

WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE BAR ON 3/2/ 2026 AT 7.30P.M.

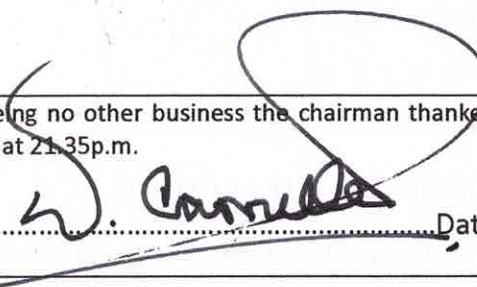
PRESENT: Chairman Bill Carruthers, Cllrs Mike Jelley, Gill Theo, Matt McMinn, Richard Court-Ricour and Helen Munro.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lucy Print parish clerk, DC Gina Blomfield, DC Tom Stowe, Emma Cranney, James Ayley

26/1	<p>1.Councillors to make declarations of interest on items on the agenda: DC Tom Stowe declared an interest in planning and</p>	
26/2	<p>2. To receive notice of absence from councillors: Apologies were received and accepted from CC Tom Bradley.</p>	
26/3	<p>3. To receive and Consider the Co-optio[n] of 2 new councillors: The Council considered the co-option of two members to fill the existing vacancies on the Parish Council. It was proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED: That Emma Cranney and James Aley be co-opted as Parish Councillors. Both individuals were duly co-opted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p>	
26/3	<p>3. CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 09/12/25: councillors Mike Jelley and Helen Munro resolved to approve the minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.</p>	
26/4	<p>4. Reports from the county and district councillors Report from Cllr Tom Bradley Gloucestershire County Council.</p> <p>B4632: Honeybourne sign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacment sign is ordered and should be with the council in the next few weeks. It can then be erected. I will continue to chase this, as the length of time this has taken is not acceptable. <p>Speed sign re-imbusement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This should now all be signed-off and hopefully monies will be with you soon. <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have pushed officers to look at local school provision figures again in light of the considerable number of planning applications we are receiving locally, particularly in Mickleton. <p>Highways Not WSE specific, but may impact on drivers taking some of these routes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have secured full resurfacing of Hidcote Road, from Bakers Hill all the way to Ebrington. Please be aware road closures will be in place 18th Feb - 9th March (weekday daytimes only). • Similarly, I have secured resurfacing of the B4035, which will take place in March. <p>Council I have undertaken a number of duties at Shire Hall, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting with local farmers and NFU representatives to discuss the impact that the Family Farm Tax will have and other pressures they are facing. We discussed how GCC councillors can help and I will be putting forward a motion at next full council • Budget scrutiny has begun - I have major concerns around proposals to abolish the Highways Local fund, scrap many rural bus services and to reduce funding for flood prevention. Additional highways spend promised by the new administration will be borrowed, with costs to be picked up by the new unitary authority. A maximum increase in council tax has been proposed • I have tabled questions for our next full council meeting around Cabinet Members and procurement conflicts of interest, local environmental concerns and the impact of Gloucester City Council's bankruptcy on the finances of the new unitary authority. <p>Report from DCC Tom Stowe and Gina Blomfield</p> <p>Members were advised that the Cotswold District Council Budget meeting is scheduled for 23 February. It was reported that the Council could be approximately £2 million better off following confirmation of Government funding. It was noted that the annual charge for the Green Bin service will increase to £73 and that planning application fees will also be increasing.</p>	

	<p>Councillors reported a good response to consultation on the Local Plan. The next stage will be Regulation 19, at which potential development sites will be formally put forward.</p> <p>The Council was informed that investment is being made in 28 new waste collection vehicles. These vehicles will operate using HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil) recycled fuel. Investment will also be made in a fuel bunker for storage purposes.</p> <p>Councillor Blomfield referred to the "Glass Jar" initiative, which supports anti-fraud awareness, and agreed to circulate further details.</p>	
26/5	<p>5.PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING: 1.0 Planning application before the parish council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 25/04010/OUT 170 for the demolition of buildings and erection of up to 170 new dwellings, public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and creation of associated vehicular access point to Broadway Road and other associated infrastructure. (Some matters reserved) at Land North Of Broadway Road Mickleton, Gloucestershire - Following email discussion, it was RESOLVED: That the Parish Council objects to the application. The Clerk was instructed to submit the Council's objection to the Local Planning Authority. <p>Decided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Works to trees in conservation areas for T3 Poplar Remove TG1 Poplar ref: 25/03593/TCONR The tree works are proposed to stop the influence of the tree(s) on the soil below building foundation level and provide long term stability to 3 Cidermill Orchard Weston-Subedge Chipping Campden GL55 6QZ at Manor House Church Street Weston Subedge - Permitted <p>Outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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, landscaping, 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 Willbjection. ➤ 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. ➤ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phase 1B Long Marston Airfield; Application reference: 23/01794/OUT 	
26/6	<p>6.FINANCE: 6.1 RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION: Bank balances as at 2 January were for the Parish: £3,576.02 Allotment Charity: £0 Recreation Ground Charity £0 Reserve funds: £6,189.67</p> <p>£6,000 funds ringfenced as a grant to Village Hall for the car park project.</p>	

	<p>6.2 APPROVE PAYMENTS DUE: Councillors Gill Theo and Helen Muro approved these payments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk's salary HMRC PAYE payment GigaClear (paid by DD) Village Hall Coffee Morning Meeting Castle Water SSE Energy Police & Crime Commissioner of Gloucestershire - Letters <p>Receipts: Interest</p>	
26/7	<p>7.REVIEW VILLAGE MATTERS:</p> <p>7.1 Heavy traffic reduction & Highways. Confirmation received Highways have the Willersey sign complete and ready for install (expected April time). Speed signs knocked down on Dovers Hill with Cllr Tom Bradley.</p> <p>7.2 Recreation ground inspection record: All in good order. Checks completed MJ</p> <p>7.3 Flood protection. Brook running well.</p> <p>7.4 Village Communication Update. Welcome to village letter reviewed. Plan to implement to be actioned.</p> <p>7.5 Village improvement projects. Date for review with villagers booked 21 March. Meeting to cover 2026 Neighbourhood Plan, Green Spaces and how to protect them, potential extension of conservation area. Co-ordinate with Village Hall Secretary.</p> <p>7.6 Village Allotments. Proposed 2026/27 allotment £30 water surcharge reviewed by councillors and accepted. Allotment invoices and agreements to be sent this month.</p> <p>7.7 Footpaths & Stiles. Nothing new to report.</p> <p>7.8 Village Hall update. The Council received an update on the Village Hall. Resurfacing of the main Village Hall car park is underway. Electric updated needed. This project wont happened in end of April due to funding. It was noted that bookings for the Hall are slow and the rural cinema struggling with numbers.</p> <p>7.9 Church Orchard – tree maintenance, extra paths cut, following maintenance work brook running well. Land Registry ongoing with RCR. Currently missing some owners.</p> <p>7.10Village Security Measures. No update from NHW. PW to prepare CCTV presentation for meeting with villagers 21st March.</p> <p>7.11Hedge and verge maintenance & improvements. Roadside hedge cutting on Church Street & Harris Lane complete by GCC Highways. Allotment hedge cut complete.</p> <p>7.12 CDC Local Plan – Councils response submitted and acknowledged by CDC</p> <p>7.13 Green Spaces Applications for plots 6 & 7 for submitted to CDC. Awaiting feedback.</p> <p>7.14 Recruitment of Chair and Clerk The Chairman will stand down at the next ordinary election. It was noted that Councillor Richard Court-Ricour has been nominated to serve as Chairman following the election, subject to being duly elected and the Annual Meeting of the Council. The Council noted the resignation of the Parish Clerk, received in December. RESOLVED: That a job description and advertisement for the position of Parish Clerk be prepared and agreed in order to commence the recruitment process.</p>	<p>BC/MJ</p> <p>LP</p> <p>BC</p> <p>LP</p> <p>RCR</p> <p>LP/RCR</p>
26/8	<p>CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS NOT ON THE AGENDA:</p> <p>Pocket Radar PR1000 Traffic Speed Radar – tests to be scheduled</p> <p>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</p> <p>Cotswolds Wardens - Stone pathway up to Lynches Wood. Watery Gate path steep slope – potential steps needed. – Ongoing list with Wardens</p>	<p>MJ</p> <p>MJ</p> <p>BC</p> <p>LP</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>Add Evesham Road to speed/traffic volume 20206 survey.</p> <p>Clerk obtained quote for new bench to replace old rotting one – RCR to apply for funds for a new oak bench</p> <p>CCTV signage to be added to 4 entry points into village. MM to look at signage.</p> <p>Charity accounts for Rec Ground and Allotments need to be reinstated following the forced closure of accounts by Santander.</p>	<p>BC/MJ</p> <p>LP/RCR</p> <p>MM</p> <p>LP</p>
<p>26/9</p>	<p>NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response CDC Local Plan • Highways & Transport LGA Peer Review - Parish and Town Council Focus Group – Invitation to feedback 11 February • Annual Returns submitted for Allotments & Recreation Ground Charities • Precept request submitted – 2026/27 • OFCOM Wireless Link • Cotswolds National Landscape Management Plan 2025 – 2030 • Local Government Reorganisation: Town & Parish Councils Briefing email forwarded from Cllr Bradley Local Government Reorganisation: Town & Parish Councils Briefing • South Worcestershire Development Plan: New event available Start Date: 06/01/2026 9:00 am End Date: 17/02/2026 5:00 pm Please select the following link to view this event: Link to Event • GATPC January newsletter View this email in your browser • GATPC January to March training calendar is up to date, see it at this link https://gaptc.org.uk/events • Allotment plot requests x2 • Stratford on Avon Motor Cycle Club – thank you message for use of Weighbridge (as they have named it) continue to contribute valuably to our trials programme. The Colmore Cup Trial – 15 February. • CCTV enquiry from Broad Campden, PW Consulting 	
	<p>The Council noted the resignation of Councillor Gillian Theo, received on 3/2/26.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Councillor Theo for their service to the Council and the community.</p>	
	<p>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:</p> <p>None</p>	
	<p>There being no other business the chairman thanked the councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 21.35p.m.</p> <p>Signed..........Date...<u>24. February 2026</u>...</p>	