

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 IN THE VILLAGE SHOP.

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

Apologies: None

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49/26 Open Forum  
Nothing to report.

50/26 Apologies for absence  
None.

51/26 Declarations of Interest by Councillors  
None.

52/26 CRAG Update

An email from CRAG was circulated before the meeting.

The clerk received an email from Simon Board, Cllr Pearcy has sent a detailed response, Simon is concerned all the changes to the recreation field will be a burden for the PC to maintain in the future. Currently there is not an increase for the PC, although this may increase once the sub committee no longer exists.

The committee is focusing on the toddler park once it has been completed, attention will turn to the mounds.

The committee has decided to redesign and re cost the Infant play area, after a busy few months the committee will take the summer off.

It has been agreed if the paths are not vastly improved by the spring, then they will take a roller to them, a barrier will also be installed by the shop to catch the loose gravel.

53/26 Reports  
District Cllr Pearcy and County Cllr Dean circulated a report before the meeting.

54/26 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

55/26 Planning  
The council has received notification of the following planning applications:  
None.

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None.

56/26 Accounts – PCIncomes received and payments for authorisation

None

Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	530.40	Wages – February 2026
G Gritt	40.00	Repairs to Norton’s Alley
Information Commissioner	52.00	ICO
Coaley Village Hall	60.00	Room Hire
Stablepoint	172.22	Annual Web hosting

57/26 Clerks Report

Nothing to report.

58/26 Temporary Holding Agreement

The temporary holding agreement between the PC and village show was circulated before the meeting, the clerk has signed and returned to the committee. The money should be transferred into the councils account within the next few months.

59/26 Annual Parish Meeting

The annual meeting will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, Cllr Pearcy to invite CRAG to present at the meeting, clerk to put an advert into the newsletter.

60/26 Consultation of Gloucestershire LGR Proposal

The clerk has circulated the survey which is due to close on 26<sup>th</sup> March, councillors encouraged to complete.

61/26 Tennis Court

The clerk will obtain quotes to remove and cap the electricity box, also the fence needs repairing.

62/26 Village Shop

Cllr Wait advised trade is steady, they will start stocking frozen fresh meat. The committee requested an update on the lease and if a decision has been made about the waste bins. Cllr Wait will report back about the lease, and the clerk confirmed permission has been obtained for additional bins, the PC are waiting for CRAG to confirm which ones they would like ordered. The committee is still fed up with the paths but aware this is being investigated but are not reassured this will be sorted.

63/26 Village Hall Update

Cllr Hobson reported the fire doors have been ordered, there will be 5 doors installed. The new mailbox has been installed.

64/26 Leases

The clerk has received a response back from WSP regarding the land ownership, they felt the PC had a stronger case of ownership but it was not definitive. WSP

recommended jointly instructing counsel to make the decision. Cllr Pearcy to meet with the village hall committee.

65/26 Neighbourhood Watch Update

Cllr Pearcy reported the farm is still being broken into, owner meeting with the PCSO to discuss options.

66/26 Footpaths, ditches and Stiles

Cllr Pearcy reported there is still a gas leaks on the footpaths by the school, he is trying to getting hold of someone to resolve, SDC are not interested nor is PROW. Mrs Sue Jones emailed the clerk about the broken footbridge, clerk to email the Cotswold wardens to see if they can assist.

An update has been sent through regarding the diversion of the route, there is a slight amendment to the original plan. Clerk to contact Sarah at PROW to query why has this been submitted.

Clerk

67/26 Allotment Update

Clerk to instruct WSP to write to the tenant who has not paid for 2025/26. The council voted for a 5% rent increase.

68/26 Village Maintenance

Nothing to report.

69/26 Highways Repair & Maintenance

The road is where it dips by the church sinking again, clerk to report to fix my street. George is scheduled to clear the path and gullies on 10<sup>th</sup> March. Clerk to chase with highways about the barriers on Silver Street. Clerk to report Silver Street pothole with cone in, opposite Nut Grove. Rear car park cleared by Martin, should now be ok to sweep.

Clerk

70/26 Playarea Update

The RoSPA inspection is due to take place in April.

71/26 Solar Farm, Peters Street

The Stroud area community energy network is a consideration for the project, they could potentially speak at an open event. Immersa is the original company consulted, the original contact is now back, no development wants to take it on without a community interest. Cllr Pearcy suggested arranging a presentation in the Jubilee room one evening, if there is no interest then no need for the council to pursue.

72/26 Matters for forward consideration

Annual Parish Meeting.

73/26 Items for press release and publication

Minutes

Hedge consultation

Meeting closed at 9pm.