



WESTERN VALLEY
Parish Council

Minutes a Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee of Western Valley Parish Council

Monday 06th July 2026 at 20:00, The District Centre, 1 Gentian Mews, OX11 6GR

Public Session – Prior to the Start of the Meeting

None.

Members Present:

Chair	Cllr G Clarke (GC)
Members	Cllr A Dearlove (AD)
	Cllr S Peacock (SP)
	Cllr V Humphries (VH)

Officers Present:

Clerk to the Council	Mrs L White (LW)
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Public and Press: None.

Meeting started 20:08

26.02.1. To elect a Chairman of the Committee for the year ahead. [LGA 1972 ss15(2) and 34(2)]

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to appoint Cllr Clarke.

26.02.1.1. To receive Chairman's acceptance of office [LGA 1972 s83(4)]

The Chair signed the declaration of acceptance of office, it was countersigned by the Clerk and duly received.

26.02.2. Apologies [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

26.02.2.1. To receive apologies for absence.

None.

26.02.3. To receive declarations of interest for items on this agenda [LA 2011 s31]

None.

26.02.4. To approve the minutes of previous committee meetings. [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]

None – New Committee.



26.02.5. To receive nominations to join the Neighbourhood Plan Committee

None.

26.02.6. To discuss the neighbourhood plan process, to agree actions on how to proceed:

The Clerk gave a summary of a recent discussion with the Vale of White Horse Neighbourhood Planning.

It was noted that the design guide for a “recent development by King Charles” seemed particularly good and should be looked at.

Items considered to be important included:

- Protecting the green verges.
- Preserving parking and safety
- Trying to preserve the planned schools / ask for a secondary school.
- Site allocation for a burial ground.

Other ideas:

- Possibly something regarding active travel?
- Preventing garages being turned in to microhomes
- Protecting green spaces
- Parking if there is anything which could be done to increase it, about the OCC minimum because parking is at a premium across the development already and the approach “if you don’t build it they won’t buy as many cars” just isn’t working.
- Safety – Calor Gas use, as the whole area is “gas free”, are homeowners bringing in gas bottles etc.
- Supportive of solar panels – not objections to filling in the rest of the roof – whilst developers are installing panels, it is not over the whole roof / is more of a token effort.
- Swift Bricks / hedgehog highways / bee bricks / bat boxes and not blocking ones which already exist.
- Protecting private amenity area – not overly developing a plot, protecting a percentage, rather than allowing a percentage increase in the house size, some plots don’t meet the minimum requirement as it is.



- Location of chargers for EV's and effect on pedestrians in the currently built area – the development being built all includes EV charging, but the original development which has been built for over a decade does not, and some parking spaces do not have easy access to their respective homes for installing EV chargers.
- Automatically adding bollards to the edges are pavements in shopping/business areas to prevent pavement parking.

[ACTION] To consider other ideas as a committee, prior to consulting the community on those ideas and asking for further ideas.

[ACTION] To back calculate, to see if it is possible to dovetail the referendum in the next election.

26.02.7. Confirm the date and times of meetings for the year ahead.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to hold meetings on the 1st Monday of the Month, 19:30.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting **20:57**