

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Mulligan- Chair, Cllr Parsons, Cllr Hetterley, Cllr Mills. Cllr Slater, Cllr King,

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: - Mrs S Baker (Clerk),

VISITORS – Sarah Walker - GRCC

248/26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – None

249/26 GRCC- Housing Needs Survey

Sarah Walker introduced herself as Rural Housing Enabler from GRCC.

Ms Walker informed the Parish Council that the last housing needs survey was out of date and asked for the Parish Councils support in promoting engagement with a new HNS. It was explained that GRCC are attempting new method of engagement as it was proved that the usual postal form was not reaching the correct demographic. GRCC intend to make the survey available online in the hope it reached the younger generation. . MS Walker went on to explain the survey process.

The Parish Council works in partnership with GRCC's specialist Rural Housing Enabler to commission an independent housing needs survey.

Survey materials are prepared to identify housing requirements, local connections, and relevant financial circumstances.

The survey is made available to every household and business within the parish, with online completion .

Residents are typically given approximately six weeks to complete and return the survey.

The survey enables individuals to self-identify as being in housing need while ensuring that all responses remain fully anonymous.

GRCC independently processes and analyses the survey responses.

The resulting report identifies specific housing needs, such as affordable rented homes, shared ownership opportunities. (Accommodation for older residents wishing to downsize is not considered a housing need but a "housing demand")The report is presented to both the Parish Council and the Local Authority.

If an unmet housing need is identified within the community, GRCC can assist in enabling an appropriate solution. This may include identifying a suitable development site and inviting local landowners to indicate whether they have land they may be willing to sell.

Once potential land has been identified, the planning authority is contacted to discuss whether the site could be considered as a rural exception site.

Following agreement in principle, there are several possible routes to deliver the development, including working with a housing association or establishing a community land trust.

The Parish Council agreed that it was important to update the housing needs survey in order to encourage the younger population to remain in the village, and fully supported GRCC in carrying out the survey.

250/26 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Bendall. Cllr Blackie

251/26 CODE OF CONDUCT

166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

252/26 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th May 2026

The minutes of the 13th of May 2026 meeting were approved as a true record.

253/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th May 2026

None

254/26 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS

Playing Fields Update

Cllr Mills said he would attend site and install bolts on the goal posts.

He is also waiting to hear if new nets are being donated.

A post has been fly- tipped. Cllr King said he would put it in the skip currently outside the hall.

A request for outdoor table tennis has been received. The Parish Council considered this and agreed it was not suitable.

Memorial Hall Update

Cllr Mulligan reported that he has not yet received a response from the Athelstone Trust.

The School have commandeered drawers and cupboards in the kitchen. Cllr Mulligan will speak to them once the installation is complete.

The Chamberlain room floor was left in a dirty condition. The Clerk will contact the school and ask that staff clean up any spills made by the children. It was agreed to purchase a battery cleaner that can be used quickly for such things. This will be added to the list of kitchen equipment needed.

Nick Miles will attend site on 27th July to give a quote for the floor.

Knead Bakery will attend site on 27th June.

Cllr Hetterley said he had been asked if the Parish Council were willing to install the rag rug produced for the Memorial Hall.

Cllr Mulligan said he was concerned that it was a fire risk. He asked the Clerk if she could check with the insurance company. Cllr King stated that it could be put in a glass framed but due to the size it would be expensive. The cost of framing will be explored.

Parish Council representation as Silver Band Trustee

It was agreed that as there was not a full council present this could not be decided at this meeting. It will be on the agenda for the July meeting. The Clerk will inform the Silver Band.

Casual Vacancy

The Clerk said that the Parish Council could now co-opt. And suggested that they start to approach residents to gauge interest.

255/26 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS

Cllr Slater said he had written to head of highways at GCC regarding the unsuitable road signs and the road closure of the Avening to Nailsworth road when it was unnecessary. and received a very poor response which he is pursuing.

The Clerk said that Highways were no longer sending out the weekly list of road works. Parish Councils now have to access a map and look for their parish.

Following Cllr Mills' presentation on road safety at the Annual Parish Meeting, Cllr Mills circulated a short survey setting out options that the Parish Council may support.

The survey asks councillors to indicate the Parish Council's preferred order of importance for these options.

Cllr Mills requested that councillors complete the survey and provide their views on which measures they consider necessary and important and return to him at the next meeting.

256/26 FINANCE

Finance Report – Cllr Hetterley

Total expenditure this financial year (at 9th June) is approximately £20K with main items of spend covering grants, park benches hall kitchen and chairs, plus normal running costs.

Our current bank balance is £128K. As remaining unspent budget is £76K plus £22K ringfenced. Our budgeted reserves are estimated at £30K(or £44K after receipt of outstanding precept).

The ringfenced sum includes unspent CiL receipts of £16972 and £5K donation for the playing field.

Approve Bills for Payment

The Parish Council approved bills for payment.

257/26 DISTRICT COUNILLORS REPORT –

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258/26 COUNCTY COUNCILLOR REPORT –

Unavailable

259/26 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS

New Planning Applications

26/01615/FUL Brandhouse Farm West End Renovation of existing building for horticultural and storage use

260/26 Planning Correspondence and Decisions

26/01355/TCNR 9 High Street T1, T2, T3 & T4 Lawson Cypress- removal of trees- impact to light in the garden

T5 & T6 Lawson Cyrpress- reduce- impact to light in the garden- No Objections

The Clerk reported that the appeal for to erect a dwelling on land at 12 Star Lane was turned down by the inspector appointed by the secretary of state.

261/26 CORRESPONDENCE

Councils Connected

Shipping Conatiner Enquiry

NALC Chief Exec Bulletin

Old Quarries Electrical Connection

Gliding Club - Competition

262/26 COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mills reported a large blue algae bloom at Longfords Mills ponds. Blue Algae is very poisonous to humans and animals. It is though this is caused by sewage release into the local waterways.

Cllr King said an adder had been seen in the playing field. This is a protected species and must not be disturbed.

The Clerk said she had looked at notice board cost. The are very expensive. Starting at £1500 +VAT. The Clerk said the Notice Board at Nags Head can be renovated.

263/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be July 8th at 7pm

The meeting closed at 20.30pm

Actions

259/26	Submit Planning	Clerk
220/26	Install 2 nd Defib	Cllr Mulligan & Cllr King
256/26	Pay Bills	Clerk

Appendix 1

At the May Overview & Scrutiny (O&S) meeting, we reviewed the proposals for changes to **Waste Collection**. The administration plans to remove the so called 'Bring Site' service which are the collection bins at supermarkets and car parks. This will save a modest £30kPA, but will allow for the introduction of statutory kerbside collection of plastic bags and wrapping from April 2027.

Less palatable are their plans to change other collections – paper and card are to be amalgamated, but we will continue to use the dreadful blue sacks, despite acknowledging they are not fit for purpose due to the increased volume of card from households. With Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) now very much being planned, I asked why we couldn't adopt a 'mixed recycling' approach with appropriate bins, such as those used in the Stroud district, especially as we are ordering brand new bin lorries. The response was that it wasn't possible as we have a large stock of blue bags! So, dear reader, we will be stuck with these horrible things for at least another 6 years! The final piece of their plan is to reduce the size of the residual waste black bins - for all new homes, and any replacement bins will be 140 litres instead of the current 180. These measures were later agreed by the Cabinet.

Several updates for long running **water issues** around Cherington and Avening – after 6 years, the Environment Agency are reviewing recently received reparation plans from a local landowner who created a new dam without permission and damaged the associated water course, contributing to the Avening brook repeatedly running dry – I will be able to comment on the plans in due course. In a related action, the long-awaited report into the impacts of abstraction on our local waterways is due for publication in the next few weeks. However, the reason for continued sewage discharges into the stream still hasn't been explained, and I have chased Severn Trent for an urgent response.

I sometimes share with you the topics I receive in my inbox – the vast majority relate to run of the mill queries on potholes (report these via Fix My Street), closed roads (very annoying when unnecessary), planning and enforcement issues, and rubbish collection. However, the last week has thrown up a couple of unusual cases – I had a report of a bin man relieving himself on more than one occasion on private land! The resident reported this to CDC, and I took it up the line to senior management who were equally shocked. The individual wasn't identified, but crews were reminded they should use the welfare procedures issued to them and not have a 'country one' in people's gardens.

I had a call from a lady in distress because a grass snake had become trapped in a garden net. I didn't know any local snake charmers, so donned some wellies and was able to free the stricken reptile. It was a little worse for wear but slid off into the undergrowth to nurse its damaged tail.

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