

AGENDA

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 2nd April 2026, at 7.30pm, in the Ordish Room, at the Village Hall.

Councillors: You are hereby summoned to attend the above meeting for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting are asked to let the clerk know in advance of the meeting at clerk@astonoxon-pc.gov.uk. Please note item 6 on the agenda about Public Representation.

RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The law allows the council's public meetings to be recorded, which includes filming, audio recording and photography. As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record any part of the proceedings, please let the Clerk know before the start of the meeting.

1. Present

2. Apologies – Paul Sparrowhawk

3. Disclosure of interests on agenda items

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5th March 2026.

5. Meeting open for public representation This is the only part of the meeting where members of the public are permitted to speak, and it must be about an item on the agenda. Parish Council's Standing Orders limit the time for this part of the meeting to 10 minutes in total (each member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes) unless otherwise directed by the Chairman of the meeting.

6. WODC/OCC Matters A brief update from the relevant WODC and OCC Councillor.

7. Matters arising from previous meetings

a) Quick updates:

- i) **Traffic Calming** – deferred until results of VAS installations effects analysed.
- ii) **Footpaths/Treescapes** – volunteers have been identified and will start in April 2026.
- iii) **Thames Water** – are still working in Aston and Bampton on the storm overflow programme.
 - Landowner has cleared ditch, but clarification needed on whether the culvert under the path has been done to link this to the Aston ditch.
- iv) **Great Brook Bridge** – No update since last meeting. RFO has contacted Humza (OCC Highways) for an update. No response received.
 - First raised as an issue in 2015. Further concerns have been raised frequently ever since. The OCC Chief Exec has been shown the issue.

- Following contact from a resident of Chimney, our MP Charlie Maynard has been in contact with Sean Rooney, Head of Service – Highway Maintenance and Road Safety who has advised that the work on the bridge can only go ahead in the 2026/27 financial year if the design is completed by March 2026. This work has been given priority, but no guarantee of when it will be completed has been given. In the meantime, **and subject to budget**, OCC will review the visibility of the existing “Unsuitable for HGV’s” signage.
- Also, our MP has contacted the Environment Agency about the Great Brook. The EA do not have any records of when they last contacted the riparian owners, but advise that it is up to these landowners to make their own judgement and decisions on maintenance.
- v) **North Street** – Pothole repairs done in February were very welcome but further potholes have appeared on both sides and further down North Street.
- vi) **Beddles Turn** - Raised with OCC Highways in 2018 and was most recently raised in February 2025.
- vii) **Cote Mile Bridge** – No outstanding reports on Fix-My-Street.
- viii) **Defibrillators** – Primary School – the cabinet has been supplied to the school but as of the agenda, not installed. and; Brier Furlong (Aston Pottery) – Cllr Ball has followed up with Aston Pottery to confirm location and R La Forte has been in contact with regarding the supply of defib (one previously used on the site), funding for the cabinet and ongoing maintenance.
- ix) **Crossing on Cote Road between the end of Marsh Furlong and Poundfield Road.** Currently awaiting scheduling at OCC. OCC have confirmed that the Parish will be consulted.
- x) **OCC Grant Funding for Flood Management** - A re-submission of our request for Grant Funding for a flood management plan for the Parish has been submitted. The Parish Council is awaiting quotes and James Feest OCC Flood Mitigation Officer has been advised of current situation.
- b) **Data Loggers (water levels)** Cllr Outen to report
- c) **History Board Update** Cllr La Forte to report.
- d) **Local Elections – 7th May 2026.**
Reminder that the local elections will be on 7th May so the monthly parish council meeting has been moved to 14th May.
- e) **Anti-Social Behaviour:** None reported at time of agenda.

8. Correspondence – all correspondence by email.

9. PLANNING

New planning applications

Documents emailed to councillors for perusal prior to the meeting and available at:
<https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-permission/view-planning-applications/>

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| Reference | 26/00414/CND |
| Alternative Reference | PP-14715301 |
| Application Validated | Fri 13 Mar 2026 |
| Address | Land South of The Paddocks Aston Bampton Oxfordshire |
| Proposal | Discharge of condition 3 (stone sample) of planning permission 24/03177/FUL. |
| Status | Under consideration |

Reference **26/00488/S73**
Alternative Reference PP-14735380
Application Validated Wed 18 Mar 2026
Address Land South of The Paddocks Aston Bampton Oxfordshire
Proposal Variation of condition 2 of permission 24/03177/FUL to allow the erection of an attached garage
Status Under consideration

Reference 26/00562/CONBGP
Alternative Reference Not Available
Application Validated Thu 05 Mar 2026
Address Playing Field Cote Road Aston Oxfordshire OX18 2DU
Proposal Discharge of Biodiversity Gain Plan Condition relating to planning permission 24/01374/FUL.
Status Under consideration

Reference 26/00540/CND
Alternative Reference PP-14737709
Application Validated Thu 05 Mar 2026
Address Playing Field Cote Road Aston Oxfordshire OX18 2DU
Proposal Discharge of condition 8 (Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme) and condition 10 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan) of planning permission 24/01374/FUL.
Status Under consideration

Reference 26/00640/TCA
Alternative Reference Not Available
Application Validated Fri 13 Mar 2026
Address The Old Chapel North Street Aston Oxfordshire OX18 2DJ
Proposal Willow (T1) - Reduction of crown by 2m in height and 2m width leaving crown height of 6m and spread and 6m to bring back into boundary
Status Under consideration

Update on Ongoing Planning Applications – For Information

- a) **22/00986/FUL Brier Furlong** – no update from last meeting.
- ¾ of the houses are now occupied
 - Request made for Thames Water to review the issues and for Grampian Conditions to be rephased so this can be enforced.
 - Discussion with members of the public regarding the adoption of the road and the pumping station, and who is responsible for managing the drainage - as the issue is the connection to the foul water drains which in turn link to the unadopted pumping station.
 - It was noted that enforcement of the planning conditions is inadequate.
 - Awaiting TW response on how many drains are affected.
 - Update from District Councillor - Drainage repairs to be carried out by Mears, then Thames Water can assess so that the County Council can then adopt the road. Some work has been done to the roads and manholes, drains but Mears are not engaging

with Thames Water, OCC or WODC so adoption of the foul water system is still not being discussed/resolved. There is no responsibility on the Planning Enforcement.

b) 15/01550/OUT Marsh Furlong – no update from last meeting

- The Brier Furlong site manager who confirmed that all connections to the pumping station for foul water at the back of Marsh Furlong had been finalised. Concerns were subsequently raised by residents following tests of the system at the end of July.
- WODC Planning have been advised, and the clerk has contacted Thames Water urgently again for clarification.
- As above, update from District Councillor - Drainage repairs to be carried out by Mears, then Thames Water can assess so that the County Council can then adopt the road.

c) 25/00853/OUT North Farm

- The WODC Case Officer has accepted that the application is for '9+3' units not 12 and additional affordable housing should not be required. However, he still has to discuss this with the housing officer before this position is finalised.
- EA objected to connecting to foul water system but subsequently withdrew this objection. It was noted that the default would be to connect to mains water system.
- Still in limbo and no updates on the planning portal since the 26th January 2026, Road Safety

d) 24/02466/OUT Potential new development – Lone Star Land (land agents) – Planning application still outstanding.

Environment Agency objected to the application and required another flood risk assessment is carried out; this is now complete, and they have withdrawn their objection. An archaeological survey has been completed and the report posted on the planning portal on 26th January 2026. The objection from WODC Design and Conservation Officer is still standing.

e) 25/01247/OUT Land south of Bampton Road – Croudace. No decision made yet.

- Applicant has submitted revised FRA. LLFA(OCC), EA and ourselves (with Technical Note) have all objected again. Biodiversity objection still extant. Repeated Thames Water responses inconsistent and incomplete.

f) 25/01702/FUL Proposed Mount Field Solar Farm – land between Bampton, Aston and Lew.

- Approved at Lowlands Planning on Monday 9th March 2026. The 42 (ACSC)/42(Curbridge and Lew)/16(Bampton) split on the income is what will be taken to the developer by R LA Forte (for ACSC) and Curbridge and Lew Parish Council.

g) 25/01422/FUL Land South of St James's Court, North Street – not yet decided; objection agreed at Aug meeting.

- WODC Conservation objected and developer submitted a revised design. WODC Conservation noted changes but concerns remain.

Update on previous planning application decisions.

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| Reference | 25/03096/TPO |
| Alternative Reference | PP-14572586 |
| Application Validated Wed | 17 Dec 2025 |
| Address | Merton Cottage Bampton Road Aston Oxfordshire OX18 2BT |
| Proposal | T2 TPO - Sycamore - to be removed TCA - No objections T1 - Yew to be reduced by 3.5m in height T3 - Monterey Cyprus to be crown lifted over roadway T4- Lawson Cyprus Remove deadwood and crown lift over roadway |
| Status | Decided |
| Decision | Refuse |
| Decision Issued Date | Tue 03 Mar 2026 |

10. New Business

- a) Annual Parish Meeting – 22nd April
 - Draft Agenda – see briefing notes on Page 4
 - Ask local organisations for speakers.

11. Community Trust

- MUGA Update
- Path from MUGA to changing rooms.
- Solar Panels
- Other infrastructure projects.

12. Parish infrastructure - To identify any current maintenance work required.

Street Signs – a walk round on Saturday 21st March identified 10 that either need replacing or new 'No Through Road Stickers'. See pages 5-6 of the briefing notes.

13. Governance – Policies for review and resolution – none this month

14. FINANCE -

- a) Report emailed to councillors with items for resolution.

15. Confidential Items

To resolve to exclude the press and the public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Verbal report on clerk recruitment with decisions on interview process and dates, with decisions on appointment and process.

16. Parish councillors' and clerk's reports from meetings attended since last meeting.

17. Matters arising since publication of agenda/

Matters which councillors may wish to raise for inclusion on next agenda.
(For discussion only)

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th May 2026 at 7.30pm