WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE BAR ON 9/12/ 2025 AT 7.30P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Bill Carruthers, Cllrs Mike Jelley, Gill Theo, and Helen Munro.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lucy Print parish clerk

25/80	**1.Councillors to make declarations of interest on items on the agenda:** None	
25/81	**2. To receive notice of absence from councillors:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Matt McMinn, Richard Court-Ricour, Mike Jelley, CC Tom Bradley and DC Gina Blomfield and Tom Stowe.	
25/82	**3. CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11/11/25:** councillors Gill Theo and Helen Munro **resolved** to approve the minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.	
25/83	**4. Reports from the county and district councillors** Report from Cllr Tom Bradley Gloucestershire County Council. **Local Government Reorganisation** • At our last full council meeting, councillors overwhelmingly voted in support of recommending a single unitary for Gloucestershire. Cabinet endorsed this decision and have submitted this to central government. We now await a Ministerial decision in summer 2026. • Elections for the new shadow unitary council(s) will likely take place in May 2027 and use the existing county division boundaries, but with two councillors per division (so there will be two unitary councillors for Campden Vale). Full vesting (and the abolition of the existing councils) is scheduled for May 2028. • Neighbourhood Partnerships are being proposed under the new unitary model. These will bring together unitary councillors for a certain area along with town and parish councils and will have some locality-based decision-making powers devolved to them, e.g. planning. Importantly they will also examine existing council assets within the locality and make recommendations on where these assets should sit. A consultation on what size these should be and what powers they will have will be launched following the Ministerial decision. **Highways** • The B4632: Honeybourne sign has been ordered and we are awaiting an installation date. I will chase this up and report back. • My contribution to your new speed indicator has been approved and I have passed on the PC's bank account details for payment to be made. • I am currently working with highways to identify roads that need large-scale full resurfacing. This is so they can be measured and costed up for inclusion in the 27/28 financial year workplan. Please do let me know of any local priorities **Family Farm Tax** • The Conservative Group put forward a motion at our last full council meeting asking the Leader to write to the Chancellor ahead of the Budget calling on her to abandon the family farm tax and to look at what impact this would have in Gloucestershire. Unfortunately this was not supported by the Liberal Democrats or Greens and our request was denied. • Following the recent farmer protest at Shire Hall, the Leader has now changed her mind and written to the Government requesting that the family farm tax is abolished.	
25/85	**5.PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING:** **1.0 Planning application before the parish council:** ➢ Ref: 25/02983/OUT Outline Application for Outline application for the erection of up to 30 dwellings with associated means of access, car parking, public open space, land-scaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and associated infrastructure (all matters	

reserved except for access) at Land North Of Folly View Broadway Road Willersey – Councillors resolved to agree with the Willersey PC and submit an objection.

- Outline planning application for up to 95 dwellings with associated access and infrastructure, all other matters reserved at Land North Of Tops Nursery Broadway Road Mickleton – Councillors resolved to Object to application due to Traffic increase and associated noise disturbance; Environmental impacts arising from increased vehicle movements through the village and local infrastructure including doctors and schools currently at capacity.

Decided

- Full Application for Variation of condition 2(Approved plans) to permission 24/01853/FUL Replacement of two single storey rear extensions, garage conversion, and internal alterations at Norton Grounds Farm Aston Subedge GL55 6PY **Permitted**
- Listed Building Consent for Application for minor amendments to Listed Building Consent 24/01854/LBC - Replacement of two single storey rear extensions, garage conversion, & internal alterations at Norton Grounds Farm Aston Subedge Chipping Campden GL55 6PY **Permitted**
- Listed Building Consent for Erection of winter garden greenhouse building, repairs to walled garden and associated landscaping at Norton Hall Mickleton Chipping Campden, GL55 6PX **Permitted**
- Chipping Campden Neighbourhood Plan, Regulation 16 Consultation - 4 July to 15 Aug 25/01621/OUT Outline application for up to 120 dwellings with all matters reserved with the exception of access, Land North East Of Mickleton Gloucestershire GL55 6UF **Withdrawn**
- Planning notification as a neighbouring parish: Outline Application for Outline application for residential development of up to 30 dwellings including the detailed matter of access, and associated works at Land Parcel North Of Olimpick Drive Chipping Campden Gloucestershire 25/01194/OUT **Refused**

Outstanding:

- South Warwickshire Local Plan – Preferred Options Consultation Representations
- Full Application for Erection of conservatory/sun room at Laxton House 7 Cidermill, Orchard Weston Subedge Chipping Campden Gloucestershire
- South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Preferred Options Consultation
- Full Stratford District Council Application(s) reference: 22/03664/REM Proposed Submission of Reserved Matters application (internal access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for 60 Affordable dwellings, including all associated works) Airfield House (including Part Of Former Scrap Yard), Campden Road, Lower Quinton, Stratford-upon-Avon CV378LL.
- Reply RE: Planning Consultation 20/02315/FUL Phase 1A Long Marston – traffic impact survey
  - Phase 1B Long Marston Airfield; Application reference: 23/01794/OUT

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6.FINANCE:

6.1 RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION: Bank balances as at 2 December were for the Parish: £4,098.99 Allotment Charity: £0
Recreation Ground Charity £0
Reserve funds: £6,186.11

£6,000 funds ringfenced as a grant to Village Hall for the car park project.

6.2 APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE:

Councillors Gill Theo and Helen Muro approved these payments.

Clerk's salary December
HMRC PAYE payment
GigaClear (paid by DD)
Village Hall Coffee Morning Meeting
Castle Water

	Receipts: Interest VAT reclaim **6.3 2026/27 Precept requirement** Councillors resolved to increase the Parish Precept by 5% for 2026/27.	
25/87	**7.REVIEW VILLAGE MATTERS:** 7.1 Heavy traffic reduction & Highways. MJ has reported the damaged road signs on Dovers Hill on FixMyStreet. 7.2 Recreation ground inspection record: All in good order. Checks completed MJ 7.3 Flood protection. Brook running well. 7.4 Village Communication Update. Website Section owners need to review site to ensure information is kept up to date. Clerk to send reminder. 7.5 Village improvement projects. Date for review with villagers to be scheduled in the New Year. With a view to 2026 Neighbourhood Plan, Green Spaces and how to protect them, potential extension of conservation area. Co-ordinate date with Village Hall Secretary. 7.6 Village Allotments. 2026/27 allotment rent increase necessary to cover increased water bill. 7.7 Footpaths & Stiles. The Parish Council formally recorded its thanks to the Cotswold Wardens for the recent repair works carried out at Giddy Bridge. Councillors expressed their appreciation for the time and effort completing the works, which have improved the safety and condition of the bridge for parishioners and visitors. 7.8 Village Hall update. The Council received an update on the Village Hall. Resurfacing of the main Village Hall car park was identified as the primary current focus. It was noted that bookings for the Hall are presently down. Councillors were informed that the EV charging points continue to be in use, and that following the installation of solar panels, surplus electricity has been sold back to the grid. 7.9 Church Orchard – Maintenance work well underway and the pollarding of the willow trees are on track. Land Registry ongoing with RCR. 7.10Village Security Measures. Following CCTV annual maintenance further work put on hold. Councillors to review alongside budget 26/27. 7.11Hedge and verge maintenance & improvements. Clerk to send a reminder to GCC about hedge cutting on Church Street & Harris Lane. Awaiting Recreation ground and Allotment hedge cutting before end of March. 7.12 CDC Local Plan – With new Government housing targets CDC need new local plan signed off by 2027. Consultation will close on 14 december. Clerk to collate councillors response and submit before deadline to CDC. 7.13 Green Spaces Applications for plots 6 & 7 for submitted to CDC. 7.14 Recruitment of New Councillors, Chair and Clerk Following expressions of interest and meetings with interested residents, it was agreed that three new councillors would be invited to join the Parish Council. The Council noted the resignation of the current Chair and confirmed that a new Chair will need to be elected at the May meeting. The Parish Clerk tendered their notice of resignation. The Council agreed that arrangements would be made to recruit a new Clerk. Clerk to submit a circulate a job description for approval.	**BC/MJ** **LP** **LP** **RCR** **LP** **LP** **LP** **LP** **BC/HM**
25/88	**CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** Pocket Radar PR1000 Traffic Speed Radar – tests to be scheduled Gauge interest in Village for a First Aid basics at the Village Hall. Include what you need to know to use a defib. Mike to investigate possibility of a local First Responder to run session. 25 people interested – date to be scheduled Cotswolds Wardens - Stone pathway up to Lynches Wood. Watery Gate path steep slope – potential steps needed. – Ongoing list with Wardens	**MJ** **MJ** **BC**

	GT to discuss Seagraves link placement on website. New residence welcome pack to be updated and re-instated. Add Neighbourhood Watch info to pack.GT & LP to progress When can CIL be claimed. Response from CIL team: We are yet to receive a CIL Form 6: Commencement Notice, upon receipt a Demand Notice will be issued for the first payment of 10% which will be due 60 days after commencement. Add Evesham Road to speed/traffic volume 20206 survey. Clerk obtained quote for new bench to replace old rotting one – RCR to apply for funds for a new oak bench CCTV signage to be added to 4 entry points into village. MM to look at signage. Highways – Road safety. Ask Tom Whitehouse about cutting trees. Charity accounts for Rec Ground and Allotments need to be reinstated following the forced closure of accounts by Santander.	GT GT/LP LP BC/MJ LP/RCR MM LP
25/89	**NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** • CDC Local Plan - Action required – deadline for submissions 2 Jan – Consultation Portal link • Parish Precept 2026/27 - precept request form with details of the precept that you wish to raise for 2026/27 and return no later than 31st January 2026. • GCC A public consultation will run from 4 December 2025 until 9 January 2026 and will allow residents to have their say on the proposed spending plans. Link • MP Public Meetings on Flood Resilience and River Pollution in Bourton on 5th December 2025 : Agendas, Written Reports and Previous Minutes • AI in local government, can it work? Be part of the test phase? GAPTC email • Weston Sub Edge Village Hall Car Park Refurbishment Tom Stowe email 3-12-25 • Interest in Parish Clerk Role: Sarah Irvine • Autospeedwatch ANPR Speed Camera Robert Cowley email • Top Farm – panel removal • Your annual return for RECREATION GROUND is due on 31 January 2026 • Your annual return for THE VILLAGE ALLOTMENTS is due on 31 January 2026. • Parish councillor in Guiting Power (and previous resident of Weston-sub-Edge) CCTV info request email 5/12	
	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: **None**	
	There being no other business the chairman thanked the councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 21.58p.m. Signed.....Date.....03 Feb. 2026	