

# Draft Minutes from Littleworth Parish Meeting

## 12 December 2025

**Present:** Leah Baigel, Mark Coleman (Vale of White Horse District Council), Neil Dawson, Sarah Hyland, Alice Margey, Paul Margey, Lala Phillips, Adrian Pickett (Clerk), Fiona Pickett, Andy Radcliffe, Nikki Radcliffe, Julia Smith, Bethia Thomas (Oxfordshire County Council), Ceri Thompson, Simon Thompson, Dennis Winter, Tony Woodward (Chairman)

**Apologies:** Keith Boswell, Dave Mackay, Anna Timbrell

| Agenda Item   | Outcome / Action         |
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| <p><b>1. Minutes from Parish Meeting on 12 May 2024</b></p>   | Minutes approved         |
| <p><b>2. Matters arising - Road safety</b></p> <p>With Bethia Thomas's help access for the bus stop on the Swindon side has been improved with the removal of the old bus stop pole.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) Highways Engagement Team met with the Chairman and Clerk to look at road issues in the parish. Following the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a loose dropped curve has been repaired</li> <li>• the cracks in the road between Littleworth and Thrupp are scheduled for repair in March</li> <li>• the Highways Operations Team have looked at the water flowing across the road near Park Farm and believe there may be an existing drain which could be used</li> <li>• the Placemaking Team are looking at the challenges pedestrians face when crossing the A420 from a road safety perspective</li> </ul> <p>The parish Meeting contacted our Local MP, Charlie Maynard, regarding road safety of pedestrians trying to cross the A420 to use the bus. Our MP has asked that we keep him apprised of the recommendations from OCC.</p>  |                          |
| <p><b>3. Reports from District and County Councillors</b></p> <p><b>Vale of White Horse:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local council boundaries - there is a recommendation with parliament to change the boundaries for the 2027 local elections. If agreed Littleworth would become part of the Kingston Bagpuize ward, together with Hinton Waldrist, Longworth, Pusey and Fyfield &amp; Tubney.</li> <li>• A guide to council services over the Christmas and New Year period is on the homepage of the councils website</li> <li>• You can report fallen trees on local Oxfordshire roads by calling: 0345 310 1111 or by making a report through fix my street</li> </ul> <p><b>Oxfordshire County Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The speed limit on the A420 around Faringdon will be reduced to 50mph from March 2025</li> <li>• Discussions have started for the introduction of average speed cameras on sections of the A420</li> <li>• The A420 at Littleworth is too narrow for a pedestrian refuge</li> <li>• Flooding - advice on preparing for and what to do if you have been flooded can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council website</li> <li>•</li> </ul> |                          |
| <p><b>4. Approval of Parish Meeting budget for 2025/26</b></p>  | Proposed budget approved |

## 5. Parish Reports

### Footpaths:

- The fallen tree on the footpath between the centre of Littleworth and the A420 has been cleared
- Work has been carried out on the footpaths to the east of Littleworth and they are now clear
- The footpath into Faringdon has improved following the work carried out by the Vale Path Volunteers in August
- The footpath from the A420 to the rear of Wadley Manor has been ploughed over. This has been reported through the Oxfordshire footpaths web site.

### Neighbourhood Watch

There is little to report from the last 6 months

### Speedwatch

- Average speeds were generally in the mid teens showing that the majority of drivers are respecting the new 20mph speed limit
- Several school run and short cut drivers were reported for exceeding the speed limit
- The number of days we can operate is determined by how many volunteers we have. If you are concerned about the speed of vehicles through the village and can give occasional assistance please contact Dave Mackay or the Clerk
- If you can note / photograph the contact details of commercial or farm vehicles driving at speed through the village please send this information to the clerk

### Allotments

An allotment will become available in the springtime. If you are interested please contact Keith Boswell or let the clerk know

### Village Events Group (VEG)

- VEG would like to thank everyone of their support with over £3,000 donated to support the village between June 2023 and September 2024. Details have been circulated in the newsletter.

**Church update** - a full copy of the report has been circulated with the newsletter

- We have made a request for permission to resurface the church paths
- A further 2 years of temporary permission has been granted for residents to use the church for various activities. We will shortly be working on a scheme to make this permanent
- We wish to thank all the volunteers who help support and maintain the church and graveyard

### Faringdon United Charity

The charity provides support to residents in need in our area. Amongst its many activities the charity has been providing support to children at school, the Faringdon Food Bank and recently has been providing Christmas vouchers to families in need

### Old School Playground

Many thanks to Syd for his help in patching up the potholes earlier this year

### Reading Room and Playing Field CIO

- The Trustees have come to the conclusion that not all of the works can be carried out at the moment and are reviewing the options. Issues with the Reading Room roof have been identified that will need to be addressed, together with the wooden playground equipment and measures to improve the flat's energy rating.
- The trustees would welcome suggestions on the priorities the village feel should be progressed by emailing them at [ciotrustee@gmail.com](mailto:ciotrustee@gmail.com)
- Request made to the CIO trustees to bring the village up to date as soon as they

CIO Chairman

## 6. Any other business

CPR and defibrillator training

- Proposal to set up a training session in 2025 was agreed

Chairman to set up  
a date

Planned changes in the Parish Meeting.

- As part of the Parish Meeting governance the intention is that the Chairman and Clerk will not be in role for more than 5 years.
- Adrian has been Clerk for 5 years and will be stepping down as Clerk at the May meeting. Neil Dawson has volunteered to take over as Clerk if elected at the Parish Meeting in May.
- Tony will have completed 5 years as Chairman in May 2026. Please contact Tony if you would like to find out more about what is involved.