

NUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

HELD AT 7PM ON 13TH NOVEMBER 2025 @ The Maker Space

Present: Gill Austin (GA, Chair), Dave Passmore (DP, Vice Chair), Mary Anderson (MA, Cllr), Peter Neagle (PN, Cllr), Dave Wood (DW, Cllr), Ben Higgins (BH, OCC Cllr), Annette Young (AY, Clerk), Members of the public x 2

2025/11/1. Apologies: Matt Byrne (MB, Cllr), Jo Robb (JR, SODC Cllr)

2025/11/2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial interests: None

2025/11/3. Confirmation of the minutes of 11th September 2025.

These minutes were agreed and signed by Chair.

The order of the meeting was changed to allow BH to leave and attend further meetings.

2025/11/7. Report OCC. There was discussion about Groveridge, Hogpen and the paddock on Huntercombe End Lane. The overall rise in land being sold for "lotting" is to be raised in Parliament by Freddie van Mierlo. There has been no update from Highways regarding the review of A and B roads in the district. GA raised the question of why Gigaclear have not extended cables to the houses down Nuffield Hill. Congestion charges for Oxford have now been implemented and Oxon residents can apply for permits. BH recommends he is copied on emails where he may be able to help/support e.g. road crossing/speed, planning issues, Fred's Field, etc. More information and details in latest [newsletter here](#).

2025/11/4. Public Participation. No questions.

2025/11/5. Actions and matters arising from those minutes

- a. Traffic Calming. Unfortunately, there has been no response from the Community Speedwatch Team to arrange delivery of devices, equipment and carry out on-site training. MA will try again and may be able to arrange a visit to collect equipment. Onsite training is required by the team before any live sessions can be arranged. Three people are needed for each session and anyone wishing to get involved should contact Mary direct for more information: cllr.mary.anderson@nuffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk
- b. The road crossing petition is gaining momentum and has over 300 online signatures, more than 200 on physical petition copies and copies are also to be given to HMP Huntercombe and Huntercombe Golf Course. Link to online version is here: [https://www.change.org/A4130 Nuffield road crossing](https://www.change.org/A4130-Nuffield-road-crossing)
- c. Fred's Field and Nuffield Education Trust Ransom Strip. BH has heard from OCC that they are now open to further discussions regarding the sale. Councillors to discuss next steps once details have been received.

2025/11/6. Holy Trinity Nuffield.

Unfortunately, no update. GA and Stuart Sinclair will arrange to visit the Erbettas, along with Michael O'Shea (treasurer) to get an update.

2025/11/8. Report from SODC. Full report on the website [here](#).

2025/11/9. Planning

a. New & Awaiting decisions

P25/S2124/FUL Land adjacent to Digberry Farm Digberry Lane near Park Corner RG9 6DP



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The material change in use of the land to a mixed use, comprising agricultural grazing for horses and a caravan site, to provide residential accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers, comprising a single family pitch consisting of 1 Static caravan, 1 touring caravan, parking and associated infrastructure, new vehicular access onto Digberry Lane (retrospective). **Target Decision Date 16th October 2025. No decision Issued**

P25/S1872/LDE Oakingham House Whitcalls Lane Nuffield RG9 5TF

Relating to an existing staff accommodation cabin, associated to Oakingham House, which has been in place for more than 10 years, and which has been resided in by staff for more than 10 years. The cabin is within the curtilage of Oakingham House. Target Decision Date 25th August 2025. **No decision Issued.**

P24/S3592/HH Woodsgift House Nuffield Lane near Nuffield OX10 6QQ

Form new entrance and driveway. Target Decision Date 14th March 2025. **No decision Issued**

P24/S3178/FUL English Farm, English Lane near Nuffield

Erection of building and station of mobile butchery unit within that building, formation of new access with associated track, and associated works. Target Decision Date 28th February 2025. **No decision Issued**

P24/S2451/FUL Upper House Farm Access Road To Upper House Farm Nuffield RG9 5TB

Retrospective application for the development of a stable block, storage barn, haybarn and associated groundworks, creation of a new access from the byway, permeable hardstanding to equestrian yard, replacement of disused agricultural building with a garage and replacement permeable hardstanding, landscaping scheme, and drainage. No PC objection. Target decision date 6th Dec 2024. **No decision Issued.**

b. Decisions made

P25/S2054/S73 Comus Howbury Lane near Nuffield RG9 5SU

Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) to reduce the scale of the proposal and alteration of window size and location, first floor external amenity removed and external walls materials changed on application **P23/S3449/FUL**. **Planning Permission on 1st October 2025**

2025/09/10. Playground – PN reported that equipment flagged as dangerous in the ROSPA report has now been removed and the gate fixed. The notice board has rotted and is no longer useable. There was discussion about re-siting to the junction of Timbers Lane/Nuffield Hill, next to the Community Notice Board. PN to get quote from P Wyatt.

2025/11/11. Huntercombe Residents Assoc. AY reported there had been a recent dog attack on a resident in Bradley Road. The police are involved and if anyone, particularly dog-walkers see bully-type dogs in the area without a muzzle, photos should be sent to the Clerk.

2025/11/12. Oakley Court residents. Nothing new to report.

2025/11/13. Footpaths. John Case's Summer and Autumn footpath report in full [here](#).

2025/11/14. Correspondence. Paths/gates at Oakingham House. Nuffield Parish Council asked Dave Wood to pass on Parish Councillors' thanks to Jane Ibrahim for replacing the stiles with wooden gates on Oakingham House land and to ask for a shopping list of infrastructure upgrades (gates and stiles) within Nuffield Parish as there may be grants available to help towards costs.

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2025/11/15. Finance

- a) Payments, Income and Balances. Agreed as correct and signed by Chair
- b) Auditor Report – Internal Control. Reviewed and agreed by Councillors.
- c) Reserves. To be updated at Budget Meeting in January when Precept is known.
- d) Reserves Policy. To be updated at Budget Meeting in January.
- e) Draft Budget. To be sent to Councillors in advance of January meeting.

2025/11/16. Litter pick successfully carried out on Saturday 8th November. Rubbish collected included the usual bottles, cans and this time there were several car tyres and domestic rubbish bins!

2025/11/17. AOB.

2025/11/18. **2026 dates and next meeting.**

22nd January, 26th March, 21st May (Annual Parish and Parish Council Meetings), 17th September, 12th November.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting: 22nd January 2026


22nd Jan 26.