

WESTON-sub-EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE BAR ON 24/3/ 2026 AT 7.30P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Bill Carruthers, Cllrs Mike Jelley, Matt McMinn, Richard Court-Ricour, Helen Munro, Emma Cranney and James Ayley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lucy Print parish clerk, DC Gina Blomfield

26/19	<p>1.Councillors to make declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None</p>	
26/20	<p>2. To receive notice of absence from councillors: None</p>	
26/21	<p>3. CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24/3/26: councillors Emma Cranney and Richard Court-Ricour resolved to approve the minutes which were signed by the chairman as a true record of the business conducted.</p>	
26/22	<p>4. Reports from the county and district councillors Report from Cotswold District Councillor Gina Blomfield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting to approve the Cotswold Local Plan has been rescheduled to August, when a special meeting will be held. This plan will establish the next five-year housing land supply for the area, which is of particular importance to Weston Sub Edge. • Thanks were expressed for the invitation to the Village Hall Open Day, noted as a successful event. Productive discussions took place regarding the provision of village CCTV. • Government support with fuel bills will be distributed through Cotswold District Council. <p>Reported provided by Tom Stowe by email following the meeting:</p> <p><u>Budget</u> CDC have been fortunate with the final financial settlement from Government. They ended up approx. £2,000,000 per year better off than forecast in February 2025. I put forward 2 amendments to the budget as follows:-</p> <p><u>Amendment 1</u> Establish the "Cotswold District Council Legacy Fund Reserve" - £190,000. This is to be funded by reallocating funds from the "Council Priorities: Capacity Building" earmarked reserve. £5000.00 to be allocated to each Ward Member (£170,000 plus £20,000 administration costs) to support suitable projects in their wards. Projects are to leave a lasting legacy after CDC ceases to exist and are to align with the Council's priorities including "Preparing for the Future". Examples – supporting youth activity, improving the public realm, improving the local environment and biodiversity.</p> <p><u>Amendment 2</u> Additional funding of £40,000 to be allocated to the Planning Services Budget to be used to strengthen the Planning Enforcement Team. Additional funding of £38,471 to be allocated to the Land Drainage and Flood Defence Budget to create a new Cotswold Flood Team Assistant Role. These are to be funded by capping the Communications Budget at £300,000 - currently £380,000 Both amendments were not supported by the Liberal Democrat administration so were voted down.</p> <p><u>Local Plan update</u> The regulation 18 consultation was completed early January. Officers, supported by</p>	

	<p>external technical consultants have been reviewing all comments made and evaluating sites which have come forward.</p> <p>The regulation 19 consultation will take place late summer with the plan to still be adopting the final Local Plan by the end of the year.</p> <p><u>Willersey Development</u></p> <p>At February Planning Committee I represented Willersey residents and spoke against application 25/02983/OUT – erection of 30 dwellings at Land North of Folly View. My concerns were based on and overwhelmed and insufficient sewage network and whether the impact on the Cotswold National landscape had been properly evaluated. The application was ultimately approved. More information here - https://www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/news/cheltenham-news/cotswold-housing-bid-sparks-flooding-10813020</p>	
26/23	<p>5.PLANNING APPLICATIONS PENDING:</p> <p>Planning application before the parish council:</p> <p>New</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Planning Appeal Notification : Land Parcel North of Olimpick Drive Chipping Campden Glos GL55 6BL. Objection to application remains. ➤ 26/00576/FUL Full Application for Conversion of an agricultural building to one self-build dwelling with all associated works to include landscaping and parking at Knapp Farm House Weston Subedge Chipping Campden Gloucestershire GL55 6Q. Resolved: No objection. Note materials need to be in keeping with the area. ➤ Worcestershire Waste Local Plan: Early baselining and engagement consultation ➤ 26/00831/TCONR Works to trees in conservation areas for Salix matsudana 'Tortuosa' (Corkscrew/Contorted Willow) identified in attached document/plan as T2 in rear of garden at Leyclose, Weston Subedge, GL55 6QQ. Subsidence identified in neighbours house. His insurers recommendation is to remove the tree close to ground level and treat the stump to inhibit regrowth at Leyclose Stratford Road Weston Subedge Chipping Campden Gloucestershire. Resolved No Objections. ➤ Receipt of Inspectors Report for the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (SWDPR) <p>Outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Listed Building Consent for Removal of modern fire escape and partition walls; creation of opening to allow direct link between food preparation and cooking area alteration to fire door; removal of modern external steps to fire escape at Seagraves Arms Friday Street Weston Subedge Ref: 26/00374/LBC Resolved Parish Clerk to contact Planned for Conservation Officers Report and Fire Safety Report before Councillors could make a comment on the application. ➤ Planning Application Consultation for application no 25/04068/FUL - 33 dwellings - The Sheppey George Lane. Clerk to contact Chipping Campden Town Council to get their input. ➤ 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. ➤ 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 	<p>LP</p> <p>LP</p>

	<p>Broadway Road Willersey – Councillors resolved to agree with the Willersey PC Objection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 ➤ Phase 1B Long Marston Airfield; Application reference: 23/01794/OUT 	
26/24	<p>6.FINANCE:</p> <p>6.1 RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BANK RECONCILIATION: Bank balances as at 2 March were for the Parish: £3,935.41 Allotment Charity: £0 Recreation Ground Charity £0 Reserve funds: £6,194.93</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 Mike Jelley and James Ayley 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 GAPTC SSE Energy Parish Council Websites Hosting & Support <p>Receipts: Interest</p>	
26/25	<p>7.REVIEW VILLAGE MATTERS:</p> <p>7.1 Traffic & Maintenance. Street repair completed outside Dovers Cottage. Heavy vehicle sign at the top of Dovers Hill to be fixed.</p> <p>7.2 The recreation ground was reported to be in good order. A small number of holes were identified and will be monitored. Inspection completed by MJ</p> <p>7.3 Flood protection. Nothing to report.</p> <p>7.4 Village Communication Update. Update the village website with the presentation on progress against our village plan. Ask RB to email link to village email subscribers. Social media strategy to be investigated by JA.</p> <p>7.5 Village improvement projects. The meeting with residents on 21 March at the Village Hall was well received. Covering: The 2026 Neighbourhood Plan : Protection of green spaces : Potential extension of the conservation area: Meet your councillors. •Promoted the Village Hall facility. Lots of useful conversations and great weather!</p> <p>7.6 Village Allotments. Allotment invoices and agreements sent including water surcharge. Allotments fully subscribed. Council agreed to look for a new Trustee for the Allotment</p>	LP JA

	<p>Charity. The Parish Council also need a Trustee on the Charity. Clerk to ensure all rents and agreements returned. Further investigation needed to setting up an allotment committee and their role & responsibilities.</p> <p>7.7 Footpaths & Stiles. Nothing new to report.</p> <p>7.8 Village Hall update. Good support from sponsors at the Village Hall Open Day however not as many villagers as the Hall Council hoped to attract. Bowling camp site open in April.</p> <p>7.9 Church Orchard – maintenance work ongoing. Land Registry watching brief with RCR. Still missing some plot owners.</p> <p>7.10 Village Security Measures. NHW 6 villagers joined at event on 21st March.</p> <p>7.11 Hedge and verge maintenance & improvements. First roadside verge cut scheduled with John Langston in May.</p> <p>7.12 Green Spaces Applications for plots 6 & 7 for submitted to CDC. Clerk to introduce HM to CDC Green Spaces contact.</p> <p>7.13 Recruitment of Chair and Clerk. The Chairman will stand down at the next ordinary election (May 2026). 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.</p> <p>The Council noted the resignation of the Parish Clerk, received in December. A job description and advertisement for the position of Parish Clerk to be advertised fully in village/email subscribers.</p>	<p>LP</p> <p>LP</p> <p>EC</p> <p>JA</p> <p>LP</p> <p>LP</p>
<p>26/26</p>	<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>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 2026 survey.</p> <p>Clerk obtained quote for new bench to replace old rotting one at Rec – RCR to apply for funds for a new oak bench – application accepted by CCCT, clerk to action purchase and installation.</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>Councillor BC reported attendance at the Local Government Association Highways Strategic Peer Review Challenge (Parish and Town Council Focus Group) on 11 February. The review considered diversions, local highways maintenance, and links between Highways and Planning. A report is expected; LP to circulate to councillors upon receipt.</p> <p>Your council's email address – guidance on compliance and good practice GAPTC</p>	<p>MJ</p> <p>MJ</p> <p>BC</p> <p>LP</p> <p>BC/M J</p> <p>LP/RC R</p> <p>MM</p> <p>LP/RC R</p> <p>LP/BC</p> <p>LP</p>

26/27	<p>NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Local Government Reorganisation Consultation – Briefing for Parish and Town Council GAPTC ➤ GAPTC Devolution Preparedness Training: Now Open for Booking ➤ latest news from 20s Plenty for Us Adrian Berendt <adrian.b@20splenty.org> ➤ GAPTC & CDC Understanding CIL/S106 Event 28/02/2026 ➤ GRCC's Gloucestershire Village of the Year Competition 2026 ➤ Allotment complaint about rubbish. 	
	<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 21.40p.m.</p> <p>Signed.....<i>[Signature]</i>.....Date.....<i>07 May 2026</i>.....</p>	