

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th September 2026

Councillors Present: Cllrs Wuczke, Hardy, Dillingham & Mel Richards

Clerk: C Underhay

59: To receive apologies for absence:

Cllr Mike Richards apologised for his absence.

60: Declarations of Interest:

None received.

61: CBC Cllr Mark Versallion Report:

Cllr Versallion reported as follows – due to a change in legislation Parish Councils, with effect from 31st October 2026, can no longer be called into CBC “Committee” to present a case. School bus routes are “a mess” with no resolution at the moment. He asked that if any resident has any issues about School Bus routes, they email him directly at Mark.Versallion@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

62: Public Forum:

A resident asked about the Checkley Wood Development & the Dukes Land in Hockliffe – Cllr Versallion advised that nothing has been agreed yet. Cllr Versallion also advised that a decision regarding the plot of land behind the Harvester had been deferred until the end of October (re the Planning application).

63: Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2026:

Due to printer issues these had not been printed – so the Chair asked this is formally deferred until the next meeting.

64: Matters arising from the Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda:

There were no matters to discuss.

65: Finance:

The Chair asked the Clerk to speak.

1. To authorise accounts for payment:

It was resolved that the following amounts could be paid:

Cheque	Amount (£)	To	For
2277	322.15	C Underhay	Salary - July
2278	214.40	HMRC	Clerk Tax
2279	665	Lee Harris	Maintenance - Jul
2280	Spoiled		
2281	322.15	C Underhay	Salary - Aug
2282	214.40	HMRC	Clerk Tax
2283	1078.44	TDP Ltd	Park Benches
2284	43	B Simpson	Website
2285	665	Lee Harris	Maintenance – Aug
2286	79.99	C Underhay	Virus software
2287	405	B Simpson	Website
2288	665	Lee Harris	Maintenance - Sep

£26 has also been paid to C Underhay on 1st July 2026 for working at home allowance. Interest of £16.84 was received on 31st July 2026.

The Park Benches have been recorded under village maintenance/repairs (so part of the budget) – the expenditure was slightly less than the agreed estimate at the July Meeting. This amount has been added to the Asset Register.

Payment of the above was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Mel Richards, and resolved by all Councillors present.



2. Account Balances & Budget. To review summary of spend against budget:

As at 31st July 2026, current account balance stood at £18239.23 and savings account £23348.82. The Council have so far spent 24.8% of the year's budget with 33.3% of the year gone (so we are under budget).

The August bank statements have not been received.

3. Review of Financial Regulations Policy:

As no Councillor had read the Policy, this matter was deferred to the next meeting

66: Planning – Applications received:

The Chair advised that the Council have not received any new Planning Applications.

67: Cemetery Matters:

None.

68: Village Events:

The Christmas Event was discussed. The Chair advised the date would be 28th or 29th November 2026. The Chair will check with the Harvester – Cllr Mel Richards to check with the school (re choir). Clerk to speak to Lee Harris re putting tree up and disposing off (putting up the tree - week commencing 22nd November 2026). Chair and Cllr Mel Richards to arrange a competition. Cllr Mike Richards to check power (Cllr Mel Richards to arrange this). Clerk to email Christmas Tree Farm to arrange a visit.

69: The Park:

The Chair noted the additional benches (to replace the old wooden ones) have been delivered and will be installed over the next few days. It



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was noted that the paint for the football pitch lines had faded. The Chair asked for his topic will be discussed further at the next meeting.

70: Correspondence Received (for information only:

None.

71: Items for inclusion in the next agenda:

Football Pitch & Blooming Hockliffe

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Colin Underhay, Clerk – 10th October 2026

Signed as a true copy..... (Chair) 13th October 2026