Minutes of a Meeting of East Challow Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 19:00, East Challow Village Hall

Public Session: A verbal enquiry was made regarding interest in becoming a Councillor, the Clerk confirmed that information and a form would be sent to the enquirer.

Members Present:

Chair	Cllr V A Bosley (VB)
Vice Chair	Cllr F Webb (FW)
Members	Cllr J Barnett (JB)
	Cllr A Gregson (AG)
	Cllr T Hayes (TH)
	Cllr I Crump (IC)
Clerk	Jane Smith
RFO	Laura Pike (left meeting 20:19)

Public and press: At least 2 including DCllr Hannah Griffin.

Meeting started at 19:07

89/26-27 To receive apologies for absence
None were received.

90/26-27 To confirm that the meeting is quorate.
The Chair confirmed that a quorum was present, the meeting was declared quorate.

91/26-27 Declarations of Interests

91.1/26-27 To receive declarations of interest for items on this agenda.
Cllr V Bosley Village Hall Committee
Cllr I Crump Village Hall Committee

92/26-27 To approve the minutes of a previous council meeting.
92.1/26-27 Meeting held on 9th September 2026.
It was agreed by all Councillors present that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Webb seconded by Cllr Crump. The minutes were signed at the end of the meeting.

92.2/26-27 Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

81.3/26-27 To approve the quotation for the new wooden post to restrict access to the recreation ground Parish Council car park when closed.
A quotation of £204 was received from Pepler fencing. As this is a smaller purchase, it was agreed that this was value for money.
Resolved: The quotation was unanimously agreed. It was agreed that the expenditure would come from the Village Maintenance budget. LG (Misc Pov) Act 1976. *This job was completed on the 22/09/26.*

81.5/26-27 To approve a response to Oxfordshire's rural A and B road network consultation.
Resolved: The following response was unanimously approved, East Challow Parish Council agrees with the changes to the speed limits on the B4507 Wantage to Ashbury Road and the A417 at Challow Station. The Clerk was asked to submit this response. **[ACTION CLERK]** *The Clerk submitted a response on the 10/09/26.*

93/26-27 Chairman's Announcements.
The Chair has been approached by a Parishioner, who is willing to provide the Christmas Tree for the Village Green. This was agreed by all Councillors. **[ACTION CHAIR]**

94/26-27 Councillor Vacancy
94.1/26-27 To approve co-option of a Councillor to fill the vacancy or to re advertise if necessary.
A Parishioner attended the meeting and requested that the necessary paperwork be emailed to start the co-option procedure. The Clerk was asked to send the paperwork. **[ACTION CLERK]**

94.2/26-27 To complete the declaration of acceptance of office form.
Paperwork had not been received to allow completion of this form.

95/26-27 Staffing Matters
95.1/26-27 To note that the Clerk's appraisal will take place in the next 2 months.
This was noted.

96/26-27 Governance
96.1/26-27 To receive and approve a Biodiversity Policy/Plan
The adoption of a Biodiversity Policy/Plan was discussed, all Councillors recognised the value in having a policy/plan. Cllr Crump acknowledged the receipt of comments regarding the use of herbicides and requested more feedback from Councillors on the draft policy/plan. It is hoped that a final Policy/Plan will be ready to adopt at the November or December Council meeting.
96.2/26-27 To form a Biodiversity Working Group.

The Councillors unanimously agreed that appointing a Biodiversity Councillor would work better for the Parish Council It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Crump would become the Councillor/point of Contact for biodiversity.

96.3/26-27 To approve the amendment to the Financial Regulations

The Financial Regulations were amended to include the following.

9.3. A Charge Card can be used for transactions of up to £500 by the Clerk/RFO in consultation with each other, for the purchase of items for the day to day running of the Council. Any transactions will be reported on the next meeting's payments list.

Resolved: The Financial Regulations were unanimously approved.

96.4/26-27 To confirm the response has been submitted for the Joint Local Plan.

Cllr Crump submitted a response on 29/09/26.

97/26-27 Finance 2025-2026

97.1/26-27 To approve the revised version of the bank reconciliations from the June 2025 - December 2025 meetings (31/05/2025 – 30/11/2025)

Resolved: The Councillors unanimously approved version 2 of the bank reconciliations from June 2025 – December 2025 meetings. The Councillors noted that the Clerk would file, in the minute folder, version 2 of each reconciliation with a note added showing the minute reference of the approval. **[ACTION CLERK]**

97.2/26-27 To receive the External Audit Report for the financial year 2025-2026.

The audit report was received the following was noted.

2 External auditor limited assurance opinion 2025/26

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with the Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

The SAPPP Practitioners' Guide 2025 at Paragraph 2.37 requires a council to provide variance information in annual levels of income, expenditure and balances. Therefore, the council should have provided information in respect of Box 9 on Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. We have been able to find sufficient information from other sources to satisfy ourselves in respect of this variance but in future we would expect to be provided with this information when the return is submitted.

We draw your attention to the following points.

• We note that within the 'Breakdown of Reserves Held' pro forma that there is a reserve noted as 'Operating costs (6 months)'. It would appear that this reserve are general funds held to cover day-to-day operations of the council and therefore should be included within general reserves rather than earmarked reserves.

Resolved: The RFO confirmed that the operating costs held within the EMR's would show as general reserves on the next meetings EMR report. All Councillors approved this change **[ACTION RFO]**

98/26-27 Finance 2026-27

98.1/26-27 To approve the September payments list paid in October 2026.

Resolved: The September payments paid in October were unanimously approved. It was noted by all Councillors that the payment list now showed the legal powers to spend, as requested by the Internal Auditor. The Cllr who has responsibility for Finance requested that the figures for all staff cost including PAYE and NIC be shown as one figure. The Chair signed the payments list as per East Challow Parish Council's Financial Regulations. **[ACTION RFO]**

See Appendix 1

98.2/26-27 To note the September 2026 receipts.

These were noted.

See Appendix 1

98.3/26-27 To note the reconciled bank account as of 30th September 2026.

This was noted and the reconciliation was signed by Cllr Gregson.

The balances were noted:

Cooperative:	£ 12.50
Unity Trust:	£ 57,751.16
Unity Trust savings:	£ 76,514.07
Unpresented payments:	£ 0.00
Balance:	£ 134,277.73

	Bank Reconciliation at 30/09/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026			100,133.64
	ADD			
	Receipts 01/04/2026 - 30/09/2026			64,477.69
				164,611.33
	SUBTRACT			
	Payments 01/04/2026 - 30/09/2026			30,333.60
A	**Cash in Hand 30/09/2026** (per Cash Book)			**134,277.73**
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Cooperative	30/09/2026	12.50	
	Unity Trust	30/09/2026	57,751.16	
	Unity Trust Savings	30/09/2026	76,514.07	
				134,277.73
	Less unpresented payments			
				134,277.73
	Plus unpresented receipts			
B	**Adjusted Bank Balance**			**134,277.73**
	A = B Checks out OK			

98.4/26-27 To receive a budget to actual/EMR report.

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Budget to Actual

This was received. It was agreed that £1795.75 excluding vat, for the stepping stone gorge bridge repair, approved at the May Council meeting would be re approved as coming from CIL. see minute reference 19.6/26-27. The RFO was asked to make this amendment within the budget reporting. **[ACTION RFO]**

19.6/26-27 Resolved: The Council unanimously agreed to accept the quotation from Wicksteed for £1795.75 excluding VAT, for the repair of the stepping stone gorge bridge. It was agreed that this will come from the Village Maintenance budget. The Clerk was asked to arrange these works. [ACTION CLERK]

EMR Report

The amounts taken from the CIL balance were discussed, a recent invoice received from Peper Fencing for various work will be split into cost centres and the CIL balance adjusted. It was re confirmed that as per minute reference 83.6 /26-27 from the September 2026 meeting that the beams would be listed on the report as approved expenditure from CIL. **[ACTION RFO]**

To approve the quotation from HAGS of £1920.44 excluding VAT for the replacement of 6 beams on the multiplay - a task from the ROSPA inspection.

Resolved: The quotation for £1920.44 was received for replacement and fitting of the 6 logs on the multiplay. This quotation was unanimously approved; it was agreed that the money would come from CIL funds as this is covered by the definition ***59C.*** *A local council must use CIL receipts passed to it in accordance with regulation 59A or 59B to support the development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding—*
the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of *infrastructure;*

98.5/26-27 To receive more information regarding electricity prices and contract arrangements from a utility broker and agree delegation for acceptance of a deal.

The RFO had sent information regarding current deals to the Clerk, Vice Chair and Chair before the meeting showing examples of yearly savings ranging £350 to £550. The RFO confirmed that the Council was regarded as a business and the deals were for businesses.

Resolved: It was agreed to delegate authority to the RFO to accept a deal on behalf of the Council for a maximum fixed period of 2 years. This will be reported to the Council as soon as is possible by email and ratified at the next Parish Council meeting. **[ACTION RFO]**

98.6/26-27 To confirm the CO OP bank account is closed.

The bank account closure paperwork has now been signed and the RFO will send this to the CO Op to close the account. **[ACTION RFO]**

98.7/26-27 To receive an update on obtaining a unity P Card.

The RFO presented the application form for signatures. The paperwork was signed and returned to the RFO for sending to Unity to begin the process of obtaining a card. It was confirmed that the business administrators were the RFO and Clerk. **[ACTION RFO]**

98.8/26-27 To receive an update on the issues that need to be reviewed or improved from the Internal Auditors report March 2026

- The comment highlighting insurance cover is not included as a result of malicious attacks on data was noted. The risk needs to be assessed. The suggestion of a scheme of delegation to enable the Clerk to continue with basic work was also noted. The Internal Auditor further explained that this delegation should allow the Clerk and RFO to make decisions and expenditure on essential items even if the Council became inquorate. The Clerk was asked to gain advice from the OALC on these points and ensure that any scheme of delegations complied with the Financial Regulations.

  Update - The OALC advised that the council have a low risk of a malicious attack to steal personal data as very little personal data is kept– there is additional anti-virus software in place and a backup of data. This will be added to the general risk assessment for 27/28

  A scheme of delegation was adopted at the September 2026 meeting and has been uploaded to the website.
- Regarding the generating of income comment via interest on bank accounts, it was noted that the Unity Savings account has been opened for the transfer of EMR's. The suggestion of pooling of bank accounts to have just one account was noted. It was agreed to add this as an agenda item for the July agenda.

  Update - FROM MINUTES 8TH JULY 53.6/26-27 To discuss the Parish Council bank account arrangements following the recommendations from the Internal Auditor and the receipt of the email from the Co op bank.

  The Clerk confirmed that the Unity instant access savings account that would contain all the EMR's, once transfer limits allowed, has a variable interest rate of 1.95% (as at the 13/01/26). Cllr Webb confirmed that the Council has received interest on this account.

  Resolved: The council considered the recommendations from the internal Auditor to pool the bank balances into an interest paying account. The Council unanimously agreed to keep the current banking arrangements as the EMR's were in an interest paying account.
- The comment regarding the abandoning of the use of cheques was noted, the RFO confirmed that one or two cheque payments are made yearly and that was the preferred method of payment by the payees.
- The comment regarding recording on the minutes that the meeting is quorate was noted.

  Update - This is now included on all agendas and minutes.
- The comment regarding ensuring all monies received are minuted as to their purpose and source and all expenditure has been agreed as to its purpose before it is approved to be paid was noted. The Council noted that expenditure purposes is noted in the minutes and receipts of money are recorded on the monthly receipts

and payments list. The sum of money paid to the Village Hall was highlighted as requiring a purpose to be added to the minutes. The Clerk confirmed that an evaluation has been requested from the Village Hall Committee and this will be chased again.

Update – The Clerk has chased the grant evaluation that was requested in March 2026.

- The comment regarding mentioning powers to spend in the payments section will be investigated by the Clerk and RFO. The Internal Auditor confirmed that this could be a longer-term job and the powers to spend recorded over time. The Clerk will gain advice from the OALC on powers to spend. **Update –** The Powers to Spend are now recorded on the payments list.

98.9/26-27 To receive confirmation regarding unspent funds from East Challow Public Art - S106 P24/V1487/106.

The Infrastructure Implementation Officer confirmed on the 17/09/26 that the decision makers have agreed to allow East Challow Parish Council to retain the unspent funds toward the future maintenance of the new village sign**.** It was confirmed that the balance is ring fenced in the EMR's and earning interest in the Unity savings account.

98.10/26-27 RFO report

The RFO requested any details of proposed projects for the forthcoming financial year, together with estimated costs, for these to be incorporated into the draft budget. The first draft will be presented at the November meeting. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the precept rise needs to be considered carefully for the 2027/2028 budget.

99/26-27 To receive reports from District and County Councillors

99.1/26-27 Oxfordshire County Councillor

The Council had received an email confirming the County Councillors support to further investigate the withdrawal of the number 68-bus service.

99.2/26-27 Vale of the White Horse District Councillor

The report was received. DCllr Griffin was thanked for her detailed report and her support and correspondence regarding the withdrawal of the 68-bus service.

100/26-27 Planning

100.1/26-27 To note planning applications

P26/V3781/DIS Location Second Pitches Former Grove Airfield

Proposal

Outline condition 11 discharge pursuant to P17/V3130/FUL (P12/V0299/O) in relation to Reserved Matters P23/V1966/RM only Reserved matters application for Phase 2 Sports Pitches. (Variation of condition 7 of Planning Permission P12/V0299/O to provide the development brief prior to the occupation of the 250th dwelling rather than before the

submission of reserved matters adjoining the Local Centre. Outline application for residential development of about 2,500 dwellings with associated services and facilities including secondary school, primary schools, local centre (including uses falling within use classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, C2, D1 and D2), open space including community park, and the realignment of Denchworth Road to the south. **No response required.**

P26/V2990/RM Location Former Grove Airfield West of Grove, To the West of Newlands Drive, Land North of Denchworth Road
Proposal
Application for approval of Reserved Matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) following consent granted under S73 application P17/V3130/FUL (P12/V0299/O) for the erection of the Community Centre, associated landscaping and infrastructure. (Outline application for residential development of about 2,500 dwellings with associated services and facilities including secondary school, primary schools, local centre. **No response required.**

101/26-27 Village and surrounding area
101.1/26-27 To receive the Village inspection and discuss actions
The report was received, the main points raised were;
The drain cover behind the pavilion needs re seating.
The bees seem to have gone.
The sign at the junction of Windmill Place and Childrey Way needs to be reinstated. Cllr Gregson will progress this. **[ACTION AG]**
The Clerk was asked to compile a to do list in priority order. **[ACTION CLERK]**
A closed bin is required to replace the bin located near the lower car park**. [ACTION CLERK]**

101.2/26-27 To discuss handrails on steps leading onto Letcombe Hill.
This was discussed it was confirmed that finding out who owns the steps remained the priority before the Council could consider any further actions. The Clerk has sent an email to the Footpath Officer at OCC as there is a footpath sign adjacent to the steps requesting any information.

101.3/26-27 To approve £120 excluding VAT for the installation of the pole and disclaimer sign for the overflow car park.
In minute reference 56.1/26-27 £120 excluding VAT was approved for the installation of a sign. Due to Health and Safety and potentially cars being locked in the Parish Council car park it was necessary to urgently install the car park disclaimer sign in the Parish Council car park near the school. It was agreed that it should be installed on a pole. An additional cost of £120 excluding VAT would need to be approved for the overflow car park sign.
Resolved: The Councillors unanimously approved the cost of £120 excluding VAT for installation of the sign, this expenditure would come from CIL.

101.4/26-27 To approve a response to the Biffa Village Deep Cleanse taking place in November 2026.

The deep cleanse return was discussed the Councillors agreed the following locations in priority order, Lower Childrey way footpath /lane clearance, removal of weeds from the footpath running at the bottom of Hedgehill road running south to Goodlake House and removal of weeds from the side of the roads in Windmill Place. The Clerk was asked to submit the return. **[ACTION CLERK]**

102/26-27 Grants

102.1/26-27 To discuss and approve applying to TOE's Local Environment Fund for a grant.

The Councillors unanimously approved applying to the TOE's Local Environment Fund for £250 to purchase yellow rattle seeds and plugs for the wildflower Meadow. Cllr Crump will be progressing this grant application. **[ACTION IC]**

103/26-27 Standing Agenda Items, to receive update and agree actions

103.1/26-27 Parish Cemeteries.

To agree a quotation for the project to landscape areas of the Vicarage Hill Cemetery to create more burial plots and to replace the hedge.

Cllr Gregson presented a comparison of the quotes gained so far for this work. It was decided that the quotations were too varied and a comparison could not be ascertained. Cllr Gregson will meet with Cllr Bosley and a schedule of works will be drawn up and the contractors will be asked to requote. **[ACTION AG/VB]**

To approve the amendments to the burial regulations.

The following has been added, Memorials/headstones shall be inspected at regular intervals, all will be subject to a hand test (wobble test), any that fail this test will be laid down and the family informed.

Resolved: The addition to the burial regulations was unanimously approved.

To approve the application for a memorial.

Resolved: The inscription was unanimously approved.

103.2/26-27 Allotments

To confirm the allotment invoices have been distributed.

The Councillors noted that the Allotment invoices had been sent out. There are currently 5 outstanding invoices to be paid. Cllr Webb informed the Council that there will be a few vacant plots.

103.3/26-27 Traffic/Highways including:

Parking within the village.

Parking on the A417 main street was discussed. It was agreed that a marked parking bay on the road would prevent some of the pavement parking. Cllr Gregson will contact OCCH and enquire if this is a possibility. **[ACTION AG]**

Speeding within the Village/including road issues.

No new issues were raised.

To receive an update on Community Speed Watch.

Volunteers for the CSW team has been advertised in Challow News since February 2026 and recently on Facebook, unfortunately due to lack of volunteers this initiative cannot proceed. Cllr Gregson will arrange sending back the equipment. Councillor Gregson was thanked for all his work on this project. **[ACTION AG]**

Speed Indicator Displays (SID's).

It was noted that both the SIDs were working.

To approve a response to the request for feedback on the 20mph scheme.

A discussion took place it was felt that the 20mph was working on the estate roads, as cars were slowed by parked vehicles. All Councillors agreed that 20 mph was not working on the A417 Main Street. This is not helped by vehicles being parked on the side of the road and cars accelerating passed the parked cars in order to miss oncoming vehicles. Occasional police presence on the A417 where is passes through East Challow could make the 20mph more effective. The Clerk was asked to submit this response. **[ACTION CLERK]**

103.4/26-27 Grounds Maintenance

The Clerk was asked to contact Wise Garden Maintenance and enquire when the Wildflower meadow would be cut.

103.5/26-27 Recreation Areas

To receive a report from the Pavilion Working Group.

These are notes from the meeting held on 14th September 2026.

Pavilion Maintenance Works

The ceiling in the away changing room, to the left of the entrance, is to be replaced. It was suggested that it may be worth investigating whether renovating the pavilion would make it more cost-effective in the longer term.

Electrical Inspection

The group discussed the electrical inspection.

It was reported that a cable in the toilet was hanging down. It was confirmed by Challow Sports that an exposed wire would not pass an electrical safety inspection.

Action/Outcome:
The issue has now been rectified and the cable is no longer hanging down in the toilet.

Handyman insurance.
Challow Sports agreed that temporary insurance cover will be arranged for the remaining works.

Goalposts and Pitch Maintenance
The group discussed the removal of the goalposts and ongoing pitch maintenance.
Challow Sports confirmed that the goal has been removed as previously agreed with the Parish Council.
The Council raised the concern that there would then be no goals available for local children to use.
Challow Sports Confirmed that plastic goals have been left on the Recreation Ground. A third goal has now been supplied by Challow Sports.
Challow Sports offered to investigate potential funding for additional goals.
It was agreed that the small set of goals will be repaired and secured back on the Recreation Ground at the end of the season.
Actions:
Repair the small set of goals.
Secure the goals back on the Recreation Ground at the end of the season.
Investigate possible funding for additional goals.

Parking Arrangements for Multi-Game Days
Parking arrangements were discussed, it was confirmed that games have been rearranged and alternative venues will be used when necessary.
Challow Sports suggested the lower car park could provide an emergency access.
It was noted that the road leading to the lower car park belongs to Oxfordshire County Council and needs repair.

Challow Sports Netball
Challow Sports confirmed that the Netball Team will use another venue when the MUGA court closes at the end of October.

The next meeting of the Pavilion Working Group will be held on the 2nd November 2026.

Resolved: It was agreed by all Councillors that one goal post should be reinstated on the recreation ground as soon as possible, this can then be used by all the Village. It was pointed out that the Parish Council owned 2 sets of goals, but these were locked up and could only be accessed by Challow Sports. It was agreed to add the lower car park to the November agenda.

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To receive and approve a fire risk assessment for the pavilion.
Resolved: The fire risk assessment was unanimously approved. The Clerk was asked to email Challow Sports pointing out the foam fire extinguishers need to be serviced. **[ACTION CLERK]**

To note the crack on the pavilion and discuss possible causes and rectification if necessary.
It was noted by all Councillor that a crack has appeared between the shed and the pavilion. It was confirmed that the shed has it's own base and the crack has possibly been caused by subsidence due to the extremely hot weather conditions from the summer. The Crack has been filled with expanding foam. A roofing contractor has confirmed that the shed roof flashing needs to be repaired to ensure this is watertight for the winter. Councillor Gregson is waiting for a quotation. The Council unanimously agreed a budget of £500 for the repair of the flashing, this would come from CIL. It was agreed that if the repair was more than £500 this would be discussed again at the November Parish Council meeting.

To discuss charging for use of the recreation ground and agree a range of charges.
Charging was discussed, Challow Sports have proposed to pay £5 per training session and £10 per match. It was noted by Councillors that these would be a starting charge until subs can be raised by Challow Sports. This will be discussed at the pavilion working group meeting on the 2nd November.

To discuss and agree to changes to the Challow Sports Agreement.
The Council discussed the following changes to the Challow Sports licence agreement of the recreation ground.

- Challow Sports to provide parking Marshalls for football games to monitor parking around Reynolds Way/ Sarajac Avenue and Hedge Hill Road.

- To limit numbers attending the recreation ground, only 2 matches will be played on match days.

Resolved: The Council unanimously agreed the additions above. The Clerk was asked to arrange the signing of the agreement**. [ACTION CLERK]**

To ratify the cost of rubber mats for use on the recreation ground.
The Councillors noted 5.18 from the Financial Regulations In cases of serious risk to the delivery of council services or to public safety on council premises, the clerk may authorise expenditure of up to £2,000 excluding VAT on repair, replacement or other work that in their judgement is necessary, whether or not there is any budget for such expenditure. The Clerk shall report such action to the Chair as soon as possible and to the council as soon as practicable thereafter.

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Resolved: The cost of £63 was ratified unanimously for the purchase of the rubber mats. This will come from the recreation ground maintenance budget.
A motion without notice to extend the meeting until 22.15 was unanimously agreed.

To receive a report following the visual play inspection checks/recreation area checks.
The reports have been received there is nothing significant to report.

To receive an update on the replacement of 6 beams on the multiplay - a task from the ROSPA inspection.
The beams were ordered on the 10/09/26 and the order confirmation has been received.

To agree a quotation for the replacement of the pavilion doors.
Cllr Gregson has contacted another contractor and is waiting for a quotation**.**

To receive an update on the installation of the base and picnic bench on the recreation ground and ratify an additional £100 excluding VAT for the increase in the size of the base.
The base was laid on 21-22/09/26- on attending the site a Councillor felt that the base needed to be increased to 2.5M x 2.5M, the contractors agreed and have billed for an additional £100 excluding VAT. The bench was installed on the 2nd October 2026.
Resolved: The Additional £100 excluding VAT was approved; the Councillors approved this expenditure from CIL.

To receive an update on the replacement of the toddler swing seats.
This is now complete the swing seats were replaced by Wicksteed on the 2nd October 2026.

To receive an update on the cutting back of vegetation adjacent to the MUGA.
The Clerk was asked to contact Westwood Tree surgeons for clarification of details.
[ACTION CLERK]

104/26-27 To receive Correspondence and agree actions or approve responses.
Correspondence was received on the 29/09/26 from Senior Public Rights of Way Access Officer informing the Parish Council of the following:
A route in your parish has been included on our winter vegetation clearance list for this season: East Challow BOAT 3; Cornhill Lane, highlighted yellow on the attached map. The work is programmed to take place between September and the end of February. Please note that this work is subject to available resources, site conditions, and other operational priorities so inclusion on the list does not guarantee that the work will go ahead.
This was noted.

Correspondence has been received regarding an application for S106 funding from Challow & Childrey Cricket Club for Cricket practice facilities.

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The developer (David Wilson Homes) has agreed to the use funds towards this project which is situated within East Challow and not within Grove parish.
If the Parish Council would like to make any comment on this funding application, comments will be required by 21st October. The Council asked the Clerk to send an email in support of this funding request. **[ACTION CLERK]**

Correspondence has been received regarding a Road Closure
Location: Challow Road, Wantage, Oxfordshire (junction with Letcombe Hill / Main Street to junction with Ham Road / Mill Street)
Reason: Road closures, access maintained for residence, business and buses
Duration: Starting on 19/10/2026 19:00
The anticipated completion date is 20/10/2026 07:00 (inclusive)

Correspondence has been received informing the Parish Council that the VOWH Ramblers path maintenance team, the Vale Path Volunteers, have cleared densely overhanging trees and dense brambles on the stretch of Cornhill Lane from the junction with the bridleway from Childrey down to the canal. This is a section of East Challow BOAT 3.

105/26-27 Matters for future discussion.
Access to the recreation ground lower car park, Biodiversity Policy/Plan, Pavilion renovations, swing bearing servicing.

106/26-27 To report on the list of items included in the November edition of Challow News
Autumn clear up reminder, dog fouling reminder, MUGA closure, reminder closure of barrier gate.

107/26-27 To agree the date of the next meeting: 11th November 2026
This was agreed.

There was no further business transacted, the Chairman closed the meeting 22:14

Signed Chair.....

Date.....

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