

Minutes of Middleton Stoney Parish Council Meeting
held at Middleton Stoney Village Hall
on Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 6.00 pm.

Councillors Present: Jonathan Rees (Chair), Juliet Cornford, Al Grenfell, Andrew Fulljames, James Dunne and Henry Teare.
In Attendance: Brian Inglis (Clerk and RFO). Cllr Nigel Simpson (Cherwell DC)
Public Attendance: There were 3 members of the public present.

Cllr Rees announced that Cllr Andrew Fulljames has been awarded the Long Service Award by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils in recognition of 45 years as a Middleton Stoney Parish Councillor, and presented Cllr Fulljames with a framed certificate and a glass plaque. Cllr Fulljames was roundly congratulated by those present.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest from Councillors relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Teare declared an interest in item 12.1 as the applicant of planning application 26/01389/R56.

3. To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13th May 2026

The minutes were unanimously accepted as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

4. Public Participation – One member of the public asked about item 10.4 and progress on proposed flood mitigation in the village, specifically relating to a culvert on Ardley Road. Cllr Rees, with input from Cllr Simpson gave an update, stating that there is no funding from Oxfordshire CC for this project but the Cherwell DC flood lead is seeking a solution which does not involve disruption to the highway. At the request of Councillors, Cllr Simpson committed to keeping up the pressure on CDC officers.

5. Parish Council Action Log

The list was updated, with some items removed as complete. Cllr Rees noted that the process of having the footpath to the church designated as a right of way is progressing slowly via OCC. Following news of a resident having sustained an injury, it was agreed to write to the landowner to request that the gates are either removed or kept open. (Action – Cllr Rees to provide wording for this, Clerk to submit)

6. To Receive a Report from the District / County Councillors

Cherwell District Councillor Simpson gave a verbal update on Local Government Reorganisation, general planning matters including the progress of the Cherwell Local Plan examination and the local PFAS situation.

7. Vacancy on the Parish Council

The Clerk reported that there have been no applications to fill the vacancy.

8. Governance –

8.1 Councillors approved the re-appointment of Lisa Wilkinson as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for 2026-27

9. Finance

- 9.1 Councillors approved the July payment list, which was duly signed by Cllrs Rees and Cornford. Corresponding invoices, cheques and stubs were signed by the same Councillors.
- 9.2 Councillors scrutinised and approved the Bank Reconciliation to the end of June 2026.
- 9.3 Councillors considered a Budget Monitoring document, with no adjustments made to the budget.

10. Parish Matters

- 10.1 Cllr Rees spoke on PFAS matters, noting that the Environment Agency (EA) has stated that it continues to monitor this situation but that no further testing will be carried out for now. Cllr Rees to forward the letter from EA to District and County Councillors with a request for continued support. Cllr Teare has carried out a localised test and the results are expected soon.
- 10.2 Cllr Rees noted that the Book Exchange at the Bicester Road Bus Stop is now stocked with books, with volunteers being sought to help curate the project.
- 10.3 Middleton Stoney Blossom Wheel – There was no update.
- 10.4 This item was discussed during the Public Participation part of the meeting.
- 10.5 The Clerk gave a brief update on a Dewars Farm Quarry Local Liaison Group meeting which he had attended on 4th June, along with Cllrs Fulljames and Simpson. A follow-up visit to the Dinosaur Highway on the site was made on 17th June, including Cllr Rees, The Clerk and also Cllr Simpson.

11. Traffic and Highways

- 11.1 Cllr Rees reported that a meeting has been arranged in person with Jacqui Cox and Cllr Epps of Oxfordshire County Council, on 28th July, with others invited to join by Teams link. Cllr Rees will consult on a concise agenda for this meeting, covering ongoing s106 enquiries, traffic mitigation plans, a request for traffic data via the VAS and the effects of the closure of Camp Road as experienced by residents of Middleton Stoney.
- 11.2 Cllr Grenfell gave an update on the Heyford & Junction 10 Major Developments Stakeholder Forum which he attended on 30th June. A set of minutes, or a similar summary document has been promised, which Cllr Grenfell will circulate on receipt.
- 11.3 The Community Speedwatch project is being led by a volunteer resident. Training via Thames Valley Police is due to take place soon. 2 basic hand-held speed guns have been borrowed from Chesterton PC

12. Planning Applications

- 12.1 To agree the Parish Council's response to the following **NEW APPLICATION(S)** received from Cherwell DC since previous meeting.

26/01389/R56 - Dewars Farm, Ardley Road, Middleton Stoney OX25 4AE.

Proposed conversion of 2no. existing agricultural barns to Class B8 (storage/distribution)

Cllr Teare left the room. Councillors voted to make **No Objection**. One Councillor wished it to be noted that the vote was not unanimous, having recommended that the Parish Council ought to object. Councillors noted that there seemed to be insufficient information on associated transport implications.

26/01656/F - 14 Park Close, Middleton Stoney, OX25 4AS

First floor front extension and porch. Councillors voted to make **No Objection**.

25/02232/OUT - Land North and East of Manor Farm, Bainton Road, Bucknell. (Puy du Fou)

Re-consultation following Amended Plans submitted by Applicant. Councillors voted to **Object**.

- 12.2 There have been no planning decisions made by Cherwell DC since the last meeting

- 12.3 Councillors noted the progress of TWO applications, previously considered by the Parish Council which are still under consideration by Cherwell DC. All comments made by the PC are available to view on the Cherwell DC planning portal

13. Date of Next Meeting – This was set as Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7.00pm.

The meeting finished at 7:24pm.

Signed: Date:
(Chair)

**The Parish Council meets every other month, in Middleton Stoney Village Hall, commencing at 7pm.
Members of the public are welcome to attend. Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2026 are set as follows -
Wednesday 9th September – Thursday 5th November**