

CHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4 MARCH 2025 at 6PM AT CHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL

1 IN ATTENDANCE

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr Mike Mitchell (Chair); Cllr Kevin MacMahon, Cllr Henry Arden; Cllr Peter Workman; and Babs Maloney (Clerk);
Also: Deputy Leader GCC, Councillor Stephan Fifield joined the meeting at 6.50pm. Agenda rearranged to accommodate later arrival.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Kate Gegg; CDC Ward Councillor Tony Slater. Reasons for absence accepted.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the 7 JANUARY 2025 Parish Council Meeting were approved and signed

4 PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended the meeting on this occasion

5 CDC AND GCC REPORTS

CDC Ward Councillor Tony Slater's report was received ahead of the meeting.

- CDC – bringing Publica in-house poses biggest threat to financial stability
- Gloucestershire not included in Devolution priority programme therefore May elections will go ahead
- CDC The Unsung Heroes Awards: Recognition for volunteers who work to help others. Announced each month: Please nominate your Unsung Hero here:
www.cotswold.gov.uk/unsungheroes
- Report a Pothole: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/>
- Fix my Street: <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

6 CLERK'S REPORT

- 6.1 Check of PC Assets: conducted 3/4/2025 by Cllr McMahon. All in good order.
- 6.2 Insurance Review: re Walls of Car Park. Walls to remain on policy but PC to be reimbursed for cost of insurance from Car Park Fund
- 6.3 Policy Review: Risk Assessment, Standing Orders, Asset Register, Internal Control. PC approved – no changes.

7 FINANCE

- 7.1 **Financial Position:** Projected Year End Figures agreed – PC approved.
Budget reviewed against actual spend.
Reconciliation: 7 January Balance: £5,517.03. Outgoings:
PATA Annual Payroll Subscription £149.40; Clerk's Pay (January/February) £322.66; Hall Hire £180; = **£4,864.97 at 4/03/2025**
- 7.2 **Invoices:** Agreed for payment: Town & Parish Council Websites; Annual hosting £170. Cllr reimbursement for Christmas Expenditure/receipts provided £230.88; Clerk Pay March £161.33. **Projected Balance at Year End 31/03/2025: £4,302.76.** Accounts approved for audit

 3.5.25

- 7.3 **Annual Internal Audit:** PC agreed to appoint GAPTC.
- 7.4 **Review of previous year's audit recommendations:** Clerk to action
- 7.5 **Review of Audit Checklist** – Clerk to action
- 7.6 **Standing Orders, Risk Management Policy, Asset Register (and associated checks) and Statement of Internal Control** – reviewed. No changes.

8. TO REVIEW CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

25/00401/TPO

- **T1 and T2 are mature yew trees - reduce by a quarter of the canopy spread on the side and front. T3 and T4 are mature yew trees. Reduce height and spread by 30% (bringing it back to the size it was when it was last cut in 2016) and shape.**

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The Old Rectory Cherington Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SW

Ref. No: 25/00401/TPO | Validated: Fri 07 Feb 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

25/00108/FUL

- **Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) of permission 24/01367/FUL - Replacement of modern sliding doors to house and barn, new access/means of escape to garage building, and installation of air condenser units**

Grove Park Cherington Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SH

Ref. No: 25/00108/FUL | Validated: Thu 16 Jan 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

25/00081/LBC

- **Replacement of modern sliding doors and internal works to house and barn, new access/means of escape to garage building, and installation of air condenser units (variation to consent 24/01368/LBC)**

Grove Park Cherington Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8SH

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The Parish Council resolved to make no comment on the above applications

9. VILLAGE ISSUES

- Litter pick: 8 March 2025 9am onwards. Advertised locally.
- Annual Village Meeting: Suggested Date: Saturday 19 April (changed to 3 May 2025).
- Cllr Workman has generously donated lawn mower for village use. Volunteer to mow Village Green sought.

10. GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR STEPHAN FIFIELD

- Flooding at Coates: Bridge Issue has now been resolved
- Chavenage Lane: Cllr Fifield confirms GCC Highways will repair in May.
- Build Back Better Fund: Funds available. PC to submit application for cost of Gigaclear Internet connection for Village Hall – Cllr Mitchell to action.
- Robin Bus Service – well received and due to expand
- 20 mph Zones: PC not in favour
- CDC: Cllr Fifield echoed CDC Cllr Slater's concern re financial viability of CDC bringing Publica services in- house plus PR officers hired at significant expenditure.

11. NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

**ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING / ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
SATURDAY 3 MAY 2025 AT 10AM IN CHERINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

Meeting ended 7.25pm

Signed.....
(Chair of Cherington Parish Council)

Date.....3.5.25.....

Minutes 4 March 2025