



Old Warden Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 8th July 2026 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall

Present: Councillor J Rumball – Chair for this meeting
Councillor J Janes
Councillor C Hill
Councillor S Carrie

Clerk Jane Orr-Campbell
Ward Councillor P Daniels

	Public participation No residents attended. Ward Cllr Daniels advised OWPC about apparent building activity at Magpie Farm Traveller site. This is being addressed by CBC. Information provided to reassure residents.
1.	Apologies – Cllr H Lewis Cllr M Studdert-Kennedy Cllr S Speirs
2.	Declarations of interest and dispensations No interests declared.
3.	Minutes of last meeting - Matters arising. - No matters arising - Adoption - The last minutes were adopted, proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Janes
4.	Finances - Bank Reconciliations for April 2025 to March 2026. Proposed by Cllr Carrie and seconded by Cllr Hill. - Discussion was held regarding moving the bank account to Nationwide on the basis that there is still a branch in Biggleswade. And the cost of bank charges (£4.25 pcm). Clerk advised that Nationwide has now transferred all its business banking to Virgin Money which is all online. Clerk to explore the cheapest way to bank and report back.
5.	Police Matters - Cllr Speirs sent his report on the crime statistics for May with 1 crime reported. June crime stats came in on the day of this meeting with no further crimes reported in June. - Cllr Speirs is attending the Police priority setting meeting tonight.
6.	Village Matters AHWG report from Cllr Carrie. The planner's report is expected by 17th July. Indications are more positive than previously. Residents are encouraged to respond to the proposed site in the CBC local Plan. www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/local-plan-sites This consultation (which is different to the planning process) closes on 17th August. Hedges, Verges and Footpaths. Cllr Hill reported on actions taken since the last meeting with some good effects. - Estates are being asked to chase the tenant framer who has yet to respond and manage the lands they are responsible for. - Richards Crescent and Jacobs Well are now contracted to R Cooper to maintain. - Awaiting Estates response over the ownership of the pump house at Church End. - Concern has been raised about the stone steps to the Cricket Club viewpoint. Cllr Hill is investigating who is responsible for maintaining. All Cllrs and Clerk thanked Cllr Hill for her hard work in this area. Information boards were not discussed due to the volume of work currently being done by Cllr Hill.

	c. Defibrillator All in good order. Has not been required since the last meeting. d. SID's Cllr Rumball supplied data for the last 6 months. Whilst the data needs further refinement, current data indicates that the SID's are having a positive impact on driver behaviour on most occasions. There are notable exceptions. Residents are asked to report any incidences of speeding, road rage etc directly to the police via 101 online or telephone and email cllr.s.speirs@oldwarden-pc.gov.uk. If you feel unable to make the report, please let Cllr Speirs know. e. HGV restrictions – no further update at this meeting. f. Residents and visitors guide. A budget of £500 was approved. For a print run of 200 initially, with a bigger font size. Proposed by Cllr Rumball and seconded by Cllr Carrie. g. Dial-a-Ride. These leaflets will be delivered alongside the Residents and Visitors guide once it is completed. h. Warm/cold spaces - Discussions were held regarding any positive impact OWPC could have in supporting residents during severe weather/health alerts. Cllr Lewis to speak to the Village Hall Committee to gain their views. At the next Village Hall meeting on Monday 27th July 2026.
10.	Broom Quarry – update – No report
11.	Planning – No applications to review
12.	Shuttleworth Trust update No representative present, Clerk to write to the Trust again, encouraging attendance at the September meeting.
13.	CBC Report for Old Warden Parish Council (Ward Councillor Daniels) Cllr Daniels presented his report which will be circulated to the resident's email group.
14.	Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 2 nd September 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall <i>The meeting finished at 8:34pm</i>

Signed:Meeting Chairman

Dated: 2nd September 2026