

## **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 November 2025 at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mulligan- Chair, Cllr Bendall. Cllr King, Cllr Parsons, Cllr Hetterley, Cllr Mills. Cllr Hamilton,

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

### **VISITORS - Mr Neil Boyle**

**146/25 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – Mr Boyle raised several queries:

- He asked whether the area of the demolished Sunground garages will be designated for public parking or reserved for residents of the new development. The Clerk confirmed that only a demolition notice has been received and will seek clarification on future use.
- Mr Boyle suggested that residents could park on unused GCC land. The Council agreed this would be safer than parking on the highway.
- He requested replacing the damaged bin at the site of the demolished garages and an additional bin near the playgroup. The Clerk will contact CDC, noting the Parish Council may need to fund extra bins.
- Mr Boyle enquired about children playing in the woods adjacent to Avening Common. He was advised the land is open access, owned by Avening Court and farmed by Mr Powell, and that permission should be sought from Mr Powell.

### **147/25 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** –Cllr Slater, Cllr Blackie

#### **148/25 CODE OF CONDUCT**

##### 166.1.18 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Mills - Agenda Item 7.3 - Social Club Grant application

Cllr Hetterley - Agenda Item 7.3 - Social Club Grant application

Cllr Hamilton - Agenda Item 7.3 - Social Club Grant application

##### 166.2.18 Updates to Members Register of Interests

None

### **149/25 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup>October 2025 were signed as a true record.

### **150/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 October 2025**

Cllr Hamilton confirmed that the Church Fete will take place in 2026 and has requested financial support for children's activities. This will be considered by the Finance Committee during the 2026/27 budget planning.

The Clerk confirmed delivery of the Christmas tree. Based on contractor advice, installation outside the hall was not feasible; it will be placed in its usual location.

### **151/25 COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

#### Local Plan Consultation

The Clerk shared details of potential development sites and proposed housing numbers from CDC's Local Plan. Public consultation will run from 14 November to 2 January. The Clerk will circulate the consultation link with the Parish Council and residents. A clear and robust Parish Council response will be agreed at the next meeting.

#### Playing Fields Update

Benches are priced at £727 plus VAT and require installation. The Clerk will share the supplier's website link for available options.

Cllr Mills reported a damaged seat in the playing field. The shelter is also showing wear and tear; Cllr Mulligan will tighten the bolts.

The zip wire is jammed again, and the Clerk will contact the contractor for repairs. Damage to the basketball court was noted, caused by children attempting to build a ramp. The Council will consider installing a purpose-built ramp. The Clerk will obtain an initial quote and review insurance implications.

#### Defibrillator

The old defibrillator has still not been installed. Cllr Mulligan and Cllr King will organise a date for installation.

#### Bus Shelter

Repairs remain outstanding. The Clerk continues to chase the contractor, and Cllr Mulligan will follow up.

#### Memorial Hall Update

Cllr Mulligan and the Clerk met with Nathan Allen, temporary COO of the Athelston Trust, for a constructive discussion. Mr Allen confirmed he is awaiting a response from the Department for Education. Following the meeting, an email revealed a misunderstanding: Mr Allen believed utility costs were included in the rental fee. Cllr Mulligan clarified that this is not feasible under a 21-year lease, as inflation would make such terms unsustainable.

### **152/25 TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS**

The Footpath Officer has contacted the owner of the stile at Brand House, Barton End, requesting improved accessibility, noting there is no requirement for stiles to accommodate dogs. Avening Court has completed repairs to the wall. Cllr Hamilton queried whether river clearance remains on the Highways work list; the Clerk will follow up with Highways for an update.

### **153/25 FINANCE**

#### Finance Report

Cllr Hetterley reported a current bank balance of £98,500, including £41,000 in reserves and £23,500 in the ring-fenced account. The Council is expecting an additional CIL payment; however, the Clerk advised that the payment was mistakenly sent to another parish and is awaiting correction by CDC's accounts department.

#### Approve Bills for Payment

The Parish Council approved bills for payment.

The Clerk reported receipt of the RBL wreath invoice for £20. As the Council had budgeted £100 for this donation, it was agreed to contribute the full £100.

#### Acknowledge Grants Applications.

The Clerk circulated the applications in advance and requested initial feedback to inform the 2026/27 budget planning. The Council agreed in principle to all applications but sought additional details on the playgroup proposal. Cllr Mills will invite the playgroup to the December meeting for further discussion.

Avening Social Club - £891 -

FOAS - £610.95

Avening Churchyard - £1,250

Avening Villager – Magazine - £1,500

Avening Playgroup - £3,500

### **154/25 DISTRICT COUNILLORS REPORT – Appendix 1**

Cllr Slater provided a report in his absence.

### **155/25 COUNCTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – Unavailable.**

## **156/25 PLANNING AND TREE WORKS**

### New Planning Applications

25/03484/TCONR Church Farm Point Road

Acer (T1) - reduce the crown to 6.5m in height above ground level and the radial spread to 3.5m to allow more light into the house.

Conifer (T2) - fell to favour the Cotinus next to it.

Cypress x 2 (T3 and T4) - fell to favour the yew trees next to them.

Acer (T5) - remove the leaning stem to favour the more upright stem.

Cypress x 2 (T6 and T7) - fell to favour the adjacent trees.

Hazels (G1) - reduce to 3m above ground level.

Holly (T8) - reduce to 2.5m above ground level.

No Comment.

## **157/25 Planning Correspondence and Decisions**

25/02373/FUL Brandhouse Farm West End

Erection of single storey side extension to NW elevation with a porch, an open loggia to SE elevation and balcony to rear wing - Permitted.

25/01840/COMPLY Old Quarries Rectory Lane

Partial compliance with Conditions 3 (Sample materials), 4 (Sample panel walling), 5 (Sample panel - boundary walling), 8 (Design details 1), 11 (Design details 4) for PHASE 1 ONLY and full compliance with Condition 26 (CMS) of permission 22/03666/FUL- Change of use of existing buildings from residential institution (C2 use) to residential (C3 use) to form a total of 11 no. dwellings, through demolition of modern extensions, internal alterations and extensions, demolition of modern institutional buildings and replacement with new dwellings, associated garaging, landscaping, construction of new wall in alignment of historic walled garden and associated works - Permitted

25/03155/NOTDEM Sunground Garages The Sunground Prior notification for demolition of thirty times total prefabricated concrete garages in 2no blocks, with asbestos corrugated roofs and steel up-and-over doors – Prior approval not required.

## **158/25 CORRESPONDENCE**

GCC Local Gov Reorganisation – Lisa Spivey

GAPTC EGM – 6pm 11 December Zoom

GRCC – Information Session for Community Consultation

Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Small Fund

Government Housing Policy in Crisis – Mickleton PC

NALC Chief Exec Bulletin

CDC Strategic Site Figures

## **159/25 COUNCILLORS**

Cllr King thank the Parish Council on behalf of Clare Bebbington for the work and support for the Telephone Box Library. It is proving to be very successful.

## **160/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 10 December 2025**

The next meeting will be December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

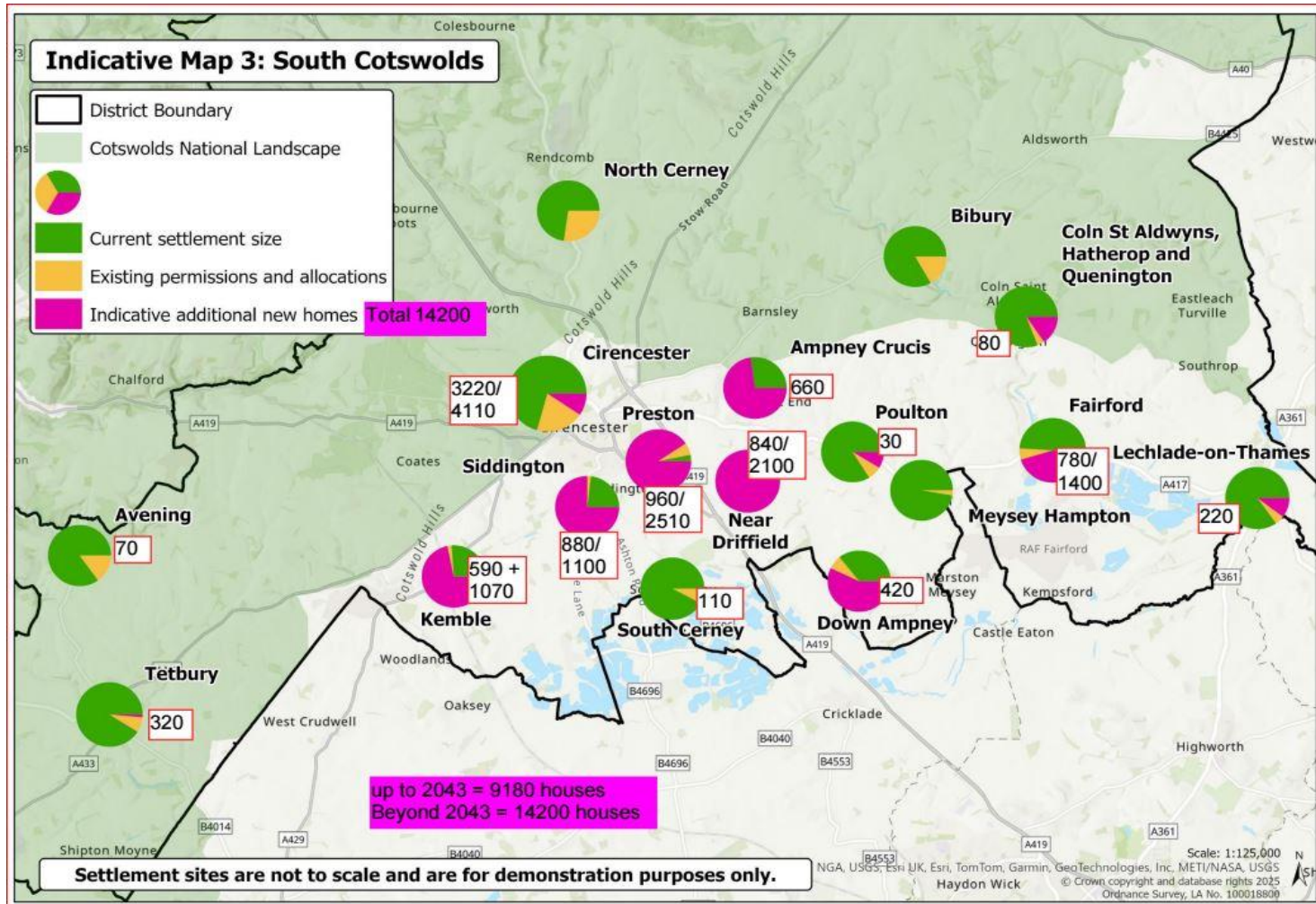
### **Actions**

1/25	Submit Invoices to SDC	Cllr Mills
151/25	Install 2 <sup>nd</sup> Defib	Cllr Mulligan & Cllr King
153/25	Pay Bills	Clerk
1156/25	Submit Planning response.	Clerk

## Appendix 1

**Cotswold District Council (CDC):** The new Local Plan is arguably the most significant document in CDC's history. It attempts to make sense of the Labour Government's top-down target for housebuilding in the Cotswolds. In short, we are legally obliged to build in excess of 18600 houses in the next 18 years (we currently have around 42000 homes in the district), and many thousands more in the years following. 80% of the district is the highly protected Cotswold National Landscape, and taking out other unsuitable areas, these houses need to be built on 16% of what's left, and with many of these areas south of Cirencester we have to absorb over 9000 houses, with up to 14200 beyond 2043!

We obviously don't have the infrastructure to cater for this expansion (Cirencester hospital



is actually REDUCING its services), and it will change the Cotswolds beyond recognition. It would also fail in the goal of making the Cotswolds more affordable, as the prices in protected areas would soar even higher! CDC is united in fighting the government against these targets, but we need your help.

The Local Plan will be out for consultation in a couple of weeks until early January, so please respond to it as individuals and Parish Councils – I will publicise the links to councils and on Facebook. **PLEASE HELP TO PROTECT THE COTSWOLDS!**

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