

DRAFT NUFFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

HELD AT 7PM ON 26TH MARCH 2026 @ The Maker Space

Present: Dave Wood (DW, Cllr), Mary Anderson (MA, Cllr), Peter Neagle (PN, Cllr), Matt Byrne (MB, Cllr), Jo Robb (JR, SODC Cllr), Ben Higgins (BH, OCC Cllr), Annette Young (AY, Clerk), Members of the public x 3

2026/03/1. Apologies: Gill Austin (GA, Chair), Dave Passmore (DP, Vice Chair)

2026/03/2. Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial interests: None

2026/03/3. Confirmation of the minutes of 22nd January 2026. These minutes were agreed and signed by DW.

2026/03/4. Public Participation. Fred's Field covered in 2026/03/5 c below.

2026/03/5. Actions and matters arising from those minutes

- a. **Traffic Calming. (Community Speed Watch)** MA and Adrian Mettem (AM) gave an update to the meeting. A meeting is arranged for Friday 28th March for on-site training and then sessions can begin. More information and if you would like to get involved, please contact: cll.mary.anderson@nuffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk The **road crossing petition** continues to get signatures, with almost 1000 gathered online and in-person. Link to online version is here: https://www.change.org/A4130_Nuffield_road_crossing BH suggested next step would be to submit to an OCC meeting, along with publicity from local media. AY to get details and arrange.
- b. **Fred's Field.** An email from OCC has been received about the offer to purchase the field and also addressing the issue of the access strip. The message sounded positive about the purchase – referring back to an old communication where OCC said they would have no objection to us making the purchase. BH expects this to be resolved in the next financial year i.e. 2026-27. MB will get photos of field being used.
- c. **Groveridge.** JR reported that a meeting has been arranged with James Norman and SODC Planning and Conservation Teams, to move on the application for an Article 4(1) Direction.
- d. **Notice Board.** Discussed and as cost is likely to be c£2000, it was agreed to apply for a grant. AY to apply to Councillor Priority Fund. More details in 2026/01/14 h) below.

2026/03/6. Holy Trinity Church Nuffield.

No further update.

2026/03/7. Report OCC. OCC news includes:

- **Highways.** Update on surface dressing on A4130 from Bix to Crowmarsh, also gully clearing.
- The new rules at Oakley Wood Recycling Centre were discussed and BH reported that there will be a review after the planned temporary closure of the Redbridge site.
- **Kidlington Illegal Waste Site.** Update on progress. Full report [here](#).

2026/03/8. Report from SODC. SODC news includes:

- JR emphasised the need to review whether a Neighbourhood Plan should be adopted by Parish Councils to protect from unwanted development. It was noted that Stoke Row are in the process of preparing a plan and Nuffield PC could benefit from discussing with them. AY to make contact.
- Planning appeals – it was noted that development of land off the B480 at Chalgrove has been approved (P25/SO867/O). Also P25/S2124/FUL land adjacent to Digberry Farm to provide residential accommodation for Gypsies and Travellers, was granted permission on appeal.
- Local Government Reorganisation. The consultation process has now closed and decisions will be communicated in due course.

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- Full report on the website [here](#).

2026/03/9. Planning

a. New & Awaiting decisions

[P26/S0443/HH](#) Magnolia Cottage Nuffield RG9 5SS

Demolish existing garage and adjacent studio. Build one bedroom annexe with living room, kitchen and bathroom. All within existing curtilage and for existing family of Magnolia Cottage use. No objection. **End Consultation Period 26 Mar 2026**

[P26/S0679/HH](#) and [P26/S0680/LB](#) Howberrwood Farm Newnham Hill RG9 5TU

Boundary walls to reinstate historic farmyard enclosure. No objection. End Consultation Period 12th April 2026

[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/S2124/FUL](#) Land adjacent to Digberry Farm Digberry Lane near Park Corner RG9 6DP

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. Refusal of Planning Permission 14th November 2025. Appeal lodged on 15 December 2025. Date of Hearing 5th March 2026. **Appeal Allowed 13 March 2026**

2026/03/10. Huntercombe Residents Assoc. Nothing new to report.

2026/03/11. Oakley Court residents. Nothing new to report.

2026/03/12. Footpaths. John Case has walked around the Groveridge area and information passed to SODC for their meeting. Ref: 2026/03/5 c)

2026/03/13. Correspondence.

- TVP Drop In session. Two PCSOs will be in the church car park on 16th April at midday to discuss any issues that residents may have. Please go along and say hello if you are in the area.
- Neighbourhood Plan. See SODC report ref: 2026/03/8
- Jason Abbot – email disagreeing with 20mph. AY to respond.

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- Eileen Savoury - email requesting update on layby/bus stop at bottom of Gangsdown Hill/London Road junction. AY to respond. Ref: BH report above 2026/03/7.

2026/03/14. Finance

- a. Payments, Income and Balances. Agreed as correct and signed by Councillor Wood.
- b. CIL. It was agreed that amount due (£392.46) should be collected from SODC.
- c. Budget 2025-26. Checked against spending and income to date. Playground maintenance was below budget due to the hot summer and less grass cutting needed.
- d. Neighbourhood Plan. Agreed to find out more information from neighbouring Parishes. AY to investigate.
- e. IT Policy reviewed and adopted.
- f. FOI Publication Scheme update reviewed and agreed.
- g. More discussion needed for notice board due to cost and type required. Options to be sent to Councillors for next meeting and grant to be applied for. Meanwhile, notices will only be available online or via clerk@nuffieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

2026/03/15. Chairman's Business/Other matters Nothing further to report.

2026/03/16. AOB PN reported that a resident is concerned about the known rough sleeper spending a lot of time in the bus stop opposite the Maker Space and playing loud music during the night. This is a regular occurrence, and the various authorities are aware and monitoring the situation. Advice is not to approach the individual and to call 999 if anyone is in danger.

2026/03/17. Next meeting. Annual Parish and Parish Council Meetings 21st May.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm