

Churchill Parish Council



Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting on 23 February 2026

Present: Councillors Jackie Bush (Chair of Committee), J Murray, J Ronicle, M Simpson, Sally Diaz
Parish Clerk, A Flint and M Legg

Public Question time-there were no members of the public present.

- 26/LC2A** **To receive any apologies of non-attendance.**
Councillor R Baker and E Harvey sent their apologies.
- 26/LC2B** **To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 26/LC2C** **To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2025.**
It was resolved to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2025.
- 26/LC2D** **To consider the budget.**
The budget is on track. The repairs to the skate park will be taken from ear marked reserves. Drainage work costs will come from CIL reserves.
- 26/LC2E** **To receive updates from the sports clubs.**
Report from Winscombe and Churchill Football Club:
Along with many other outdoor sports this winter the weather has not been kind to us and we now face a backlog of fixtures. This will need midweek games to be played, once we have lighter evenings.
Winscombe & Churchill senior teams continue to have mixed results with the stop start season, but all are enjoying playing at Ladymead Lane.
On a positive note, we are looking to form a new U6 team in Churchill, in addition to our U6 squad at Winscombe, under the team's name of Winscombe & Churchill and part of the overall Winscombe Football Club. This will give additional opportunities for children from Churchill, Wrington & Langford to start playing football.
A big thank you also to Kev Tucker for keeping the pitches marked during the very wet weather. A thankless task when you spend hours marking pitches only for games to be called off.
We hope for a drier spell as we move into later Spring.

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Report from Cricket Club:

Work to restore the grass around the boundary will be carried out by Kevin prior to the season beginning. Dave Eckett is the new Chairman, Jeff Lenton will still be involved with the club. There is a new under 13 girls' team at the club. The ladies' team is training and playing indoor matches at the Academy. Weather has restricted work to the square; members of the club will work together to maintain the grounds. The Sunday team has been resurrected and will play this year.

Juniors will play between 2-3pm and seniors 4-5pm on Sundays. The club's profile has been improved since winning the Fair Play Award last season.

26/LC2F

To discuss the quarterly play inspection.

The Committee noted the quarterly play inspection report and actions required on the skate park, play area and trim trail. They will be carried out in order of priority.

26/LC2G

To discuss the quote for repairs to the trim trail.

It was resolved to approve the quote from GB Sports to carry out repairs to the trim trail.

26/LC2H

To consider turning the Turnpike paddock to a small pitch for junior players.

It was agreed that Turnpike paddock would be turned into a small pitch for junior players. Winscombe and Churchill Football Club will arrange for the ground to be levelled, fertilised and spiked in preparation. Football and cricket clubs will communicate regarding matches to ensure games are not played at the same time. The paddock will still be used as an overflow car park when both teams are playing at the same time. Vehicular access will still be available for the cricket team. Details of the U6 sessions will be provided.

26/LC2I

To discuss improvements to the skatepark.

Work to repair the concrete and tarmac will begin in April. Phase 3 of the drainage plan for the skate park will be completed before the repairs start. The Clerk and Councillor Alleyne have met with Skate Park contractors and discussed prospective ideas for a new skate park.

26/LC2J

To receive matters for information and future agenda items.

Work to reinstate the ditches from the beacon to the skate park and along the top boundary of the training pitch will also be completed once the football season has finished as previously agreed by the Council.

The next Leisure Committee meeting will be Monday 1st June 2026 at 7.30pm.

End of minutes