

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th MAY 2026 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM.

Present: Councillor: M Percy, P Wait, S Percy, J Hobson, D Bird, M Hall, I Welch and Lynn Thornton (Clerk)

Apologies: None

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97/26

Open Forum

Nothing to report.

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Apologies for absence

None.

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Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

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Co-option of Councillor

Ian Welch was voted on to the council, all councillors supported.

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CRAG Update

The minutes were circulated before the meeting.

The clerk will contact crag regarding the stepping stones and balance beam further to the incident reported by a resident. Also, the clerk will share the latest report from RoSPA. The councillors agreed the loose items need to be secured or removed as a matter of urgency and by half term at the latest.

The results of the hedge consultation were analysed, a report was shared by the clerk before the meeting. Attached as appendix I. The councillors agreed CRAG can revisit this proposal in 3-5 years when the area has been completely developed and the trees are more established.

At the last meeting the election of new officers took place. The committee is reviewing the constitution and reviewing the trustees.

The village shop committee have raised the implications of their volunteers being approached to carry out first aid. The clerk will write to the committee to confirm it is not an obligation, and they would discourage.

Cllr Hobson raised the issue of the initials and not names still being used on the minutes.

Cllr Percy reported Kompan installed the infant play area, RoSPA has checked it, and raised concerns about the matting around the tractor. Rospa also highlighted the matting between the shop and tennis courts, gates need adjusting.

CRAG committee have not paid the balance yet as they are waiting for the snagging to be completed.

Clerk

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Reports

District Cllr Percy and County Cllr Dean circulated a report before the meeting.

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Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th April were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

104/26 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:
None.

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- a) S.26/0292/VAR – Nutgrove, Silver Street – removal of condition D (agricultural occupancy) from permission S.15411 **REFUSED**
- b) S.26/0364/LBC – The Old Vicarage, The Street – replacement of bay window, replacement and refurbishment of windows, and internal alterations. **APPROVED**

105/26 Accounts – PC

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

D Bird	44.40	Allotment rent
SDC	2827.64	CIL Payment
SDC	9685.00	1 st Precept
CE Fryer	28.24	Allotment rent
D Dungworth	14.74	Allotment rent
A Griffiths	5.79	Allotment rent
K Wilkins	53.51	Allotment rent
E Pugh	14.00	Allotment rent
J Dunlop	13.91	Allotment rent
M Wyatt	51.44	Allotment rent

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	530.40	Wages – March 26
Hathaway Gardenscape	447.90	Grass cutting contract
S Cook	118.99	Newsletter Printing
S Cook	100.00	Newsletter Editing
GALC	299.32	Annual Subscription
G Gritt	332.50	Path Clearing

b) finance report circulated to the councillors.

106/26 Clerks Report

- The clerk has received an email from a parishioner who has requested the bench is reinstated on the path at Hamshill. The original bench was damaged by the grass cutter many years ago and has not been replaced. The councillors voted to support this request. Clerk to source a suitable bench.
- The CIL payment has been actioned by SDC, the council has 5 years to use this money for the community.
- THE CRAG AGM takes place on 19th May, 7pm in the Jubilee Room.

Clerk

107/26	<p><u>Chairmans Report</u></p> <p>Cllr Pearcy met with the headteacher at the school, they are very aware of the parking issue and have regular discussion with parents, they have identified there are a couple of repeat offenders.</p> <p>There was a recent issue and police were called in.</p> <p>A joint patrol was discussed, 30 mins before school and after, with a representative from school and the parish council. Cllr Pearcy has also spoken to our local PCSO, they will try and have a presence for the first one at least.</p> <p>The village hall car park is used but not enough, marking out of the car park would help.</p> <p>It was suggested that staff should be using the overflow car park, not parking on the road all day.</p> <p>The councillors supported a joint approach and discussed purchasing a few children bollards, Cllr Pearcy to feed these back to the school.</p> <p>A speed survey was discussed; this would require the council to buy some equipment. Clerk to add to the next agenda.</p> <p>Currently there is only 1 TPO in the parish, which is currently scheduled to be trimmed. Councillors were asked to consider any trees within the parish which they feel warrant a TPO.</p> <p>Cllr Pearcy raised the idea of a map of the parish with prominent trees, assets etc. This could potentially help with development. Cllr Pearcy will raise this with CUCAN and ask Uley PC for a digital copy of their one.</p>	<p>Cllr Pearcy</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>All</p> <p>Cllr Pearcy</p>
108/26	<p><u>Tennis Court</u></p> <p>Cllr Hobson met with an electrician to quote for the box on the tennis courts, the electrician confirmed the power is still there. He will provide two quotes, one to clear the box and another one for the LED floodlights to be reinstated. Both quotes would include approaching Western Power.</p>	
109/26	<p><u>Village Shop</u></p> <p>Cllr Wait confirmed the shop is doing well, profits are up 20%. The committee is considering ways forward, this would be a 5-year plan, a subcommittee will be created. The committee may need to employ a paid accountant.</p> <p>They are also undertaking a review of opening hours; this is dependent on volunteers. The committee is looking to recruit from further afield (Box Road etc)</p> <p>Many people do not appreciate the shop it is run by volunteers.</p> <p>The committee would like to see a handrail installed around the sensory garden.</p> <p>There is a workshop for the volunteers on first aid scheduled.</p> <p>The account has a balance of £66,000 at the end of the year.</p>	
110/26	<p><u>Village Hall Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Hobson reported they are still waiting for the manhole cover, along with the painting and new doors.</p> <p>The committee is working on the CIO paperwork together, meeting once a month to tackle it.</p> <p>The lift service is scheduled for Friday 15th May.</p> <p>There are regular groups using the hall.</p>	

111/26	<p><u>Leases</u> Cllr Pearcy and Cllr Hosbon are meeting on Thursday 7th May with representatives from the village hall committee. The meeting is designed to come to a mutual decision on what questions need to be asked of a KC.</p>	Cllrs Pearcy/Hobson
112/26	<p><u>Neighbourhood Watch Update</u> Cllr Pearcy to arrange a meeting.</p>	
113/26	<p><u>Footpaths, ditches and Stiles</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
114/26	<p><u>Allotment Update</u> The clerk is waiting for WSP to come back with their recommendation on a suitable solicitor. The solar farm representative has not followed up with Cllr Pearcy, the area being considered is not big enough for the larger companies, therefore limiting the interest.</p>	Clerk
115/26	<p><u>Village Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
116/26	<p><u>Greenway/Pedersen Way</u> Cllr Pearcy attended the opening of the Pedersen Way a few weeks ago, GCC have put signage up and will complete areas which need attention. Work has started on the Dursley to Uley route, the group are reviewing options. Cllr Pearcy is keen to see if a further extension from C&D station to Coaley is viable, via the sewage works. Mr Chris Prout owns the land a route would need to go through, potentially path would need to be fenced in. Severn Trent would also need to be consulted as the route would go near the sewage works. Remove stiles and replace with user friendly access. All councillors supported this proposal. Cllr Hall will have an informal chat with Mr Prout.</p>	Cllr Hall
117/26	<p><u>New Councillor Training</u> Cllr Hall attended the new councillor toolkit training session and Cllr Welch is scheduled to attend on 27th May. Clerk to send through the available dates to Cllr Bird to sign up. Clerk to circulate the sign in details for GALC, as they have lots of useful resources. Clerk to also distribute the latest training programme from SDC.</p>	Clerk Clerk
118/26	<p><u>Highways Repair & Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
119/26	<p><u>Emergency Plan</u> Clerk to circulate the recent training presentation from SDC.</p>	Clerk
120/26	<p><u>Playarea Update</u> A decision needs to be made along with CRAG about the decommissioning of the old play area equipment. The latest RoSPA report has been circulated.</p>	

- 121/26 Matters for forward consideration
 - TPO
 - Emergency Plan
 - Speed Survey
 - Biodiversity map
 - Pederson way

- 122/26 Items for press release and publication
 - Minutes
 - Hedge consultation
 - New councillors' information

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.