cublington Cricket Club have been sent to Barry McLoughlin at Kidd Rapinet for checking. The Council await his comments.

7.2 The Memorandum of Understanding between Cublington Cricket Club and Cublington Orchard Ground Association has now been finalised and sent to the solicitor as noted above (7.1).

8. The Unicorn Public House - Asset of Community Value

Councillor Waters gave an update on behalf of the *Save the Pub* working group. It was disappointing to hear that, despite an offer at the asking price having been made by a consortium of local people, the pub has been taken off the market and its future remains unclear.

The working group request that the Parish Council apply to renew the listing of the Unicorn Public House as an Asset of Community Value. Buckinghamshire Council have advised that an application could be submitted up to six weeks before expiry. The Council agreed to submit the application after Tuesday, 28th April 2026, to be actioned by the Clerk.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 PL/25/5963/FA Full Planning Permission: Rockwell, Reads Lane, Cublington, LU7 0LE. Change of use of agricultural barn to a residential dwelling with associated works (received 21/1/26) – there were no comments or objections regarding this application.

9.2 OF2054483 EUROLINK (UK) LTD – HGV Operating Licence application – Cedar Farm (received 5/2/26) - The Council noted that granting the licence under consideration would result in a significant increase in HGV traffic through the village. Representations opposing the licence had been submitted by the Parish Council and residents and acknowledged by the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

9.3 BRACKLEY FARMS LIMITED, EPR/DP3240QK/V003 Biomass boiler – variation to environmental permit application (received 9/3/26) - It was noted that previous correspondence relating to this site confirmed it was outside the Parish Council's area and therefore CPC is not eligible to comment.

10. Data Protection and Communications

The Clerk outlined new regulations affecting Parish Council communications and data protection. The Council noted that arrangements must be in place before submission of the next AGAR return in June 2026.

The Clerk presented an overview of what would be required and the costs involved from 4 different providers. The first step will be changing the Council's email address and website to an approved domain.

Following discussion of the options, the Council agreed to apply for a gov.uk domain and commission a new website administered by Hugo Fox. The appropriate package for small councils includes initial design and set up of the website for £199, with ongoing costs of £10 per month for administering 5 x *gov.uk* domain email addresses. New policies for IT and Data Protection will also be required, to be presented by the Clerk for approval by the Council at the next meeting.

11. Traffic Calming

11.1 Potential locations for 20 mph signage were discussed. Councillor Waters offered to supply stakes where permitted. Cllr Antosiewicz

There were only two responses from residents to the traffic-calming report published in the Crier, which expressed opposite views on the options available. After discussion, the Council agreed to the installation yellow-backed 30 mph signs at this stage. The clerk was also asked to obtain costings for mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) as a future option.

Councillor Waters raised concerns regarding the adequacy of sight lines at the crossroads, given current vehicle speeds. The clerk agreed to contact Bucks Highways to clarify this.

11.2 County-Wide 20 mph Proposal

A proposal had been received from Whaddon Parish Council for a coordinated approach in lobbying Buckinghamshire Council for county-wide 20 mph limits through villages. It was noted that Cublington has for some time been proactive in raising this issue with Buckinghamshire Council. The Clerk agreed to respond to Whaddon PC indicating our support for this initiative.

12. Community Matters

12.1 Litter Picking

The Council expressed its thanks to Bob and Liz Paine for organising the litter-picking event on Saturday 7th March and unanimously agreed to reimburse the cost of refreshments.

12.2 Proud of Bucks Awards

The Chair proposed nominating Chatty Café in the Reducing Social Isolation category – which was unanimously agreed. Cllr Antosiewicz agreed to submit the nomination on behalf of the Council.

12.3 Best Kept Village Awards 2026

As the village had won its category in 2025, it was eligible to enter the Tindall Cup only. The Council agreed to approach Cllr Reilly to see if he would be willing to submit the application.

13. Other matters Cllr Shultz reported of various problems with footpaths and stiles around the village. It was noted that these can be raised with Buckinghamshire Council through the Public Rights of Way section of their website, in a similar procedure to Fix My Street. Councillor Shults agreed to report the issues.

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm.

The next meeting is the annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 1900 in Cublington Village Hall. To be immediately followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Approved at the Annual Meeting of Cublington Parish Council Tuesday 19th May 2026

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APPROVED