

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th July 2026 IN THE VILLAGE SHOP.

Present: Councillor: M Percy, S Percy, J Hobson, M Hall and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs D Bird, I Welch and P Wait.

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164/26 Open Forum

Nothing to report.

165/26 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Penny, Bird & Welch.

166/26 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

167/26 Reports from County and District Councillors.

District Cllr Percy and CC Dean provided reports before the meeting, which have been circulated to all councillors.

168/26 CRAG update

A written update was circulated. Charlotte has taken on the role of Secretary. Discussion took place regarding whether an extraordinary meeting is required. Les will circulate the report outlining the plan for decommissioning the current scheme. Kompan has chased for payment of the outstanding balance relating to the toddler park, including rails, fence equipment, additional matting and the gate.

169/26 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

170/26 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

None.

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None.

171/26 Accounts – PC

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

None.

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	530.40	Wages – June 2026
Hathaway Landscape	447.90	Grass cutting
S Birkbeck	490.00	Fence repairs
D Chapman	200.00	Internal Audit

- b) The end of year accounts for 2025/26 were approved and signed off by the council.
- c) Monthly financial report reviewed by the council

172/26 Clerks Report

- The clerk has researched the options for the bench at Hamshill, these are to be circulated to councillors for the September meeting.
- SDC have sent through notification of the public space protection order consultation. This is active from 22nd June to 2nd August inclusive.
- Further to an email from Les Compton regarding the tree brace on the oak tree in the back car park, the clerk has emailed the consultant who recently surveyed the tree.
- The Parish & Town Council charter needs to be reviewed and adopted if the councillors support, this will be considered at the extraordinary meeting.

173/26 Chairmans Report

Cllr Pearcy reported that the school patrol has operated successfully, with Cllr Welch and Wait involved. The model has worked well and will resume on 4th September, with the Parish Council restarting the following week. A parent rota and involvement from school governors were noted.

A new path from the school into the churchyard is proposed to encourage use of the back car park and the park. Engagement with the church will be required. The Parish Council supports the proposal in principle.

Susie, Chair of the Playgroup, has secured a GCC grant to build a new classroom. A quote has been requested from Steve Birkbeck to replicate the shop building, potentially at a larger scale to increase capacity.

174/26 Tennis Court

The clerk will contact Stroud District Council regarding fencing and chase the electrician.

Clerk

175/26 Village Shop

Nothing to report.

176/26 Village Hall update

Cllr Hobson reported:

- Various plumbing and leak repairs have been completed.
- The broken manhole cover has been repaired.
- Hall insurance has been renewed.
- Work to establish a Stoma Room in the disabled toilet is ongoing.
- Decorating works remain outstanding due to contractor availability.
- The Land Registry has requested further information regarding the long-standing appeal relating to management of the external area. The Chair has responded.
- Replacement of the main hall doors to meet current fire safety standards is ongoing and awaiting contractor dates.

177/26	<u>Leases</u> The Village Hall Committee has an active dispute with the Land Registry; further information has been requested. Cllr Percy is being kept updated by Tony Eve.	
178/26	<u>Neighbourhood Watch Update</u> Nothing to report	
179/26	<u>Footpaths, ditches and stiles to be discussed</u> Nothing to report	
180/26	<u>Allotment Update</u> The clerk may need to pursue other routes regarding evicting a tenant as WSP are not responding to emails.	Clerk
181/26	<u>Village maintenance</u> Clearing of the path through the village to take place in the autumn, with maintenance in the spring.	Clerk
182/26	<u>Highway Repairs & maintenance</u> The recent highways letter sent to all residents, was not very informative and caused more confusion. Cllr Percy has been in communication with highways, and it has been confirmed it is a rolling closure, but this is not being communicated by highways.	
183/26	<u>Speed Survey</u> Cllr Percy reported that the photographs have been taken and Highways support the survey. The scheduled date (week commencing 27 July) is unsuitable due to road closure. A revised date of second week of September will be suggested. Uley is also interested in purchasing a speed camera; the survey results will inform future discussions.	Cllr Percy
184/26	<u>Communications</u> The council will increase engagement with residents via the noticeboard, newsletter and Facebook. More Parish Council updates will be included in the newsletter. Suggestions for newsletter content to be included under "Publications" on future agendas.	
185/26	<u>Solar Farm Proposal</u> Cllr Percy circulated a proposal before the meeting, this would create an income as a council, also an opportunity for residents to invest in. The other option is an organisation who may invest and manage the whole site.	
186/26	<u>Tree Protection order</u> The process to protect a tree with SDC was circulated prior to the meeting. The proposed trees are the oak tree in the back car park, this was planted for Victoria's Jubilee, recognised as natural habitat. A possible additional oak tree in the field up Far Green as this is a notable landmark for the village. Clerk to progress the application.	Clerk

187/26	<u>Biodiversity Map</u> Cllr Pearcy reported that Cucan is interested in supporting the development of a biodiversity map. Scope depends on whether land is public or private. Cllr Pearcy to speak with Rebecca Charley at SDC. A printed map has been reviewed; the next steps include identifying priority areas.	Cllr Pearcy
188/26	<u>Pedersen Way</u> Cllr Hall reported that an active travel grant is available for feasibility studies. Cllr Pearcy and Hall to walk the route and prepare a grant request. Severn Trent to be approached regarding possible financial or labour support.	Cllr Pearcy
189/26	<u>Emergency Plan</u> The clerk circulated the training notes before the meeting; this is to be considered over the summer by all councillors and on the agenda for September.	Clerk
190/26	<u>Playarea</u> Nothing to report.	
191/26	<u>Matters for forward consideration</u> Extraordinary meeting	
192/26	<u>Items for press release and publication</u> Minutes Local plan Speed monitoring School patrols Extraordinary meeting – proposed for Monday 13 th July Meeting closed at 9.45pm.	