

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 09 July 2025 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Mulligans- Chair, Cllr Bendall. Cllr King, Cllr Parsons, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Hetterley, Cllr Mills. Cllr Blackie

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

VISITORS:- Clare Bebbington

98/25 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –

Phone Box Refurbishment

Clare Bebbington presented her ideas for the community library to be installed in the phone box. Ms Bebbington said there was a Facebook page dedicated to phone box libraries which give lots of ideas on how to convert phone boxes to libraries. It was stated that the most challenging task will be keeping it tidy and rotating the stock. Old stock will be donated to the Canal Trust and Longfield's Charity. Ms Bebbington estimated the cost to be £150. This will cover an A4 wall mounted display board, 2 x A5 wall mounted display boards, bookends, and plastic boxes. Shelving will be in addition to this. Cllr Mulligan agreed to meet with Ms Bebbington to clarify the style and size of shelving required.

The Parish Council agreed to fund this project.

99/25 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Slater, Cllr Hamilton

100/25 CODE OF CONDUCT

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Agenda item 6.5 - Cllr King is married to Ms Bebbington

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

101/25 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12th June 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 June 2025 were signed as a true record.

102/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 June 2025

103/25 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Community Issues

Memorial Hall

The Clerk reported that the accounts need to be agreed and submitted to the Charity Commission. Before October 31st. It was agreed to hold a Trustee meeting before the Parish Council meeting on September 2nd.

Cllr Mulligan reported that an email had been received from the Athelston Trust stating that they were still awaiting a response from the Education Department following their questions regarding the floor plan. It was suggested that an interim invoice should be submitted. It was agreed that if the lease is not signed by the end of the school term, it will be considered at the Trustee meeting in September.

It was confirmed that the roof will start as soon as the schools break up. A road closure order has been agreed with CDC. The Clerk said the scaffolding may still be in place when the school returns from the summer break. It is dependant on the condition of the roof once the tiles are removed and also the weather.

Cllr Mills said he has received a notice of a grant award of £15K. He needs the Clerk to supply bank account numbers and proof that planning is not required.

The Clerk said she had an email from the planning office confirming that the Parish Council can change the roof without planning consent under Parish Council permitted development. She will provide Cllr Mills with the evidence and the bank account details.

Playing Fields Update

Cllr Mulligan reported that the zip wire was faulty. A new running gear was on order.

Support for CCTV has been widely supported by the community.

Cllr Mulligan reported someone had spray painted obscenities on the trees.

The Clerk reported that GCC are offering whips to communities to plant, but if suitable locations are identified, GCC will plant larger trees. Cllr King will contact Pheobe Carter and ask if she requires any whips and if larger trees could be installed along the border with the new houses.

The Clerk said National Grid have agreed to insulate the cables with polyurethane to help protect birds from shocks.

Some of the benches need replacing. The Clerk will get prices for recycled benches.

Play Gloucestershire are holding playdays on the 29th of July and 15 August. The Clerk will inform the ground maintenance company asking them to not cut the grass on those days.

Defibrillator

Cllr Mills confirmed that the defibrillator at the hall has been checked and is in working order. All required supplementary items are in the box.

Cllr Mulligan said the second defibrillator has not yet been installed. This was supposed to be done on 1st July. Cllr King and Cllr Mulligan agreed to arrange a date when they are available to install it together.

Asset Register

Cllr Mulligan said he had made a start on the asset register.

Cllr Bendall reported that Minchinhampton PC are looking at protecting their assets from GCC before the unitary councils are formed. It was agreed Cllr Mulligan meet with them to discuss the process.

Cllr Hetterley asked the Clerk if she was aware that a grit bin had been removed from Woodstock Close. There used to be two. The Clerk said she was not aware of its removal and expected Highways to contact her if they had removed it. It is possible it has been removed by residents to a different area in the village. If this has happened, it will not get re-filled. Highways have a list of grit bins and only refill agreed positions.

104/25 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported she had received correspondence from GCC asking if the Parish supports 20 mph speed limit through the village and asking if there were any other areas that would benefit from 20MPH. GCC are asking for expression of interest. The Clerk was asked to submit the Parish Council expression of interest.

Cllr Bendall asked if the speed limit would extend to bicycles. The Clerk said no, they were not covered by the limits. Cllr Bendall expressed his concern over the speed that bicycles travel through the village.

Cllr King asked if the Clerk had received any progress report from Highways regarding the Avening Court wall. The Clerk said she would ask for an update.

105/25 FINANCE

Finance Report

As of 9 July, the overall Bank balance was £122,713 with an additional £13.5K precept due in October.

The Parish Council approved bills for payment.

The Clerk said she had set up a direct debit mandate with HMRC so they can take the employers national insurance and any PAYE tax owed by the Clerk. The Clerks PAYE is deducted from the Clerks monthly salary.

Cllr Hetterley said he had been approached to request the Parish Council agree to donate towards the Pig Face day event. The Clerk said this matter had already been considered and refused because an application form was not completed. The Clerk said when Parish Councils make donations to events there needs to be a paper trail, and money can't be

handed over without it. The Clerk suggested that a simpler form is produced for village events. This was agreed.

Cllr Hetterley proposed donating up to £250 towards Pig Face day event. This was seconded by Cllr Parsons. The Parish Council agreed. Cllr Hetterley was asked to make the organisers aware that if the re-roofing of the hall over runs they may not have complete access and should have an alternative plan in place just in case.

106/25 POLICE REPORT – The Clerk reported that PC Chris Pritchard has moved on from the area. The area is now covered by Pc Morley-Blackwell. PCSO Ed Maine remains in post.

107/25 DISTRICT COUNILLORS REPORT – Appendix 1

108/25 COUNCTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – Unavailable. Cllr Bendall requested that the County Councillor be invited again to attend the Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will extend the invitation.

109/25 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

New Planning Applications 25/01840/COMPLY Old Quarries Partial compliance with Conditions 3 (Sample materials), 4 (Sample panel walling), 5 (Sample panel - boundary walling), 8 (Design details 1), 11 (Design details 4) and full compliance with Condition 26 (CMS) of 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. – **Support**

25/01812/COMPLY Old Quarries Compliance with conditions 5 (Stonework sample panel), 10 (Infilling of doorways) and 15 (Rainwater goods) of consent 22/03637/LBC - Change of use of existing buildings from residential institution (C2 use) to residential (C3 use) including demolition of modern extensions, internal alterations and extensions, rebuilding of boundary wall. – **Support**

25/01913/TCONR The Old Coach House Hampton Hill Cut back Poplar to boundary. – **Support**

110/25 Planning Correspondence and Decisions

24/03624/FUL Boat House Gatcombe Water Repair, refurbishment and extension to Boathouse to form a self-build dwelling and the erection of external garage and maintenance hut –

Permitted. 25/00916/COMPLY Old Quarries Rectory Lane Partial compliance with conditions 3 (Sample materials), (4 Sample panel walling), 7 (Timber boarding) and 25 (Artificial roosting nesting) of permission 22/03666/FUL in respect of the East Gate Dwellings and Lodge - 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 - Part compliance of conditions

25/01404/TPO Coach House Avening House Lime (T1) - Fell due to significant and extensive decay in the trunk of the tree and its bias towards the property – Permitted.

25/01762/NONMAT 28 Sandford Leaze Non-Material Amendment (design details) to permission 24/01846/FUL- Insertion of front and rear dormer windows – Refused

111/25 CORRESPONDENCE

Ash Die Back – replanting areas to be considered.

Traffic Calming 20's Plenty.

GWT request donations

New resident would like to volunteer.

National Grid Dead Ash Tree, Bird strikes

NALC Chief Exec Bulletin

PC Morley Blackwell has replaced PC Chris Pritchard

GCC – Neighbourhood plan reminder – Must inform GCC of each stage of public consultation.

112/25 COUNCILLORS

Cllr Hetterley reported that Roz Savage MP will be attending the café on 29TH July.

113/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 2nd September 2025

There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be September 2nd.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Actions

88/25	Submit Highways	Clerk
89/25	Update asset register	Cllr Mulligan
103/25	Install 2 nd Defib	Cllr Mulligan & Cllr King
105/25	Pay Bills	Clerk
110/25	Submit Planning response.	Clerk

Appendix 1

Cotswold District Council (CDC): has a new Chief Executive – Robert Weaver decided to step down from his role as chief executive officer, effective Monday, June 30 as he wanted to explore other opportunities and spend more time with his young family. At a special full council meeting on 26 June, following the recommendation of the appointment panel, Jane Portman was approved as the new CEO.

Jane has almost 40-years of public service experience. She joins with particular and significant first-hand knowledge on leading councils through local government reorganisation, where she collaborated and led on programmes in Dorset and Somerset. This experience will be invaluable next year when CDC dissolves and becomes part of the proposed Gloucestershire Unitary Council.

Overview & Scrutiny (O&S): we will be treated to two O&S meetings on consecutive days in early July due to the cancellation of a previous meeting – I will report on these next time.

Cirencester Fire Station Roundabout Improvement Works: The roads will be closed overnight to allow for resurfacing and white lining from 7 to 18 July - 8pm to 6am. The works to improve the capacity of the roundabout and provide new pedestrian and cycle crossings on the Fire Station Roundabout are nearing completion. Traffic lights have been installed but will not be operational until completion. The foot and cycle crossing surfaces are being finalised, and the service access to the centre of the roundabout is nearing completion.

A417 missing link:



Aerial view of the Stockwell site - May 2025

Having passed the huge engineering project recently, it is obvious that good progress is being made. The focus is on the hill up to the old Air Balloon site – the steepness of the hill is being reduced to improve the traffic flow and reduce the number of lorries breaking down.

If you would like to take a closer look, the Customer Hub, located at the crusher compound at Shab Hill, continues to open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am until 2pm. You can visit any time

during these hours, without pre-booking an appointment. Members of the team will be on hand to and answer any questions that you may have. A417 Project Office, Birdlip, Gloucester, GL4 8JX.

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Other updates and information for Parish Councils:

UNSUNG HEROES

The Unsung Heroes Awards is to acknowledge all the work being done across the district by volunteers who give up their time to help others. Residents and businesses have nominated people in their communities who they think have made a difference, from individuals who give up their time to help neighbours, to members of local groups who volunteer to deliver local projects.

This is a rolling scheme with winners announced at every Full Council meeting going forward. Please nominate your Unsung Hero here: www.cotswold.gov.uk/unsungheroes

HOW TO REPORT POTHOLE

I recommend using this link, especially if you have a smartphone and can take a photograph of the pothole and identify the exact position. It is more efficient than emailing the council as officers get a daily schedule of these alerts.

Gloucestershire County Council, report a pothole:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/>

FIX MY STREET

Report, view, or discuss local problems like graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs, or street lighting. This reports back to the appropriate Council: [LINK](#)

REPORT IT

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/report-it/>

New forms for reporting graffiti, overflowing bins, dog fouling and street cleaning are now live on the Cotswold District Council Website.

A map pin drop allowing for what3words location submissions can be used.