

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4th August 2026 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM.

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

Apologies: Cllrs I Welch.

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193/26 Open Forum

Nothing to report.

194/26 Apologies for absence

Cllr Welch.

195/26 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

196/26 Reports from County and District Councillors.

District Cllr Percy updated the council on the LGR announcement, there will be one unitary council, a shadow authority will be formed in May 2027. Cllr Percy is on the LGR scrutiny committee.

The Stratford Park Lido on schedule to open on 15th Aug.

The Cam housing development has been approved, there will be 750 properties, and a new roundabout will be installed by highways to assist with traffic flow.

The Local plan consultation workshops was a good event; everyone has been encouraged to complete the survey.

SDC has a pot of money to spend on purchasing land or a site to develop and encourage people to visit and walk and spend time in nature.

The highways work has gone ahead without too much inconvenience to residents.

CRAG update

197/26 Further to the RoSPA report, the following decisions have been made:

- Decommissioning of the playground, 2 pieces of equipment to the left removed, could potentially be upcycled. A few issues with wooden structure have been identified, the uprights are corroded and a little sharp these need to be cut off. The handles a little loose and poor condition, rest quite sturdy, coat of wood stain to improve look. No issue with the tunnel. Swing looks aged but safe and serviceable.
- Kompan back next month for the toddler park, covers on the bolts on the gates gone off already.
- Pump track, close to the tarmac, safety notice to go up. Clerk to order.
- Youth shelter, not a safety issue just not in keeping with the developments.
- Tennis courts, plastic bench has disintegrated, still equipment in there. Weeds are climbing up the fence, need to be trimmed and cleared.
- Extending the car park was discussed and supported by CRAG, need to get designs, measure and layout. For the car park something more permeable rather than tarmac. Need to identify a couple of disabled bays. Also does lighting need to be considered? More thought needed.
- Fence, CRAG to buy half logs, a few stakes and some paint to smarten up and keep it functional for the next few years.
- Moss killer and sweep to clean up the area.
- Cracks in the path, bags will be purchased to back fill.

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- Boards where the paths meet the pavements have been discussed as an option, need to carry out a risk assessment as could be a potential trip hazard.
- Fundraising has started to get momentum, lots of events in the calendar now leading up to Xmas.
- It is currently untidy by the new compost area, Les to contact Cucan to see what the plan is.
- VAT reclaim, clerk actioning.
- The hedge leading to the back car park, is owned by the church but is overgrown and encroaching onto the car park. Is it a possibility the cost could be shared with the Village Hall? Cllr Hobson to raise at the next meeting.
- Cllr Hobson raised the toddler park is being used by older children, is a notice required? Cllr Pearcy to discuss with Les.

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Cllr Pearcy

198/26 Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 7th & 13th July were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

199/26 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

S.26/0472/FUL – The Barn, Elmcote Lane – The temporary siting of a maximum of 75 storage containers and caravans of a five-year period (retrospective) COMMENT

The council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:

None.

200/26 Accounts – PC

Incomes received and payments for authorisation

Coaley Primary School	358.00	School signs
D Coopey	13.38	Allotment rent

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	530.40	Wages – July 2026
Hathaway Landscape	447.90	Grass cutting
S Cook	100.00	Newsletter editing
S Cook	106.50	Newsletter printing
Lloyds	4.25	Service charge
GALC	90.00	2 x training courses

b) Monthly financial report reviewed by the council

201/26 Clerks Report

- The clerk circulated the bench options before the meeting, councillor all supported. Clerk to order for installation in the autumn.

- A letter has been received from the village hall committee regarding supporting an emergency plan. Clerk has acknowledged the letter and confirmed the emergency plan is currently being reviewed and will be on the September agenda.

202/26 Village Shop

Nothing to report.

203/26 Village Hall update

Nothing to report.

204/26 Matters for forward consideration

Emergency plan

205/26 Items for press release and publication

Minutes

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.