

Minutes of Market Overton Annual Parish Meeting

7.00pm on Thursday 7th May 2026

Market Overton Village Hall

APM1	Present & apologies	Cllr. Birchall, Cllr. Ellis, Cllr. England, Cllr. Lukacs-Winn, Cllr. Robins, Parish Clerk. There were no members of the public present at the meeting. Apologies: Andy Williamson.	
APM2	To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 29 th May 2025	The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed Cllr. Lukacs-Winn Seconded Cllr. Ellis	
APM3	Chairman's Annual Report 2025/26	The Chairman referred to the annual Parish Council report and accounts – attached below appendix 1 & 2.	
APM4	AOB	The meeting closed at 7.05pm	

Appendix 1.

Market Overton Parish Council – Chairman's Report 2026

Planning

The Local Plan

The new local plan extending from 2025 until 2041 has been submitted to the government Inspector, following consultations. the Inspector has responded to the plan submission and hearings requesting some main modifications to the plan. RCC have responded and in April 2026 the Inspector advised RCC that "Overall the inspector considers that, subject to the main modifications, the plan is likely to be to be found legally compliant and sound". RCC will prepare an updated comprehensive set of proposed modifications which will be subject to further consultation.

The examination has not yet been concluded as the consultation on main modifications has not yet taken place.

The Future of Rutland

Main Government have insisted on a restructure of boundaries to create uniform authorities based on population. RCC have supported the North Leicestershire and Rutland (population 416,000), Leicester City (population 404,000) and South Leicestershire (population 403,000) The North Leicestershire and Rutland model will cover the main towns of Castle Donnington, Ashby, Coalville, Loughborough, Melton Mowbray, Cottesmore, Ryhall, Oakham and Uppingham. This area will be set out in four areas - Northwest Leicester, Charnwood, Melton and Rutland.

The North Leicestershire model would be served by 70 councillors with Rutland perhaps supplying an expected 7 councillors.

During consultation parish Councils expressed concerns that local area representation would be diminished and to alleviate these concerns a local neighbourhood co-ordination team will be set up.

Rutland will retain its ceremonial status but lose its identity as a separate county.

Planning Applications

We received 14 planning applications during the past year most were approved without query, two were rejected by RCC.

In addition, we were surprised to note that Solar panels had been erected on a dwelling in Main St, which lay within the village conservation area. On further investigation after some complaints from villagers, we found that the law had been changed by central government, such that solar panels can be fitted on buildings within a conservation area provide the building is not grade listed. Other solar panels were erected in a garden just off Main St, lying outside of the conservation area, however these have now been removed.

Fly tipping was reported adjacent to the Fishing Lake adjoining the cricket club. On investigation the rubble proved to be hardcore, which the Angling Club were going to distribute to form the car park with hard standing.

Of Note were the acceptance of planning permission to the two fields off Main Street, behind Walker Close for the erection of 28 dwellings, there is no update on when /if building will commence. The second field with planning for five bungalows is currently up for sale and development.

The Village Store

Despite all our best efforts the Village shop's existence remains on a knife edge. they have engaged with the village on Facebook. Advertising recent new stock and other interesting items for sale. We can only urge villagers to visit the shop and see what they have to offer, you may be surprised. Any assistance by purchasing items, not necessarily your total weekly shop although that would be lovely!, will help in its survival.

The Parish council did assist with a grant towards a new condenser for the fridges and freezers.

Traffic and Parking issues

Parking in certain areas of the village remains a problem which we continue to engage with. The main areas of concern are

Main St on the bend just before Bowling Green Lane going towards Cottesmore.

Bowling Green Lane, again on the sharp bend forcing traffic onto the middle of the road when approaching the bend from main St towards Thistleton Road.

Thistleton road, opposite the church, vehicles parked forcing vehicles passing to gamble that nothing is coming up the hill. All are problems which have existed for many years, and no easy solution is forthcoming.

Grass cutting and Village Appearance.

Our contractors have, for the most part, performed well over the year and our thanks to councillor Rob Birchall for reacting to any complaints and reminding them when they have not done a good job. We are grateful for recent events which are led by villagers to help tidy the village on a regular basis. They recently did a wonderful job on the churchyard to help keep it presentable and a quiet and beautiful place of reflection for loved ones who have passed away.

Feast Weekend

You will have seen posters around the village and on Facebook for the upcoming feast weekend activities. The Parish council lends its support to all the various activities.

Parish Council Finances

As we all know the cost of everything is rising steadily. We have asked for the precept to be increased to cover these rising costs. The current situation in the Gulf may possibly see grass cutting costs rise even more.

Attached is a summary of up-to-date Parish Council Finances

Finally, I wish to advise that I will not be standing for chairman or councillor next year. I have really enjoyed, despite some challenging times, my time as chairman over the last five years but time now for others to bring new ideas to the role.

I wish to extend my gratitude and thanks to our Parish Clerk for her advice and support over the years I have been Councillor and Chairman. A huge thankyou to my fellow Councillors who have worked diligently and passionately to make our village a better place to live and my thanks to our ward Councillor Abigail West who has always been available for regular advice and information on matters concerning Rutland County Council.

Andy Williamson

Chair – Market Overton Parish Council

Appendix 2.

Parish Council Finance Summary 2025/26

Receipts:	£13,878.15
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Precept	£11,532.00
Grass cutting grant from RCC	£998.28
Interest	£180.61
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	£183.09
VAT refund	£984.17

Expenditure (exc. VAT):	£15,719.15
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Employment costs	£5,820.17
Grass cutting (inc. Pinfold)	£2,949.00
Street lighting	£1,256.85
Insurance	£811.18
Administration - room hire, stationery, audit, subscriptions, bank charges, training	£832.90
Website & IT	£647.97
Defibrillator	
Donations: (£2735)	
Village shop	£2,150.00
Christmas tree	£135.00
Church tree works	£450.00
VAT (to be reclaimed)	£666.08

Closing balance	£7,565.63
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