

ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Uley Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12th February 2026, commencing at 7pm. The meeting was held in the Uley Village Hall, The Street, Uley.

PRESENT: Councillors: Juliet Browne (Chairman), Tony Mills (Vice Chairman), Jo Dee, Sean Sage and Geoff Keen.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr. Martin Percy, County Cllr. Richard Dean, approximately sixteen members of the public and the Clerk.

The Chairman explained that following the resignation of Allan Macdonald at the last meeting the notice of vacancy was advertised in accordance with SDC procedures. No election was called for and so the Council could move to co-opt a new member. Vicky Boroughs had previously applied to be a councillor in 2025. The Council unanimously co-opted Vicky Boroughs on to Uley Parish Council. **Action:** Clerk to witness Vicky Boroughs Declaration of Office and get a upc.gov.uk email address for her.

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle.

2. To receive any declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To receive any representations from members of the public. This was the only opportunity for members of the public to speak at this meeting. Residents raised a number of issues about the proposed Knoll development. See Item 4 below.

4. Update on the proposed re-development of the Knoll. The Chair explained that Councillors had met Alison Fisher (Head of Property Services, SDC) and Emily Robbins (SDC) last week. The Chair had understood that the current intention was to house 63 people in 18 separate dwellings. There would be four shared ownership dwellings and the remainder would be council houses. Refurbishment of existing housing is considered non-viable because of the cost of improving their EPC ratings. The new dwellings would all be EPC A-Rated, resulting in lower heating and lighting bills for the residents.

In the meeting Councillors emphasised safety concerns relating to South Street, the only access route for the Knoll. They noted that at school drop-off and collection times it is already hazardous as there is a lot of traffic movement and pavements are limited. UPC requested that SDC publish the results of the traffic survey they had conducted. In spite of assurances from SevernTrent, Councillors expressed concerns about the likely negative effect of increased numbers of residents at the Knoll on the sewers, which had already been under considerable pressure this winter with two blockages. SDC anticipated a reduction of 40% in surface water run-off and intended to install giant holding tanks in order to control the rate of discharge in periods of heavy rain.

Residents present expressed concerns about the following:

- a. SDC's reluctance to publish the business case for so many dwellings.
- b. Existing safety issues regarding drop-off and pick-up time for school children.
- c. Safety concerns for residents and visitors on South Street.
- d. Sufficiency of parking allocation for new residents.
- e. Existing Swedish Houses on the Knoll looked to have good facilities (boilers etc) which would likely be scrapped.
- f. Previous chaos when existing residents have hired removal vans.
- g. The likely noise impact upon children's learning during the construction phase.
- h. In 2018 SDC made a big thing of bringing empty houses back into use, though apparently didn't apply this to the Knoll.

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- i. A proposal by SDC to replace a number of Swedish Houses in Stinchcombe has subsequently been scaled back.
- j. A previous planning application on South Street was refused in 1974 in part because 'the junction with the main road and in its present state is considered unsuitable to serve further development'.
- k. SDC have not acknowledged or responded to letters of concern from some residents about the Knoll.

Action: Cllr. Sean Sage to discuss current safety concerns re drop-off and pick-up with the School Head Teacher.
Action: A UPC Councillor to join Cllr. Richard Dean and GCC Highways Gary Wilson on a visit at School drop-off time.

- 5. **To approve the Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 7th January 2026.**
 The minutes of the Council meeting held on 7th January 2026 were unanimously approved.
- 6. **To consider matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, including progress with outstanding actions not included on the agenda.**

Update on actions as of 12th February 2026.

Date of Meeting and agenda item No.	What	Who	When	Update as of 12 th February 2026
06/25 15f	Clerk to contact Gary Wilson at GCC Highways to see if he can find a contact number for the BT land at Raglan Way.	The Clerk	25 th June 2025	BT have confirmed the works needed for the long-term fix need to be done when its dry so this would be reviewed again as we come into the Spring. WIP
07/25 10	Cllr. Tony Mills to work with Cllr. Martin Percy (SDC) to see what the best approach was to how we can keep it as a car park.	Cllr. Tony Mills	1 st August 2025	Councillors agreed to close this action as it was likely to be a long-term issue. Instead, include Car Parks as a standing item in Highways, footpaths and car parks. Complete.

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07/25 12b	Clerk to reply to resident to say that Council will look into what can be done. Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle to coordinate Shadwell Lane traffic calming proposals.	The Clerk.	15 th July 2025	Cllr. Richard Dean had discussed further with GCC Highways' Gary Wilson. A new sign is proposed and inclusion of Shadwell Lane in new 20mph zone. WiP
09/25 3	Cllr. Jo Dee to consult with Royal Mail with regard to getting Uley village post boxes repainted.	Cllr. Jo Dee	1 st October 2025	It was recognised that Royal Mail would do the work in due course and the action could be marked as complete. Complete.
10/25 10a	Cllr. Juliet Browne to request a financial contribution from the landowner for the cost of purchasing two new gates accessing the playground.	Cllr. Juliet Browne	25 th October 2025	Gates had now been installed. Complete
11/25 8d	Clerk to coordinate development of UPC Risk Management Policy and Risk Register.	The Clerk	1 st December 2025	Group to reconvene in near future. WiP
11/25 11c	Cllr. Tony Mills to report back on progress with re-instatement of Footpath Cul 67.	Cllr. Tony Mills	1 st December 2025	160 trees are ready for planting and landowner is working with the PROW to re-instate the footpath. WiP

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11/25 12b	Clerk to write to SDC Enforcement Officer to enquire about planning conditions for change of use of Lye Farm.	The Clerk	20 th November 2025	SDC Enforcement has closed the case as officers are 'satisfied that the stables and manege are being used solely for personal purposes, in accordance with the condition attached to the approved planning permission (S.23/0701/FUL). Councillors still had concerns and Clerk was tasked to enquire further re Enforcement Officer's rationale for closing the case. WiP
12/25 7d	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle to research what other councils had done to support community people by young people.	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle	30 th December 2025	No update. WiP
12/25 14	Clerk to include Remuneration of Councillors to the Annual Schedule of UPC business.	The Clerk	20 th December 2025	WiP
12/25 15b	Cllr. Sean Sage to research on applying for a Public Works Loan.	Cllr. Sean Sage	30 th January 2025	WiP
01/2026 1	Clerk to contact SDC with regard to advertising a Councillor Vacancy.	The Clerk	12 th January 2026	Vicky Boroughs co-opted onto Council. See above. Complete
01/2026 6g	Cllr. Juliet Browne to write to GCC Highways to ask for an update on GCC H'ways report on South St.	Cllr. Juliet Browne	31 st January 2026	JB has received a reply from Gary Wilson recommending another department Complete

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01/2026 14f	Clerk to advise successful grant applicants.	The Clerk	31 st January 2026	Clerk apologised for not having done this and promised to complete by 13 th February 2026. WiP
01/2026 3a	Clerk to write to shoot managers reminding them guns should be 50m from footpaths and firing away from them.	The Clerk	20 th February 2026	To be diarised for the start of the next season in October WiP
01/2026 3b	Cllr. Tony Mills to contact Robin Coates about keeping Shadwell grating clear.	Cllr. Tony Mills	31 st January 2026	Complete

7. To receive an update from the Chair of Uley Parish Council.

- a. SDC Enforcement had written to say that they would not be taking any action with regard to the camera installed in the Green Close car park. Councillors concluded that the matter was now closed.
- b. Raglan Way – BT Exchange building. While BT contractors have undertaken some work to reduce flooding they have committed to revisit the site in the Spring when access should be easier.
- c. Two new defibrillators have been installed in the village. Training on using the defibrillators will be scheduled around the Annual Parish Meeting.
- d. River Ewelme and Sewer – Mill owners are currently content with the way it is working.

8. To receive the Clerk's Monthly Report.

- a. A resident had emailed about flooding associated with the Sheep Wash. Prompt action by the Chairman and Robin resulted in a rapid resolution.
- b. WSP solicitors had provided a written update. **Action:** Clerk to include West Hill Common as an agenda item for the March 2026 meeting.

9. To receive any update from County & District Councillors.

County Cllr. Richard Dean: noted that the devolution debate has now gone to public consultation. If a unitary approach isn't adopted then there would be a need to devolve services currently undertaken by GCC such as education and adult social care to the two new councils. New Liberal Democrat council is working well with Greens. Anticipating more funding for cycleways, natural flood management measures and more youth club workers.

District Cllr. Martin Pearcy:

- a. Will be attending the Greenway (Cam and Dursley Station to Uley) feasibility meeting planned for 18th February at Prema, which Cllr. Tony Mills will also attend.
- b. SDC have committed £30k to develop an AI-enabled mobile app and dashboard, designed by tech experts from the University of Gloucestershire which enables communities to easily report fast-food litter in rural hotspots allowing Stroud District Council to analyse the data and uncover significant patterns. Building on the work of SDC's Litter Champion Cllr. Gil Thomass there is a petition to get the matter raised in Parliament.
- c. SDC has various mechanisms to help low income households – see <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/communities-and-living/money-advice/cost-of-living-support/money/>

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- d. Starting in 2026, Stroud District Council will provide grants of up to £2,000 to support arts & culture activities in the Stroud district. The grants will focus on supporting future generations. See <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/culture-leisure-sports-parks/culture/culture-grants-2026/>

Cllr. Tony Mills asked what impact devolution would have on parish council's workload? Cllr. Martin Percy believed it would lead to no real change in the powers of parish councils, noting that district councils can't give away their assets.

10. To receive an update on flooding issues.

- a. It was noted that there was a possibility of run-off from Woodstock Terrace having an impact on school premises. **Action:** Cllr. Sean Sage to discuss potential flooding issues with School Head Teacher.
- b. It was noted that Lampern House Pond appears to no longer flood onto Lampern Hill when it overflows.

11. To receive an update on highway and footpath matters.

- a. Concern was raised about a new access that had been opened up on Fiery Lane. **Action:** Clerk to review files and forward the outcome of a previous reference to GCC Highways regarding a new access on Fiery Lane.
- b. A pothole on Shadwell Lane has been reported on fixmystreet by Cllr. Tony Mills.

12. To consider the following Planning Applications

S.26/0029/TCA 8 The Orchard, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Trees in a Conservation Area 2026 Dogwood (T1) - Remove to ground level. Holly (T2) - Remove to ground level. Response date: **18th February 2026**.
Councillors agreed the Holly needed removing but thought it was more appropriate to prune the other shrub (T1). **Neutral**.

S.26/0031/TCA 38 The Street, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Trees in a Conservation Area (T1) - Crown reduce by approximately 1.5 - 2m from top, 1 - 1.5m from sides. Response date: **18th February 2026**.
Councillors considered that the crown was unlikely to grow much bigger and was unlikely to maintain its shape if it was reduced. **Neutral**

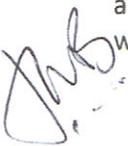
S.25/2444/HHOLD 15 The Green, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Householder Application Erection of a replacement single storey rear extension. Response date: **18th February 2026**.
Councillors noted that the conservatory was to be replaced by a roof lite replacing conservatory. Overall, they considered that the proposal could be more sympathetic to its surroundings and the environment. **Neutral**

S.26/0113/TCA 5 The Orchard, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Trees in a Conservation Area Pollard Copper. Response date: **19th February 2026**.
This application had been removed from the SDC Planning Portal.

S.26/0099/TCA 5 Fiery Lane Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5DA. Trees in a Conservation Area Leylandi trees x2 -reduction to stump. Response date: **17th February 2026**.
Support.

S.25/2260/HHOLD 6 Fiery Lane, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Householder Application Erection of single storey front extensions. Response date: **23.02.2026**.
Building materials are in keeping with the existing house. However, because the proposal extends beyond the neighbouring house the Council cannot support the application. **Object.**

It was reported that a house on The Street had replaced a hedge with a fence. **Action:** Clerk to contact SDC and ask for advice with regard to the removal of a hedge and erection of a new fence on The Street, which lies within the Conservation Area.



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13. To note recent Planning Decisions by Stroud District Council.

No information available. Clerk to report at the 4th March 2026 UPC Meeting.

14. To receive the Finance Report.

Summary The cashbook and Bank account balances are reconciled as usual and the Precept/Reserves available ratio has remained stable at 11.7 months.

Precept Budget Payments approved at the January meeting have been paid and all budget centres remain within limits. We also paid for the two new defibrillators, which were agreed at the December 2025 meeting. These have been delivered and installed at the Village Hall and the Pavillion at Shadwell.

All Precept budgets centres continue to track as ending the year as either on budget or under budget with the one small exception explained last month.

General Reserves Budget There were no General reserves spend during January.

Looking forward Out of the 5 items up for payment approval (see Appendix A) the three for SLCC are not included in the 2025/26 Precept budget Training or Subscriptions line items. They are required to enable the Clerk to achieve CiLCA qualification. They have been added to the Training line item which will marginally exceed the budget value for that line item. The Admin. Website and Training Budget centre (within which this lies) is still expected to reach the end of the year showing a surplus.

15. To receive any reports from PC Representatives, including the Playground.

- Cllr. Geoff Keen reported that the Friends of Uley Church Quiz Night had returned a record profit for the Church.
- Cllr. Geoff Keen noted that Prema still anticipated two more years of Arts Council funding and was generally doing ok.
- Cllr. Jo Dee reported that the ~~Millemum~~ Playing Field Committee was seeking a new committee member; Alyson Mills had taken on responsibility for maintenance of defibrillator at Shadwell; ~~they~~ were buying a new bench; and the Field was a quagmire! *The Cricket Club*

16. To consider articles for the Website and Newsletter and confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday

4th March 2026. The UPC AGM and April Meeting were scheduled for 1st April 2026.

Village News articles: SDC Arts and Culture Grants; Fastfood litter petition; Conservation Area and planning.

Actions outstanding from 12th February 2026 meeting

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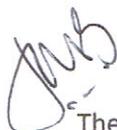
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02/26 12	Clerk to contact SDC and ask for advice with regard the removal of a hedge and erection of a new fence on The Street.	The Clerk	25 th February 2026



The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting of Uley Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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Uley Parish Council is opposed to discrimination in any form and at all levels and is committed to take all steps within its power to counteract it. We wish to create an environment where all forms of discriminatory or oppressive behaviour are unacceptable and to provide community leadership in promoting tolerance, understanding and respect. Please note that this meeting may be recorded / TCA.

Appendix A

Payments approved at the meeting

Payee	Description	Amount (&)	Notes
Adam Biscoe	Clerk's Salary	571.04	
HMRC	Tax bill / payments	187.33	
SLCC	CiLCA Qualification	495.00	
SLCC	Local Council Handbook	149.40	Separate SLCC account
SLCC	SLCC Membership	170.00	

