

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL

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**Notice is hereby given of the meeting of the
Cumnor Parish Council
on Monday 7 September 2026, commencing at 7.30pm
to be held in Fogwell Field Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court**

The Press and Public are welcome to attend this meeting and can participate during the public participation session. Please note that the public and media have a right to record meetings of the Council. Please notify the Clerk prior to the start of meeting if you wish to record or take photographs during the meeting.

To: Members of the Parish Council: You are summoned to attend a meeting on Monday 7 September 2026 at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Declarations of interest.**

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest, whether personal and/or pecuniary which they may have in any items under consideration at this meeting. In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. The Member declaring a pecuniary interest may speak at the meeting for the purpose of making representation, answering questions, or giving evidence relating to the business providing the public are also permitted to attend the meeting for the same purpose. Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. Any member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest as soon as practicable after their arrival, even if the item in question has been considered.

- 3. To approve requests to vary the order of business.**
- 4. To adopt the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 3 August 2026. Paper 1.**
- 5. Clerk's Newsletter and Addendum. Paper 2.**
 - i. To approve the payments of accounts
 - ii. To receive the addendum to the agenda.
- 6. Public Participation.**

The Council's Standing Orders (3.5) designates a total of 20 minutes for members of the public to make representation, answer questions and give evidence in respect of the business on the agenda. An individual member of the public shall not speak for more than 5 minutes on any one agenda item.

7. Neighbourhood Plan Refresh.

- i. To note that on 28th August, seven weeks after the Regulation 14 consultation closed, VWHDC reversed its July 10th position (as subsequently confirmed by VWHDC in correspondence with Council on 14th July, 22nd July and 12th August and in a VWHDC-Council meeting on 13th August) that Council should repeat that consultation at its own expense. **Paper 3.**
- ii. To note that achieving that reversal by VWHDC entailed Council sending 4 items of correspondence to VWHDC; holding 2 meetings with our consultants, ONH, and 1 meeting with ONH, Council and VWHDC officers; the Chair making a formal complaint to VWHDC **Paper 4** and Layla Moran MP writing to VWHDC on CPC's behalf. **Paper 5.**
- iii. Given this 7-week (minimum) delay caused by VWHDC and their 2-month delay in 2025, Council to agree next steps for the Neighbourhood Plan Refresh, including how to request that Oxfordshire County Council also reverse its position (understood to derive directly from the VWHDC prior position), timeline and resources (time and £) now required
- iv. Verbal update and next steps

8. Reports.

- i. To receive a written report from the County Councillor and hear any latest updates.
- ii. To receive a written report from the District Councillor and hear any latest updates.
- iii. To receive a written report from representatives on outside bodies.

9. Cumnor Public Purposes Charity.

- i. To receive and approve the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026. **Paper 6.**
- ii. To receive and approve the bank reconciliation for the year ended 31 March 2026. **Paper 7.**

- iii. To receive and approve the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 March 2026. **Paper 8.**
- iv. Cumnor Hurst unit 2 update.
- 10. Cumnor Conservation Group.**
 - i. Village Pond – update. **Paper 9.**
- 11. Council.**
 - i. To arrange a date for a Christmas event.
 - ii. To confirm rescheduling the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting to Tuesday 3 November 2026.
 - iii. To confirm rescheduling the Environment and Amenities Committee meeting to Monday 19 October 2026 (after the Planning Committee meeting).
 - iv. Joint Local Plan 2045 Scoping consultation opens Tuesday 8 September 2026 closes 29 September 2026 at 11.59pm. To consider responding.
 - v. To approve amending the Councils insurance to a joint policy to include Cumnor Public Purposes Charity.
- 12. Finance.**
 - i. External Audit. Annual Return year ended 31 March 2026.
 - a. To note. Moore, External Auditors had completed their review of sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance Return, and in their opinion the information supplied is in accordance with the Proper Practices and no other matters had come to their attention to give cause for concern that the relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. **Paper 10.**
 - b. To approve and accept the audited Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2026. **Paper 11.**
 - ii. Grounds Maintenance Contract 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2028..
 - a. To approve the new grounds maintenance contract proposal of 12 equal monthly payments. **Paper 12.**
 - iii. Staff pay increase. To approve the National Joint Council for Local Government Services new pay scales for 2026-2027 to be implemented from 1 April 2026. **Paper 13.**
 - iv. Expenditure. To approve/note the following.
 - a. Playdale Playgrounds quote of £150 + VAT to investigate parts need for the roundabout at Pinnocks play park. Approved by Chair and Clerk.
 - b. Wicksteed quote £254.88 + VAT to supply beaters for Eye Chimes at the Glebe play park.
 - c. L Harris Domestic & Commercial Property Maintenance quote £1,328.10 to replace 2 metal posts of the porch of Closes Pavilion. (Closes Pavilion Dedicated Reserves)
- 13. Environment and Amenities.**
 - i. To note the draft minutes of the Environment and Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21 August 2026. **Paper 14.**
 - ii. To consider measures to prevent unwanted access to Fogwell Field following advice from TVP.
- 14. Planning.**
 - i. To receive the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 24 August 2026. **Paper 15.**
 - ii. To consider planning applications received:

Table 1 List of planning applications to consider.

Ref	Plan Receiver	Planning application number	Address and proposal
1	LW	P26/V1282/FUL amended details	70 Abingdon Road, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9QW <i>Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2no. dwellings.</i> Support. This application was considered in between meetings due to timings.
2	LW	P26/V0676/HH amended details	49 Hurst Lane, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9PR <i>Two storey extension to south west elevation along with hip to gable conversion to north east elevation.</i>
3	LW	P26/V2809/HH	26 Turnpike Road, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9JQ <i>Single storey extension to rear.</i>
4	LW	P26/V2999/HH	80 Cumnor Hill, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9HU <i>Proposed two storey side extension with basement garage.</i>

- i. To note Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development applications.

Table 2 Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development applications.

Ref	Planning application number	Address and proposal
1	P26/V3360/LDP	Hillfield, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9QU (B4017) <i>Proposed replacement of a derelict barn with a log cabin garden room.</i>

15. Proposed Industrial installation (Solar Power Station) for the production of electricity on Green Belt land.

i. Proposed 'Botley West' solar power station.

- a. Community Benefit update.
- b. To note that as of the date of this agenda, the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) has yet to publish the July 16th submissions made by Council and others to the Secretary of State at DESNZ
- c. To note that as of the date of this agenda, Council has no information on whether, or when, there will be another round of consultation, given that PVDP confirmed at the August Council meeting that they had made more submissions by the 16th July deadline, despite that deadline being for comments on PVDP's prior 9th June submission, the refusal by the Secretary of State of an extension for PVDP beyond 9th June, and the Secretary of State's 26th March position that a decision will be made on the application before 10th September
- d. Verbal updates and next steps

ii. Red House farm 49.99Mwe solar power station.

- a. To note that Council as an Interested Party is already expending resources on the appeal against VWHDC's refusal of planning permission, despite the public inquiry not occurring until w/c 19th October, so already reducing the resources available to Council to consider planning applications
- b. To note that in August Council had to repeatedly contact VWHDC, and then contact PINS, in order to ascertain if and when it would be required to submit any written copy of its proposed oral submission to be made in w/c 19th October. Council has now heard from PINS that a written copy will not be required until w/c 19th October.
- c. To note that in August Council had to repeatedly contact VWHDC in order to ascertain if and when it could contribute its local landscape knowledge to the process to propose site visits by the Planning Inspector in the appeal process. Ultimately, a councillor spent 1.5hrs on site with the VWHDC Landscape Officer and Council provided that officer with a detailed proposed visit route. **Paper 16.**
- d. Verbal update and next steps

ii. Thames Water – Farmoor Reservoir.

- a. Verbal update and agree next steps.

16. National Grid's Farmoor substation.

- a. Verbal update and next steps

17. Next meeting.

To note any parish ward information from Councillors.

18. Dates of future meetings.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 5 October 2026 at 7.30pm in Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court.**

Further meetings will take place in **2026** on **Mondays**: 2 November and 7 December in **2027** 4 January, 1 February, 1 March and 5 April.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 4 May 2027 at 7.30pm in Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court.**

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Agenda set 1 September 2026.