

**Little Milton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Present:** Cllrs Giles Denby, Ed Horwell, Francois van der Merwe, David Wakeling

Mrs Andrea Oughton (Parish Clerk)  
Members of the public: One

**Parish Forum**  
No items raised.

**01/04/26 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Harrison and Sheppard.

**02/04/26 Declaration of any pecuniary interests of members**

No pecuniary interests were declared.

**03/04/26 Approval of Minutes**

**Resolved** to approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**04/04/26 Report by District / County Councillor**

County Councillor Edwards submitted her apologies.

District Councillor Heritage's monthly report was noted. The Parish Council expressed the importance of having sight of the draft transport plan for the new Waste Vehicle facility at Great Haseley in good time to allow for any comments to be submitted before the plan is approved. Cllr Heritage confirmed she, along with several other District Councillors are waiting for the draft Plan to be released and will alert the Parish Council as soon as she has an update.

**05/04/26 Planning**

It was noted that the District Planning Authority has granted permission for the following applications:

P25/S3434/HH & P25/S3435/LB - South View, Haseley Road, Little Milton, OX44 7PP  
Amendment No. 2 - Single storey rear extension and alterations. (Amended Information Received 18th December 2025 and 18 March 2026.)

It was further noted that the District Council is upgrading its Planning and Land Charges IT systems. Access to the planning website is expected to be down between 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026.

**06/04/26 Traffic Survey**

The results from the most recent speed survey were discussed. Main findings included:

- Average speeds at all three locations (Haseley Rd, Thame Road and Church Hill) have fallen significantly since the 20mph speed limit was introduced, averaging around 22mph.
- Only 2.7% of traffic exceeded 30mph compared with 5.5% in early 2024, shortly after the 20mph limit was introduced.
- However, there are still roughly 37 vehicles a day exceeding 40mph! These are the incidents residents notice and are rightfully concerned about.



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- Overall volume of traffic has increased steadily over the years, but it is the growth in the proportion of HGV traffic that remains a major concern. Three times as many HGVs and buses (around 530 a day) travel through the village today compared with 2019.
- Haseley Road, despite having an official weight limit, continues to attract around 60 good lorries a day.

**Resolved** to issue a summary document to be distributed with the monthly village newsletter and file the more complete analysis as a record, available to residents on request.

Actions

Speed Indicator Device (SID) - It was noted that the two poles for the SID have been installed today. Cllr Sheppard to order the SID.

Mobile Speed Van – Thames Valley Police have indicated their willingness to deploy a mobile speed van in the village.

Community Speedwatch - Enough people have completed the online training and been approved to run Speedwatch in the village. Two sites have been approved at the north end of the village by Warren View and Chiltern View. Two more sites at the southern end are awaiting approval along with a further two on the Haseley Road.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> March, Little Milton Community Speedwatch are seventh in a queue for a loan kit from Thames Valley Police (TVP). TVP are hopeful that the village Speedwatch team might receive a loan kit by the end of April (best case scenario).

With regard to equipment, as a minimum Community Speedwatch signs are required on each entrance to the village. **Resolved** to purchase Community Speedwatch signs at an estimated cost of £162.65 plus delivery.

07/04/26 **Finance**

Approval of Council Expenditure

Clerk (A Oughton): Month 1 2026/27	£263.71
Editor (R Fergusson): Month 1 2026/27	£89.00
M P Printers (April newsletter)	£288.00
Starboard Systems Ltd (Scribe Accounting software set up)	£956.40
SODC (Dog Waste Bin Emptying Oct 2025 to March 2026)	£280.94
Wheatley Farm Shop (Topsoil Loan)	£35.94
HMRC Payments Months 10-12 2025/26	£375.80
Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association	£50.00
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils	£228.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	£79.00
Walls Refrigeration Solutions (fridges – village shop)	£1894.80
C Turner (bedding plants)	£119.00

Direct Debit

Intuit: Accounting software April 9 <sup>th</sup> - May 9 <sup>th</sup> 2026	£19.20
Microsoft 365 Bus. Basic & Standard Accounts 1 <sup>st</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	£18.24
Information Commissioner's Office (annual renewal)	£47.00
Scribe Accounting Software	£39.60

Bank reconciliations circulated.



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**08/04/26 Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)**

The booking website and Facebook are functioning. There is regular football played on a Monday evening and interest has been received from other groups to use the facility over the summer.

**Resolved** that a charge of £10 to hire the facility for football and £5 for tennis. Light tokens to be charged at £5 per hour with a discount for multi purchase tokens. It was noted that a small percentage is taken by the online booking system and that vat is chargeable on £7.64 income received on a £10 hire charge.

**09/04/26 Reports from Councillor Representatives**

Playground / MUGA

The infant swing seat is broken, Cllr Wakeling has removed it and received two quotations for a replacement seat. **Resolved** to purchase two swing seats at a cost of £230.17 including delivery.

Utilities – Thames Water

Cllr Wakeling attended a presentation by Thames Water on an Inundation Management Plan for Little Milton, Little Compton and Standlake.

Inundation is when water pools at the top of a manhole cover and enters the chamber, increasing flows in the sewer. Causes can be intense rainfall, surface water pathways, river levels and low points in roads.

Unwanted flow entering the network during heavy rainfall periods overwhelms the works and can result in spills into watercourses. The aim of this trial is to locate and confirm areas within the village which suffer from flooding where manholes can be considered high risk to inundation. Sealed (no leak) covers will be fitted on selected manholes. The outcome will reduce extra flows arriving at treatment works, reduce spill risk and reduce stress on the network.

Cllr Wakeling raised the issue of the manhole near the school, the three houses in the village that have flooded and the spoil Thames Water has piled up at the side of the stream which, over time will enter the water course. It was agreed that Cllr Wakeling the Inundation Team to visit the village.

**10/04/26 Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

**11/04/26 Exchange of Information**

Nothing to report.

**12/04/26 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026, Pine Lodge at 7pm. The Annual Meeting of the Council will commence on the rising of the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting finished at 9.15pm

Signed by:

Chairman..........Date..........

