

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2025 IN THE VILLAGE SHOP.

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

Apologies: M Pearcy

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243/25 Open Forum

Cllr Wait welcomed Ms Sian Smith to the meeting.

Sian is concerned about the new paths on the recreation ground and she came along to the meeting to understand what the parish council is planning to do to rectify the issue.

The clerk advised that CRAG are working hard to resolve the situation, they have a meeting with the installation company to look at the problem of the excess material which is being walked into the shop and the village hall.

Although the PC is overall responsible for the work being carried out on the recreation ground, they have requested all areas are explored to resolve this with the company who installed the paths, the councillors do not feel this is something for the PC to resolve from public funds.

The PC will continue to monitor the situation and will intervene if deemed necessary.

244/25 Apologies for absence

Cllr Martin Pearcy.

245/25 Declarations of Interest by Councillors

None.

246/25 Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Pearcy and County Cllr Dean provided a report before the meeting.

247/25 CRAG update

The committee provided a report prior to the meeting, the PC supported the request to hold the fete funds within the CRAG bank account.

The councillors voted to proceed with the quote for the toddler playarea.

248/25 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th November were approved and signed as a true and correct record by those present at the meetings.

249/25 Planning

The council has received notification of the following planning applications:

None.

The council has received notification regarding the following planning applications:

None.

250/25 Accounts – PCIncomes received and payments for authorisation

Elizabeth Ely	13.25	Allotment Rent
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Payments for Authorisation

L Thornton	530.40	Wages – November 2025
L Thornton	399.99	Laptop
S Cook	100.00	Newsletter Editing
S Cook	117.99	Newsletter Printing
CH Stokes	840.00	Tree Surgery
Lloyds	4.25	Service Charge

b) 2nd Draft – the spreadsheet has been distributed and the councillors have been asked to consider future spending.

251/25 Clerks Report

- An application has been received from CRAG for £1000 towards the toddlers playarea, the councillors considered the application and voted to award the money.
- King Stanley PC has been in contact to query the work the councillors have carried out with speed surveys. Cllr Percy will respond with the information gathered.

Cllr Percy

252/25 Tennis Court

The net nearest the field is drooping, there does not seem to be much use of the courts at the moment and the issue appears to be a mechanical fault.

Clerk

253/25 Village Shop

Cllr Wait reported Mandy James has been voted in as secretary.

There has been a slight drop in profits, this is due to expensive equipment needing to be replaced.

The committee is worried about volunteers, the majority are getting older so plans are being considered to encourage younger people to join the rota.

The posts in the car park have had reflectors placed on them as there was concern they would be hit in the dark.

The outside light is not currently working but this will be fixed soon.

There are ongoing training sessions for the volunteers to keep everyone up to date.

The committee is considering who to donate funds to in the local community, CRAG was discussed but there are other local groups who could benefit too.

254/25 Village Hall Update

Cllr Hobson reported there is still some snagging to be done, the leak in the new extension has now been fixed and will be monitored.

The committee is progressing to CIO incorporated charity, Julian Rees managed this with the gliding club so has offered advice. The advantage is the trustees will have less liability.

255/25	<u>Leases</u> Cllr Pearcy was unable to attend the meeting, update to be provided at the January meeting.	Cllr Pearcy
256/25	<u>Neighbourhood Watch Update</u> Unfortunately Westfield Farm continues to have break ins.	
257/25	<u>Footpaths, ditches and Stiles</u> Norton's Alley is crumbling away, the water is eroding the underneath of it, it needs backfilling. Clerk to investigate. Mick Thorpe is helping to progress the repairs needed on the broken stiles.	Clerk
258/25	<u>Allotment Update</u> The clerk has chased the outstanding rents.	
259/25	<u>Village Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.	
260/25	<u>Highways Repair & Maintenance</u> The clerk will contact HMS Leyhill to see if there is still the opportunity to sign up for the outreach programme. The road condition on Peak Lane and by the Randalls Farm is very poor, clerk to report.	Clerk
261/25	<u>Playarea Update</u> Cllr S Pearcy carried out the November inspection, the only concern related to the fence. Clerk to recirculate the inspection form.	Clerk
262/25	<u>Emergency Plan</u> The clerk will recirculate before the next meeting in order to progress this along.	Clerk
263/25	<u>Solar Farm, Peters Street</u> Cllr Pearcy reported before the meeting that there is a potential for an alternative solar company, this would be supported by Stroud Action Community Energy Network group, which would be beneficial.	
264/25	<u>Matters for forward consideration</u> Precept Solar Farm Leases Dog bin for Westend	
265/25	<u>Items for press release and publication</u> Minutes	

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.