

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

PRESENT: Cllr Mulligan (Chair), Cllr Bendall, Cllr Blackie, Cllr Hetterley and Cllr Slater.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Baker (Clerk).

VISITORS – None

264/26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – None

265/26 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were received from Cllr Parsons, Cllr Mills and Cllr King.

266/26 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

267/26 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th June 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2026 were approved as a true record.

268/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th June 2026

None

269/26 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Playing Fields Update

The bolts on the goal post have still not been installed. Cllr Mulligan agreed to carry out this repair.

The diseased trees have now been removed.

The Parish Council understands that Dr Carter is moving away from the village. The Clerk was asked to contact Dr Carter to ask whether anyone has been identified to take over the running of the orchard project.

Memorial Hall Update

Cllr Mulligan reported that he had made contact with the solicitor representing the Athelstone Trust. He has been informed that the paperwork is on her desk and she will attend to it as soon as possible. The Parish Council agreed that, due to the length of time taken by the Athelstone Trust to progress the lease, it would be appropriate to submit a further interim invoice for £20,000.

Cllr Hetterley will send this directly to the Athelstone Trust.

Cllr Hetterley showed the Parish Council the rag rug produced for the Memorial Hall. It was agreed that it would be an appropriate piece of art to display on the Memorial Hall wall. Cllr Blackie will speak to a local picture framer to obtain an estimate for framing.

Parish Council representation as Silver Band Trustee

Cllr Bendall volunteered to be the Council's representative on the Board of Trustees for the Silver Band.

Casual Vacancy

The Clerk urged the Parish Council to identify possible applicants for the role of Parish Councillor.

270/26 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

Cllr Bendall expressed concern regarding parking at the bottom of Tetbury Hill. Cllr Slater suggested that bollards on the pavement may make parking more difficult without requiring a TRO.

The Clerk informed Cllr Bendall that this area is being considered by Cllr Mills as part of his road safety assessment.

Cllr Mulligan said he was concerned that the installation of gullies at Old Hill would be ineffective if vehicles continue to park on the grass verge, as soil would quickly fill the new gullies. Cllr Slater said he understood the parking issue would be addressed by the installation of bollards.

A number of complaints have been received regarding a container left on private land on Avening Road. Cllr Mulligan will attempt to contact the landowner to ask when it will be removed.

Complaints have been received that damp grass clippings are being disposed of in the stream. The Council is concerned that this is illegal and causes pollution. The Clerk was asked to write to the landowner to make them aware of the issue and ask whether they have any knowledge of the practice.

The Clerk provided the Council with a price list for village gates. It was agreed that the cost was affordable. Cllr Mulligan will review the price list and make a proposal regarding the style of gate.

271/26 FINANCE

Finance Report – Cllr Hetterley

Total expenditure this financial year (at 7th July) is approximately £28K with main items of spend in the last month: Kitchen Fitter, Parish Insurance, Tree works plus normal running costs.

The current bank balance is £118,000. This includes unspent budgeted items (£67,000) and ringfenced funds (£22,000). Budgeted reserves are therefore estimated at £30,000, or £44,000 after receipt of the outstanding precept.

Approve Bills for Payment

The Parish Council approved bills for payment.

272/26 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT –

Appendix 1

273/26 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT –

Unavailable

274/26 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

New Planning Applications

26/01865/FUL, 51 Nags Head Lane – Erection of an external bike shed in the location previously planned for the relocation of the existing oil tank and associated works.

275/26 Planning Correspondence and Decisions

26/01805/TCONR, 6 Old Hill – The garden contains a mature Western Red Cedar which periodically requires reduction to prevent damage to phone lines and reduce shading in the garden. This work was previously carried out in 2017 and 2022 and is required again. Permitted.

Cllr Slater reported that the Old Police House had received planning permission to install a wooden gate, but a resin gate had been installed instead. The Council discussed whether the matter should be referred to the planning enforcement officer. It was agreed that councillors would inspect the gate before making a decision.

276/26 CORRESPONDENCE

GRCC Newsbites

GALC AGM – Submission of motions required.

The Clerk said there had been very little relevant correspondence this month.

277/26 COUNCILLORS

Cllr Slater asked for “environment” to be added to the agenda for the September meeting. Cherington Parish Council is seeking to employ a Clerk. Cllr Slater asked the Council to spread the word.

Cllr Blackie asked if a traffic mirror could be installed to improve visibility at Greenway Head. The Clerk said that Highways does not support the use of mirrors on the highway. A mirror would need to be installed on private land, with the risk that Highways may request its removal. Cllr Slater will enquire who the landowner is.

Cllr Blackie enquired if a lamppost at Westend could be switched off after 11 pm and the Lamp post opposite Church Farm could be shielded or switched off as it shines directly into a resident’s window.

There was a discussion as to if the village could get dark skies status. The Clerk will make enquiries.

Cllr Hetterley said there will be no Church Fete in 2027 and asked whether the Parish Council should step in to organise a village fete. This will be added to the agenda for September.

The Clerk reminded everyone that there will be no Parish Council meeting in August.

Cllr Mulligan said that if he receives a response from the Athelstone Trust regarding the lease, a Trustee meeting may be called.

278/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 9th September at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Actions

274/26	Submit Planning	Clerk
220/26	Install 2 nd Defib	Cllr Mulligan & Cllr King
271/26	Pay Bills	Clerk

Appendix 1