

ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Uley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025, commencing at 7pm. The meeting was held in the Uley Village Hall, The Street, Uley.

PRESENT: Councillors: Cllr Juliet Browne (Chair), Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle, Cllr Sean Sage, Cllr Jo Dee and Cllr Geoff Keen.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr. Martin Percy, County Cllr. Richard Dean, William Bramley (Footpath Officer), three members of the public and the Clerk.

- To receive any apologies for absence**
Cllr. Tony Mills apology for absence was approved.
- To receive any declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- To receive any representation from members of the public. (This is the only opportunity for members of the public to speak at this meeting)**
It was noted that the postbox at the Fop Street / the Street junction was in need of repainting. **Action:** Cllr. Jo Dee to consult Royal Mail with regard to getting Uley village post box repainted.
- To approve the Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 6th August 2025**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th August 2025 were unanimously approved and signed by the Chair.
- To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting, including progress with outstanding actions not included on the agenda**

Updates on actions as of 3rd September 2025 meeting.

Date of Meeting and agenda item No.	What	Who	When	Update 3 rd September 2025
03/25 16d	Prepare a future Village News article on planning application process.	Cllr. Juliet Browne	4 th April 2025	WIP
04/25 12c.	Cllr. Sean Sage to ensure replacement of Playground sign.	Cllr. Sean Sage	1 st May 2025	The recent ROSPA report indicated that the sign was adequate and didn't at this time need replacing. Complete

On 11th August 2025 Cllr Tracy Mason-Fayle wrote to the Chairman resigning office. Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle later that month resinded her resignation. It was not until a review of SDC's casual vacancies in the office of the Councillor (2023) was if realised that a resignation could not be rescinded. Uley PC voted to add this rather than undertake a whole sale revision of the September 2025 minutes to remove all reference to Tracy Mason-Fayle as a Councillor.

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05/25 10d.	Clerk to check list of maintenance works.	Cllr. Juliet Browne	11 th May 2025	It was agreed that Cllr. Juliet Browne would take on this action as part of her on-going liaison with Robin Coates. WiP
06/25 10a.	Cllr. Juliet Browne to report back to next council meeting on maintenance of Footpath CUL 62.	Cllr. Juliet Browne	25 th June 2025	It was agreed that William Bramley would in future mow both sides of this footpath and the Village Maintenance schedule would be amended accordingly. Complete
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	Cllr. Juliet Browne was pursuing Open Reach with a view to getting the drains beneath the building unblocked. WiP
07/25 1	Cllr. Juliet Browne and Cllr. Tony Mills to draw up a job description and the Clerk to administer the co-option of a new councillor in accordance with the NALC guidelines for Co-opting a councillor.	Cllr. Juliet Browne and Cllr. Tony Mills	15 th July 2025	One application received.
07/25 10	Cllr. Tony Mills to work with Martin Pearcy to see what the best approach was to how we can keep it as a car park.	Cllr. Tony Mills	1 st August 2025	WiP
07/25 11a.	Cllr. Juliet Browne to liaise with potential members of a Flooding Working Group.	Cllr. Juliet Browne	28 th July 2025	WiP

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07/25 12a	Cllr. Geoff Keen to research legal ownership of the Vicarage.	Cllr Geoff Keen	1 st September 2025	It was noted that the Diocese had registered the Rectory with the Land Registry in February 2025 and that the property was now on the market. Complete
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 and Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle	15 th July 2025	Cllr. Tony Mills did a Whatsapp questionnaire re traffic calming measures. Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle Tracy will apply to Highways for 20mph limit. Cllr. Richard Dean has a small fund to support such initiatives. WiP
07/25 12civ	Cllr. Tony Mills and Cllr. Juliet Browne to inspect accessibility of CUL64 path.	Cllr. Tony Mills and Cllr. Juliet Browne	20 th July 2025	Dates for an on-site meeting with the PROW in early Autumn are under discussion. WiP
07/25 12d	The Clerk to send a letter to GCC PROW re the status of The Folly Footpath.	The Clerk	20 th July 2025	Dates for an on-site meeting with the PROW in early Autumn are under discussion. WiP

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08/25 11f	Cllr. Geoff Keen to discuss with Cllr. Martin Pearcey future of SDC support for PREMA.	Cllr. Geoff Keen	1 st September 2025	PREMA Director grateful for information re SDC support for events rather than organisations. PREMA Director to contact Martin Brown at SDC for other funding opportunities. Complete
08/25 18b	Clerk to prompt Uley Surgery to put a message in VN about how to book an appointment.	The Clerk	12 th August 2025	Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle to draft article for Village News.

6. To receive an update from the Chairman

- New Water Main:** The Chairman thanked Cllr. Richard Dean for negotiating the mini-bus link for Uley. It was noted that there will be more temporary road closures in the coming months, Council was reminded that the new main was an important development for the village.
- The Knoll:** The Chairman had received a response from Alison Fisk (Head of Property Services, SDC) confirming that SDC was still awaiting a report from GCC Highways and so the matter would not come before the September Housing Committee. Cllr. Martin Pearcy agreed to contact Alison Fisk to ascertain details as to why some of the houses could not be let on a temporary basis. It was noted that the next SDC Housing Committee Meeting was on 4th November 2025. (SDC Development Control Meeting schedule: 2nd December 2025 and end of January 2026). Feedback from a Community meeting reported to SDC in March 2024 remains relevant.
- In the absence of Cllr. Tony Mills there was nothing to report with regard to ownership of the Green Close Car Park. Concern continues to be voiced about the signage and camera; anecdotal evidence is reaching councillors that this area was left for overflow parking following the development of Green Close.
- Councillor vacancy:** One application had been received to date. It was hoped a new councillor would be co-opted during the Autumn. The process for co-option required the Council voting at a meeting on candidates.
- Raglan Way Car Park:** Councillor Martin Pearcy is aware of the community's concerns about the future of this much used parking space.

7. To receive the Clerk's Monthly Report

- There had been three emails from residents / enquirers. The first concerned the flooding from the Playground down Raglan Way. This matter is being dealt with by Cllr. Juliet Browne – see above. The second was an enquiry as to why SDC houses at the Knoll were still unoccupied. The third enquired about any book swaps in Uley and if they might be included in an electronic map which the correspondent was proposing. **Action:** Clerk to forward details of the book swap map to the Village Shop.
- West Hill Common Registration of First Possessory Title: WSP Solicitors were now progressing the matter.

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- c. Dates when Clerk would be abroad were noted.
- d. Councillor Role Representative List. It was noted that the Councillor Role Representative list on the website was somewhat out of date. **Action:** Clerk to update Councillor Role Representative List and include councillors contact details.

8. Updates from County & District Councillors

- a. Cllr. Martin Percy's report is at Appendix A.
 - Local Plan: amended Highways report added to SDC webpage on M5 Junction 12 traffic flows.
 - SDC's Zero Waste Week – encouraging residents to make a pledge to reuse, repair, and recycle and call out the local repair cafes, such as the Coaley and Uley Repair Café.
 - A warning for residents to be aware of a text scam relating to Winter Fuel Payments. Senior residents will be notified by post if they are eligible.
 - Housing Needs Survey. Cllr Martin Percy discussed this with the relevant SDC officer and said the report was comparable to other similar reports. UPC should be cautious about doing its own survey as developers might manipulate the findings for their own ends.
- b. Cllr. Richard Dean's report is at Appendix B.
 - **Water Main**, Severn Trent expect to complete work on this by 22nd September 2025 when the road to Dursley will be open. Re-surfacing put off until March 2026.
 - **Bus improvement Service** – Berkeley Vale Robin Service Policy somewhat unclear – there is a big hole around Stroud. There will be a re-jigging of budget and coverage in March 2026.
 - **Devolution** – GCC plans lots of discussion. Of the two main options under discussion, the Unitary is likely to be most popular and becoming a part of the West of England Combined Authority (WECA). District Councillors will disappear, and each County ward will have two councillors to replace those at the abolished district council level.
 - **20mph speed limits** – Cllr. Richard Dean is very keen to extend the limits to communities which want them. He cited recent reports from Wales and London that demonstrated less fatalities and serious accidents, especially to children, and improved air quality in urban areas with consequent health improvements for local residents.

9. To receive an update on flooding issues

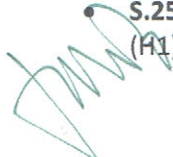
Nothing to report.

10. To receive an update on highway and footpath matters

- a. More Ash trees have been marked for felling.
- b. Stile between playground and allotments has been repaired. It is suggested that this should be replaced with a gate to improve access. Many public requests for gates. However these are less popular with farmers and those responsible for the land as they are less secure and prone to misuse. Self-closing gates cost £500 plus VAT and Cotswold Wardens would install them free of charge. The PROW office will not contribute. The landowner, Charles Goldingham, could be approached for a contribution. **Action:** UPC to consider funding two self-closing gates on local footpaths.
- c. CUL 28 bridge replacement in early Autumn.
- d. Informal footpath below Uley Bury to Village Shop: Bill will clear it if permitted by landowner. **Action:** Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle to consult Uley Bury wood owner re clearance of footpath by the Footpath Officer.
- e. Footpath officer and interested councillors to meet with PROW Officer on a date to be confirmed in Autumn 2025.

11. To consider the following Planning Applications

- **S.25/1434/TCA 16** The Green, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Trees in a Conservation Area. Conifer hedgerow (H1) - Removal to ground level.



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This short run of conifers has been allowed to outgrow its space and has never been pruned into a hedge so that to do so now would not be effective. **Support**

- **S.25/1457/HHOLD** 24 Raglan Way, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Erection of a single storey rear extension. This building is on the edge of the settlement and looks out over fields and woodland to Uley Bury. It was noted that the proposed extension replicates other extensions in the street. The plan indicated similar white PVC windows to those in the existing property. Two skylights are planned close to the existing building, which would result in limited light pollution contrary to Cotswold National Landscapes dark skies policy. **Neutral**
- **S.25/1515/HHOLD** 60 The Street, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Erection of single & two storey rear extensions. The Council welcomed the proposal, the choice of natural stone, the replacement of modern windows with traditional period windows and the overall improvement of the rear of the building. The Council was disposed to support. However, the neighbours from No 58, attending the Council meeting, stated that the floor and elevation plans do not agree. Moreover, that the Design and Access Statement misidentifies the neighbours' kitchen window as an unused storage room, meaning there would be a loss of natural light to an important well used living area. **Neutral**

S.25/1467/HHOLD 4 Woodstock Terrace, Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire GL11 5SW. Demolish garage and erection of a single storey side extension. The Council noted that the existing structure of brick and render, was to be replaced with a brick. Building. It was considered that the new building would not change the aesthetics of the neighbourhood. **Neutral**.

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

None received.

13. To receive the Finance Report.

Summary

Bank accounts, Cashbook balances and transactions reconcile as normal. Last month saw a payment out of non-earmarked reserves which has reduced the Precept/Reserves available ratio to 11.6 months. This, however, remains at an acceptable level.

Precept Budget

All approved payments from the August meeting were paid plus the usual Bank service charge. All budget centres remain within budget limits. The spend to date stands at 36% of the budget, which is low for this time of year but is not seen as any cause for concern.

General Reserves Budget

As noted above there was one non-earmarked reserves payment as approved by the Council at a previous meeting. There was no ear-marked reserve spend in August.

Looking forward

All items included in the payments for approval at the September meeting under the Precept budget are expected and will not exceed any budget limits. We were expecting to have the Clerk's backpay paid this month but Cllr. Tony Mills has now had it confirmed by the payroll service providers that it will be in the September pay run.

Payments for approval

The payments approved for payment in September 2025 are listed at Appendix 3.

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

- a. Cllr. Tracy Mason-Fayle is due to meet with the Uley Surgery on Thursday 4th September 2025.
- b. Cllr. Geoff Keen reported that the Uley Society Autumn show is in production. He also recommended the recent showing of the Uley Gorilla film.
- c. Cllr. Geoff Keen reported that St Giles concert is on 13th October 2025.
- d. Cllr Sean Sage noted that the ROSPA safety report on the Playground was generally very positive. He will circulate his proposals for action in due course. In the meantime, the wooden blocks will be stored indoors for winter and consideration will be given to replacing the recently damaged plastic storage box. **Action:** Cllr. Sean Sage to circulate proposed action plan resulting from ROSPA Playground inspection report.
- e. Cllr Sean Sage noted a couple of brief discussions with the Uley School Head Teacher and that he hoped to have a more detailed discussion now term has commenced.

15. To consider articles for the Website and Newsletter and confirm the date of the next meeting (Wednesday 1st October 2025)

Repair café – Coaley and Uley; SDC Satisfaction Survey, discounted compost bins and Community Connections.
Vacancy for new Councillor

Actions outstanding from 3rd September 2025 meeting

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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

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behaviour are unacceptable and to provide community leadership in promoting tolerance, understanding and respect. Please note that this meeting may be recorded / TCA.

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Appendix A

Cllr. Martin Pearcy Stroud District Council (SDC) Report – for September 2025

Council meetings

No formal council meetings in August

Other news

- Local Plan: amended Highways report added to SDC webpage on Jn 12 traffic flows.
<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/planning-strategy/stroud-district-local-plan-review/local-plan-examination/>
- The council are encouraging residents to cut textile waste this Zero Waste Week – make a pledge to reuse, repair, and recycle and call out the local repair cafes, such as the Coaley and Uley Repair Café.
<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/news/cut-textile-waste-this-zero-waste-week-make-a-pledge-to-reuse-repair-and-recycle/>
- Stroud District Council is once again inviting residents and businesses to share their views in its Annual Satisfaction Survey, which helps shape how local services are delivered. Between Monday 1 September and Tuesday 14 October, a random selection of 500 residents and 200 businesses will be contacted by independent research company Phoenix MRC, which is conducting the survey on behalf of the council.
- We are aware of text messages being received, purporting to be sent by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in relation to Winter Fuel/Energy Allowance payments. The message asks you to click on the link in the text which takes you to a malicious website. Do not to click on the link contained within the message. Action Fraud advises that you should report a scam by forwarding the text for free to 7726 or you can report a scam to the police through the Action Fraud website.
- For winter 2025/26, Winter Fuel Payments will be made to those born before September 22, 1959, with those having an income under £35,000 potentially receiving between £100 and £300. Most eligible people will receive the payment automatically in November or December, with a letter indicating the amount and payment details.

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Appendix 2

County Councillor Richard Dean

Gloucestershire County Parishes Report

September 2025

County News

Final 'cause for concern' at Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service lifted

Following a visit by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), the final cause for concern around promoting equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) at Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) has been lifted.

County council Children's Services judged 'Good' overall following Ofsted inspection

Gloucestershire County Council's Children's Services have been judged as 'Good' with some 'Outstanding' elements following its most recent Ofsted inspection. This represents a significant improvement since the last full inspection in 2022.

Have your say on pharmacies in Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire's Health and Wellbeing Board is inviting residents to take part in a statutory consultation on local pharmacy services. The survey can be accessed [here](#) and closes on Friday 29th August. Please share with your local residents.

Gloucester Library

Gloucester Library will be relocating from its current premises on Brunswick Road to a brand new, state-of-the-art facility at the University of Gloucestershire - City Campus.

Community celebrates return of vital bus link between Yate and Wotton-under-Edge

After a long campaign, the Y8 bus service from Yate to Wotton-under-Edge is to be reinstated.

Local Government Reorganisation Update

A series of in-person engagement events were held over July and August which provided the opportunity for residents to raise questions and share views on devolution, Local Government Reorganisation, and the future of council services in Gloucestershire directly with councillors. A survey through which residents could share their thoughts on how a unitary council – or councils – should be shaped was also circulated, receiving 3,112 responses. This information will be presented at full council in November where elected members will decide whether to submit a business case for one or for two unitary councils by the deadline in November.

For more information, please visit the dedicated local government reorganisation site:

<https://futuregloucestershire.org.uk/>

GCC Meetings

There were no Full Council, Cabinet or Scrutiny meetings held during the month of August. The next Full Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday 10th September**.

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Appendix 3

Councillors approved the following payments.

Payee	Description	Amount	Notes
Robin Coates	Village Maintenance Inv 2509	£ 421.20	
Geoff Keen	Vicarage Title Register and Title Plan	£ 14.00	
Adam Biscoe	Clerk's Salary	£ 553.02	
Gloucs Playing Fields Association	GPFA Membership	£ 50.00	