

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Mulligan- Chair, Cllr Parsons, Cllr Hetterley, Cllr Mills. Cllr Slater, Cllr King Cllr Blackie,

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: - Mrs S Baker (Clerk),

VISITORS - None

215/26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – None

216/26 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Bendall.

Cllr Mulligan reported that he has received the resignation of Cllr Hamilton with immediate effect. A casual vacancy will be advertised.

217/26 CODE OF CONDUCT

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

218/26 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 March 2026

The minutes of the 11 March 2026 meeting were approved as a true record.

219/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 March 2026

None

220/26 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Playing Fields Update

Cllr Mulligan reported that installation of the new benches has been delayed but is expected next week.

The Clerk advised that a resident had contacted the Council regarding a Play Rangers session organised by the church at the playing field without prior notification. This coincided with grass cutting by a contractor. The resident also asked whether the Parish Council could help fund an additional Play Rangers session. The Clerk was asked to contact the church representative to make enquiries.

A quote of £11,780 has been received for works identified in the tree report. Due to the cost, the Parish Council agreed to seek a further quote. Cllr Mulligan will ask Quercus to provide one.

Cllr King said that the installation of CCTV is more complicated than initially thought. He distributed a report via email prior to the meeting. He asked the Council to review the report for discussion at the meeting in May.

Memorial Hall Update

Cllr Mulligan reported that, despite repeated calls, no response has been received from the Athelstan Trust regarding the lease. He will continue to follow this up.

Kitchen delivery has been delayed, with installation now likely around the May bank holiday.

The Clerk met with a contractor to obtain a quote to refurbish or replace the floor, which is laid on an earth base. Some areas have previously been replaced with pine; the contractor is confirming the original wood type.

The Clerk reported that rooks have displaced the bird guard and are accessing the roof space. The contractor will be asked to refit the guard.

One business energy contract has been renewed.

Defibrillator: Cllr Mulligan advised that the telephone box signage cannot be removed; it was agreed this is unnecessary. Residents will be informed that the defibrillator is in place and it will be registered with the ambulance service.

221/26 PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed to hold the annual parish meeting on the 16th May. At 10.30 am.

Cllr Mills will lead. It was agreed the main topic will be road safety. Cllr Mills will present the Road Safety Assessment.

attend to give a talk and receive comments from Parishioners. Cllr Hetterley will check the availability of the social club and ask for WI to organise refreshments.

Cllr Slater will advertise on social media.

222/26 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

Cllr Slater reported that, following numerous complaints from residents, he had written to the Director of Highways regarding the recent closure of Tetbury Hill. He stated that the closure was unnecessary, as only the footpath was being repaired. The footpath is little used and could have been closed with minimal disruption. The residents' concerns have been raised with the Director of Highways.

Cllr Slater requested the Clerk write to two residents in Sandford Leaze regarding the overgrown vegetation.

Following the concerns expressed by Mrs Jones at the February meeting Cllr Parsons said she was also concerned about the activity in the field that has been cleared. A large top stone on the stile appears to have been replaced by two single stones. The Clerk said that if she is provided with the What3Word location she would ask the Footpath Officer to make enquiries.

Cllr Parsons also said that the Village Gates are in poor condition. The Clerk was asked to get a price for replacements.

223/26 FINANCE

Finance Report

Cllr Hetterley reported at April 4th (End of financial Year) was £98,663. Significant transactions in March were payment for the bus shelter repair (£3,300), receipt of the insurance claim for bus shelters (£2,500) and payment of hall kitchen deposit (£914).

The balance includes ring fenced sums for project funding and CIL payment which would result in reserves of approximately £46K

Cllr Hetterley and Cllr Slater agreed to update the spreadsheet ring fenced and budget columns for new financial year.

Approve Bills for Payment

The Parish Council approved bills for payment.

224/26 DISTRICT COUNILLORS REPORT –

Not Available

225/26 COUNCTY COUNCILLOR REPORT –

Not Available

226/26 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

New Planning Applications

Ansford Cottage and Blenheim Cottage – Works to trees in a conservation area T1 & T2
Beech Trees in rear garden – remove T3 Beech Tree. – Object – The Parish Council agreed that it was unnecessary to remove both T1 & T2. There was no justification to remove T3.

227/26 Planning Correspondence and Decisions

26/00380/TCO NR Star Lane T1 Ash - Fell to ground level. Symptomatic to ADB, recently shed a large limb that landed in the road.

26/00186/COMPLY The Old Quarries - Partial compliance with Conditions 3 (sample materials), 8 (design details 1), 11 (rainwater goods), 13 (new windows), 14 (external woodwork), 15 (Garage doors), 25 (Artificial roosting nesting) and 26 (CMS) of Phase 2 of development of planning permission 22/03666/FUL - Change of use of existing buildings from residential institution (C2 use) to residential (C3 use) to form a total of 11 no. dwellings, through demolition of modern extensions, internal alterations and extensions, demolition of modern institutional buildings and replacement with new dwellings, associated garaging, landscaping, construction of new wall in alignment of historic walled garden and associated Works.

The planning application for a change of use at the Queen Matilda has been referred to the Planning Committee, with a decision expected shortly. Members of the public plan to attend the meeting to ask questions, and the Clerk has reiterated the Council's original comments on the planning portal.

228/26 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence

GALC – Training Schedule

GRCC – KITT

CDC – Town Parish Forum – Update on Local Plan 12th & 19th May

Glos Wildlife Trust - Newsletter

229/26 COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mills reported an incident of unsocial behaviour outside the Queen Matilda involving two people. A man in a grey Volvo and a Woman in a Black 4 x 4. On hearing the detail, the Parish Council thought it was a police matter and asked Cllr Mills to advise them to ring 101.

Cllr King reported a complaint about rude behaviour by scaffolding company staff working on a local property. The issue was raised with the company's head office. The lorry also damaged the grass verge. The Clerk advised him to report the damage on FixMyStreet, including the company's name. Highways can then charge the company for the repair.

Cllr King reported that the telephone box library was working well .

Cllr Mulligan said he thought the Nags Head phone box refurbishment could be deferred until 2027, as it was in better condition.

Cllr Parsons said she had a very large polly tunnel frame stolen from her field.

230/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 13 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 20.35pm

Actions

226/26	Submit Planning	Clerk
220/26	Install 2 nd Defib	Cllr Mulligan & Cllr King
223/26	Pay Bills	Clerk