

Overthorpe Parish Council

Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 7pm in **The Parish Meeting Room, Main Road, Middleton Cheney, OX17 2LR**

Present: Cllr Cavanagh, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Randall, 1 member of the public, Clerk.

- 1) Welcome – The chairman welcomed those present.
- 2) Chairman's report from the Parish Council - It has not been an eventful year for the period 2025/26 due to Overthorpe being such a small parish with few responsibilities; for example, no property to maintain except the initiatives such as the village defibrillator and traffic monitoring hardware.
The main recurring theme for the Parish Council is resident safety, specifically the roads through the villages and those on its boundaries. Although we continue to regularly attempt to engage with WNC Highways with respect to improvement suggestions, such as Overthorpe involvement in county wide safety schemes, moving forward continues to be incredibly slow.
Financially the council remains sound and expenditure for 2025/26 was in line with expectations. Finally, I would like to thank our former chair, Simon Baylis, who has stepped down from the council after over 10 years of service.
- 3) Open forum – members of the public are welcome to raise any items they wish to discuss with the parish council/other parishioners – It was noted that there has been some varying information about the ownership and responsibility for maintaining public footpaths on private land. It was agreed that this is not a PC issue that we have any authority over.

Meeting closed @ 7:14pm.