

Councillors: Dorothy Walker and Lesley McLean.

Parish Councils: Kidlington, Yarnton and Begbroke

Period: May / June 2026

Area Oversight Group.

£300k of funding was awarded to the local area and it is suggested local councils review the Area Priority Plan. Next meeting is 27th May, 2026.

Green Spaces

Draft reports are in progress and will be ready for review shortly. These reports are evaluating the current spaces, how they are used, and how we can make the best of those spaces. Most local green spaces will be included in the reports.



At Rutten Lane a plan is being formalised in partnership with the Yarnton Park Renewal Group and the Parish Council, funding has been secured for one part of the scheme, and we are awaiting quotations for the works, and an agreement on installation management will then be required.

REPF/Green Space & Community Grants

The Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) will be supporting a number of projects locally, including paths and planters at Park Hill, a Historical route from Begbroke to Kidlington and a sensory garden at Chorefield Green.

Flooding

Funding has been secured for locally held flood equipment, to be used in emergencies in the local community. Council Clerks have put forward requests and equipment should be delivered in the next period.

Flood Awareness Event – 24 September

Flooding can be a worrying experience, and we know that many residents want clear, practical help to better protect their homes. That's why we're holding a Flood Awareness Event on 24 September, bringing together expert advice, practical solutions and local support in one place.

The event will provide householders with information on simple, effective steps they can take to reduce flood risk to their property. Flood protection manufacturers will be on hand with information stands, demonstrating a range of products and offering advice, with some solutions available for householders.

There will also be opportunities to find out more about local flood wardens and sign up to get involved, helping to strengthen our community's response before, during and after flood events. We hope you'll join us.

Waste Site

After a delay due to site flooding, removal is now in progress, with traffic control in place for entry and exit.

Changes in Planning regulations for District Councils and Councillors

Councillors were recently given an outline of the very significant recent and forthcoming changes to Planning legislation being introduced by the government. Briefly, these are as follows:

- 150 Home Notification Rule – if a planning committee opts to refuse a housing development application for more than 150 homes, the Planning Inspectorate must be notified, giving officials the opportunity to call in for decision by the Inspectorate.
- A new National Scheme of Delegation will replace Council drafted policies. The new national scheme will mean that:
 1. Councillors will not be able to call in house-holder developments – these will automatically be delegated to officers
 2. Councillors will not be able to call in developments of under 9 dwellings.
- Smaller Planning Committees – these will be limited to a maximum 13 members
- Mandatory Training and National Certification of Planning Committee members
- Introduction of a centralised, online Planning Inspectorate and Planning Decisions Service, replacing the former semi paper based one.

HMOs.

Proposed dates for the HMO briefing for councillors are still awaited from the Planning Department.

Campsfield House Immigration Detention Centre

The Planning Application for Phase 2 (a second building housing some 200 further detainees) will be submitted with a view to completing construction by 2030. The Development Consent Order application is still awaited. A DCO application will be posted on the Council's Planning Register. Although comments and objections can be submitted by stakeholders, the decision will be taken by the Home Office in conjunction with the Planning Inspectorate, not by Cherwell District Council. In the light of the road, water supply, drainage and sewage infrastructure pressures at PR8 and PR9, and with the prospect of a forthcoming OTP(2) development on Langford Lane, its feasibility is open to question.

Roundham Crossing.

This petition was presented at a Full Council meeting of OCC by Lisa Smith (Candidate for Kidlington West), and further discussions are expected once proposals for Begbroke station are understood.

Enforcement Updates

6 The Closes – The requested retrospective planning application for the informal access installed was refused by CDC. A pre-application was invited from the developer and sits with OCC as this is a matter of highway safety. Input from OCC still awaited.

Kebab Kid non permitted signage – Awaiting legal comments to witness statements.

3 Paternoster Court, Yarnton – A reminder has been sent to Tony Brummel referencing the Report's requirement for proper' maintenance and unblocking of the watercourse on Cassington Road to the East of Pixey Close' Update 17/4/26 – reported as cleared (to be confirmed by inspection reports).

45 Merton Way, Yarnton – Enforcement have now re-opened investigation and are looking for additional information from local residents.

73 High Street, Kidlington – Next steps are an interview under caution of the applicant, followed by enforcement action pending the outcome of public expediency assessment. Also outstanding are the details and images yet to be provided to Building Control proving the correct installation of foundations under the non-permitted 2-storey extension. Although not strictly a Planning issue, this is a public safety issue.

55 Church Street, Kidlington (Conservation Area) - Insertion of an unauthorised full size vehicle gate from the historic footpath which runs between No 55 and St Mary's Church. Heavy damage to the footpath surface indicates the use of motorised vehicles on it. A report has been submitted to Planning Enforcement as the gated entrance is serving a workshop constructed in the garden with planning permission from CDC (the permission does not include the irregular access.)

Kerbside Glass Recycling.

From 1st January CDC has been collecting glass at the kerbside which is placed in the blue bin for recycling.

Removal of the recycling banks was planned; however, this was bought forward due to fly tipping at Curtis Place. Recycling banks have now been remove from locations in Kidlington, Yarnton and Begbroke.

Abandoned cars

Any vehicle believed to be abandoned can be [registered at Cherwell District Council here: https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/7/environment/415/abandoned-vehicle](https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/7/environment/415/abandoned-vehicle)