MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Thursday 15th October 2026 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM.

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

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231/26 Open Forum
Nothing to report.

232/26 Apologies for absence
Cllrs M Pearcy and Bird.

233/26 Declarations of Interest by Councillors
None.

234/26 CRAG update
Last minutes of the committee meeting circulated before the meeting, no comments raised by the councillors relating to the minutes.
Cllr Hall has been in communication with Les Compton regarding the council approving the erection of a new shed. The councillors approved the request as the shed is going onto an existing slab of concrete, will not impact on the design for the recreation field and is necessary for storage. Cllr Hall to relay this back to the CRAG committee.
The clerk has submitted the VAT claim for the toddler play park, it has not been approved yet.

235/26 Reports from County and District Councillors.
District Cllr Pearcy report was circulated before the meeting. No report received from County Cllr Dean.

236/26 Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 1st September were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

237/26 Planning
The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

a) S.26/1346/VAR – 2 The Close – variation of condition 2 9approved plans) from S.24/1927/HHOLD alteration to roof design. **No comment**
b) S.26/1684/TPOREQ – 31 The Close – New TPO request - **Withdrawn**

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

Enforcement Updates

EN25/0195 – Silver Street House – new entrance created – Cllr Pearcy reported this is being investigated by the relevant enforcement officer.

238/26 Accounts – PC

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

HMRC	1165.64	VAT reclaim
Admiral Insurance	390.00	Insurance payment for fence
E Ely	13.91	Allotment rent
SDC	9685.00	2nd Precept payment

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	548.00	Wages – September 2026
Hathaway Landscape	447.90	Grass cutting
S Cook	129.99	Newsletter printing
S Cook	100.00	Newsletter editing
Lloyds	4.25	Service charge
Coaley village hall	150.00	Hall usage
GCC	300.96	Speed survey
PKF Littlejohn LLP	378.00	External audit

239/26 Clerks Report

- Proposed dates for the Christmas meal were discussed, John to discuss availability with the Old Fox.
- A CIL payment will be paid into the account, as it is over £500 there is not an option to ask SDC to hold the payment and it will need to used within 5 years.
- The updated safeguarding policy was adopted by the councillors.

240/26 Chairman's Report
Nothing to report.

241/26 Emergency Plan
The clerk circulated the plan previously, Cllr Hobson will forward to Tony Eve for the village hall to consider. Cllr Hobson will also speak to the landlord of the pub to see if they are happy to be a refuge centre. Cllr Hobson

242/16 Tennis Courts
The clerk has chased the electrician who quoted for the removal of the box. Clerk

243/26 Village Shop
Cllr Wait confirmed the election of officers has taken place; they will be in the role for 3 years. The code of conduct was adopted.
The committee is concerned about the maintenance of the building; it is currently being treated for wood worm and some of the flooring needs to be replaced.
Training sessions for volunteers have been scheduled and the shop will also be providing baskets for shoppers soon.

Pete the fish visits the shop on a Tuesday, the committee asked for permission to put a sign out, the council approved this request.
Christmas opening times are:
Christmas Eve 9-12, Christmas day – closed, Boxing Day – 10-12, Sunday 27th 10-12 and Monday 28th 10-12.

244/26 Village Hall update
Cllr Hobson reported the AGM took place on 13th October, the existing finance committee was elected, 2 trustees are intending on standing down in 2027.
The disabled toilet is now fully stoma compliant and has been signed off by the Stoma Society. The bin is collected monthly.
The lift was scheduled to be updated with a new call button, the engineer attended but could not get the new button to work so currently there is no lift.
Still waiting for the new fire doors to be installed.

245/26 Speed survey results
The report has been circulated to councillors, there is an increase in speeding through the village, particularly in Westend and Hamshill. Speed calming measures to be investigated by the clerk, options to be discussed at the November meeting. — Clerk

246/26 Grant application
CRAG have submitted a grant application for £2827.64, the councillors voted not to award the grant at this current time. The amount applied for is the same as the CIL money, the councillors decided to set the precept and review the council's finances before reassessing this grant application. There are other community projects which also need to be considered.

247/26 Pedersen Way
Cllr Hall confirmed a map of the proposed route has been given to the group to consider.

248/26 Neighbourhood Watch update
Nothing to report.

249/26 Footpaths, ditches and styles
PROW's have closed the ticket submitted about the damage to the stone bridge, councillors agreed it needs to be reinspected as the netting is not holding together and the stone is deteriorating further. — Clerk
No further reports in the shop.

251/26 Allotment update
The clerk confirmed the payment is still outstanding for the Trenley road allotment, clerk to confirm Cllr Pearcy has hand delivered a hard copy to the tenant. — Clerk
Clerk to contact George Gritt to see if he is interested in quoting to repair the damage at the allotment.

252/26 Village maintenance
Nothing to report.

253/26	<u>Highways repairs & maintenance</u> The level of the road since the resurfacing is a concern. There is very small difference between the road and the pavement. Clerk to raise with highways. Cllr S Pearcy to send through some photos to support the report. Clerk to chase George Gritt about clearing the paths back to expose maximum pavement and also clear the gutters over the winter.	Clerk Cllr S Pearcy
254/26	<u>Playarea update</u> Cllr Pearcy has carried out the monthly inspection, the fence at the back of the playarea was flagged as being very wobbly. Clerk to circulate wording for the safety sign to be erected at the pump track.	Clerk Clerk
255/26	<u>Matters for forward consideration</u> Emergency plan Speed calming measures	
256/26	<u>Items for press release and publication</u> Minutes Emergency plan Car park	
	Meeting closed at 8.40pm.	