Minutes of Hanwell Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 23 June 2026 at 7:30pm at Hanwell Village Hall

Present: Councillors:, John Spratt (Chairman), Arnold Bailey, Catriona Reid, Bev Oak, Kate Nash (Clerk minutes)

Other Attendees: Residents

Apologies: None

Declarations of interest: Cllr Bailey declared an interest. Regarding a complaint received by the Parish Council

1484 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 5 May 2026
The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council and The Annual Parish Council meeting were agreed by the Parish Council.

1485 Matters Arising
None

1486 Planning Committee & KHVR update

The Parish Council & KHVR have submitted their replies to the Trinity application and are awaiting further information so there is nothing further to report at this time
Cherwell District Council has been placed into planning performance special measures by the Ministry of Housing. This came into force on 15 June 2026 and will remain active until it is revoked by the Ministry of Housing. The reason for this extension is due to a Government monitoring period between 2023 & 2025 of planning appeals for major developments, which showed over 11% of Cherwell's major planning refusals were subsequently overturned. This just exceeds the Government's expected 10% threshold. The decision means that applicants for major developments can now choose whether to submit their applications to the Council or to the Planning Inspectorate.

1487 Finance
Payments since the last meeting-
Public Liability Insurance has been renewed at a cost of £507.00
Celia Chasey has been refunded £23.92 for flowers for the planters
Howard Edge invoice £1569.36
Service Charges for Bank account £8.50 (£4.25 per month May & June)
The Parish Council has received £800 from an application to the Councillor Priority Fund. (see agenda Item Bench for Village below).

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1488 Quiet Lanes Initiative

OCC has recently launched a project to explore the creation of a small number of quiet lanes in rural areas. The Parish Council has expressed an interest and are awaiting more information about the project. They will share all information with residents as soon as they receive it.

1489 Complaints Policy

The Parish Council reviewed and adopted the Complaints policy

1490 Benches for Village

Chairman Spratt has applied for a grant from the Councillor priority fund and received £800 towards a bench in memory of James Mullet. The bench will be purchased and placed in the village. Cllr Reid will liaise with Jame's family and Cllr Bailey will arrange for the site of the bench to be prepared

1491 Parish Council Communications Website & Noticeboards

The noticeboard is apparently showing signs of decay. Cllr Bailey will inspect the noticeboard and report back to the PC. It was agreed that the PC will continue to use the noticeboard in the village, there is no requirement to purchase a second.

The website is being built and is almost ready for the PC to begin updating as the Clerk will need to reload various documents. The Parish Council also listed various groups in the area who may wish to add information to the website.

The PC also discussed ways for the website to be advertised within the Village.

1492 Clerk Update

Discussions are ongoing regarding the gates at each end of Muddy Lane

The speed camera equipment is still available to purchase for £85.00 but Robin Aitken has now advised that the Police have some equipment available. This should be in her possession shortly so the Speedwatch initiative can progress to the next stage.

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The new mower needs to be registered with DVLA. The Clerk has contacted DVLA several times and been sent forms to complete, which are incorrect. The mower cannot be used on the road until it has been registered and then insurance can be obtained for road use. The Clerk will continue to pursue DVLA for the correct process to register the mower.
Residents at the meeting reported issues with overgrown foliage and poor condition of garages and a bungalow near the allotments Cllr Bailey will obtain photographic evidence and the Clerk will report the issues to Sanctuary housing who are responsible for these properties.
Trevor Stewart has advised that he will no longer install new play areas but will continue to carry out maintenance on them. The annual RoSPA inspection of the Play Area is due to be carried out next month.

1493 Planning Applications

All other applications received have been considered.

1494 AOB

The Parish Council are in receipt of a complaint and invited the resident to attend this meeting to discuss his complaint. Unfortunately, the complainant has been unable to attend this meeting. The Parish Council are keen to resolve any issues and will invite the resident to another meeting.

1495 Post Received - Distributed as received

1496 Next Meeting Date Tuesday 1 September 2026

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